

Strength

John 12:27-36

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What does strength look like?

John 12:27-36 – 27 “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name. ”Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again. ” 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him. ” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself. ” 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. 34 So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man? ” 35 So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. ”When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

Jesus said his soul was troubled. Should he ask God to take this away

JESUS is TROUBLED.

JESUS’ strength is TRUST and OBEDIENCE despite FEAR.

We give GLORY when we do HARD things.

JESUS’ strength DRAWS people.

Cross-shaped strength REFUSES to RETALIATE.

Cross-shaped strength chooses OBEDIENCE over SUCCESS.

Diagnostics:

Who am I upset with?

Where am I defending myself?

Where am I tempted to get even?

Where do I feel pressure to win, prove myself, or look successful?

If obedience made things more complicated, would I be obedient?

Small Group Questions:

When you think of “strength,” what usually comes to mind?

CrossFit

How does Jesus redefine strength in this passage?

Jesus strength should be our goal.

Jesus feels troubled but still obeys God.

Where have you felt fear or anxiety while trying to do the right thing?

Where are you tempted to retaliate or defend yourself right now?

What might restraint look like instead?

Where do you feel pressure to succeed, win, or look good?

How might obedience cost you in that area?

Jesus draws people through the cross, not force.

How could your everyday faithfulness draw others toward God?