



## The Pursuit of a Christian “I pursue” – Philippians 3:12

### From Strength to Strength

**Psalm 84:5, 7** Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, / In whose heart are the highways to Zion. ... They go from strength to strength; / Each appears before God in Zion.

**10** For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand; / I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God / Than dwell in the tents of the wicked. (Cf. Ephesians 5:16 “redeeming the time”; 1 Timothy 3:15 *eklessia*)

### The Christian Life

**Song of Songs 1:2** Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! — *personal*

**John 10:16** And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd. — *corporate (e.g., fish, ducks, chickens)*

**2 Timothy 2:22** But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

**20:1** Now on the first day of the week, Mary the Magdalene came early to the tomb while it was yet dark and saw the stone taken away from the tomb.

**14** When she said these things, she turned backward and beheld Jesus standing there, yet she did not know that it was Jesus.

**19** When therefore it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and while the doors were shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, Peace be to you.

**22** And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

**24** But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

**25** The other disciples therefore said to him, We have seen the Lord! But he said to them, Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails and put my finger into the mark of the nails and put my hand into His side, I will by no means believe.

**26** And after eight days, His disciples were again within, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were shut, and stood in the midst and said, Peace be to you.

**27** Then He said to Thomas, Bring your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.

**28** Thomas answered and said to Him, My Lord and my God!

**Acts 2:1** And as the day of Pentecost was being fulfilled, they were all together in the same place. **2** And suddenly there was a sound out of heaven, as of a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which were distributed; and it sat on each one of them; **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, even as the Spirit gave to them to speak forth.