

Finish Strong

Finish Strong, Strength In The Lord

Structure

- Promise of strength, the enemy wanted to rob that, diminish that strength. The breaking, stripping and pain of 2021 will serve to make you stronger.
- Examples of strength, David, Jesus, Wesley, Daniel, Paul

FINISH THE YEAR STRONG.

God wants to strengthen you

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. [29] He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. [30] Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; [31] but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. **Isaiah 40:28-31**

Our Good Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. [2] He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, [3] he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. [4] Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. [6] Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. **Psalms 23:1-6**

The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. **Habakkuk 3:19**

Supernatural Strength

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, [18] may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, [19] and to know this love that surpasses knowledge---that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **Ephesians 3:16-19**

Times of refreshing!!

Times of listening

Times of recalibration / alignment

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, **Acts 3:19**

David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God. **1 Samuel 30:6**

Application - Strength comes from the lord

1. Strength from rest in the Scriptures

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. [8] The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. **Psalms 19:7-8**

2. Strength from rest in Intimacy/Prayer

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **Ephesians 6:10**

3. Strength from Others/ Community

not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another---and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10:25**

4. Strength from doing Gods will

But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." [33] Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" [34] "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. **John 4:32-34**

5. Strength from Snack, nap, walk, rest

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, [4] while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." [5] Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." [6] He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. [7] The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." [8] So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. **1 Kings 19:3-8**