

Notes: Ephesians | His Might
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Ephesians 6.10-20

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might." (Ephesians 6:10, NASB95)

1. Be strong or "Be strengthened"

Paul has used the imperative "walk" or live 5 times. Believers are to
Walk in unity (4.1) Walk in holiness (4.17) Walk in love (5.1-2) walk in the light (5.7-8) Walk in wisdom (5.15)

Instead of unity, the devil wants, division and discord.

Instead of holiness, the devil wants us to live immoral, selfish, and sinful.

Instead of love, the devil wants us to live in resentment, bitterness, and unforgiveness.

Instead of light the devil wants us to walk in darkness, rejecting and ignoring the truth.

Instead of wisdom the enemy wants us to live foolishly, making terrible choices with our lives and time.

2. In the Lord

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might"
(Ephesians 1:18–19, NASB95)

Paul's Prayer was

- That the eye of our hearts would be open.
- We would know the hope of his calling
- We would know the riches of the inheritance in the saints (Jesus gets us)
- We would know the greatness of His power toward us.
- That this power works in accordance with the strength of his might.

David was strengthened by the Lord as he drew from his relationship with him. That's why he writes from his heart.

"One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock."
(Psalm 27:4–5, NASB95)

That must be our cry. To be so close and our desire so on the Lord we have this kind of heart.

3. In the Power of His might

We draw on our relationship for his might. This happens before temptation, difficult times, tragedy, and disaster. Develop your daily walk with Jesus, and His might will be with you on the day you will need that strength.

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1. Read the devotional today in the 21-day Journey booklet.

2. Read Ephesians 6.10-20

(I want to read all ten verses for context and then go back to verse 10)

3. Paul commands us to “walk” or to “live” five times in Ephesians:

Walk in unity (4.1) Walk in holiness (4.17) Walk in love (5.1-2) walk in the light (5.7-8) Walk in wisdom (5.15).
Which of these five are a struggle right now for you and why?

4. The enemy does not want us to live like this.

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Can you see and understand the enemy’s “schemes”? What ways in your life is the devil attempting to stop you from the way of walking in God?

5. *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.”* (Ephesians 6:10, NASB95). Be strong literally mean “be strengthened.” How do you draw strength from the Lord?

This is how we “walk” and “live” for the Lord. We must be “in the Lord” daily communing with him, so when the time comes, we are “strengthened in the Lord and the power of His might.”

6. Read *“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might”* (Ephesians 1:18–19, NASB95)

What is Paul praying here for us? What strengthens us in the Lord according to this prayer?

7. Pastor said desperation, when we must be dependent, to become detached from this world, when we are experiencing disaster, we need to be “strong in the Lord.”

Which of these describe your experiences currently? Take it to prayer right now.