

I. Review – *Greater Things*

A. John 14:12 (NKJV) – *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father*

B. Previous Sessions

- 1. Session 1 – Understanding Greater Things**
- 2. Session 2 – Greater Things – Greater Thinking**
- 3. Session 3 – Building Your New Self Image**
- 4. The Mystery of Christ In Us**
- 5. Experiencing the Greater Life**
- 6. Greater Help**
- 7. Greater Access**
- 8. Greater Victory**
- 9. Catching God’s Flow**

II. Greater Strength

A. Strength Defined

- 1. The power or ability to exert effort for the accomplishment of a task.**
- 2. The power to deal with difficult situations and win over them.**
- 3. Being able to do what is required.**

4. Strength is life – weakness is death

B. Strength Antonyms

- 1. Weakness**
- 2. Powerlessness**
- 3. Frailty**

C. The Necessity of Strength

- 1. Without strength you would not be able live very long.**
- 2. Without strength you are not able to do required daily tasks.**
- 3. Strength is required to get out of bed.**
- 4. Strength is required to go to work.**
- 5. Strength is required to deal with the circumstances of life.**
- 6. We must have physical strength.**
- 7. We must have emotional strength.**
- 8. We must have mental strength.**

9. Psychology Today – types of strength

a. Character strengths

They reflect what is best in you and can be viewed as part of your positive identity.

b. Talents

Strengths that are abilities which typically have strong biological connection. Musical Ability – Athletic Ability

c. Skills

Strengths that are specific proficiencies developed through training. Specific trades – skills that you excel at.

- d. **Interests** – areas in which you are passionate about and driven to pursue.
- e. **Values** – enduring beliefs, principles or ideas that are of prime importance to you.

10. Born again people have an advantage – SPIRITUAL STRENGTH!

Colossians 1:10 -11 (NKJV) – ¹⁰*That you may walk worthy of the Lord. Fully pleasing hymn, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy*

- a. The world does not know nor understand this type of strength.
- b. This strength doesn't come through self-help.
- c. This strength doesn't come through genetics.
- d. This strength doesn't come through education.
- e. THIS STRENGTH ONLY COME TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN – NEW CREATION PEOPLE!

NOTE: *We have a strength that comes from a source that this world doesn't know. We have a strength that goes beyond any strength that this world might muster up. We have a strength that puts us over – when everyone else would go under. We have GREATER STRENGTH – because we have the GREATER ONE – living on the inside of us.*

CONFESSION: *I have strength – I am Strong!*

D. What does the Bible say about the believers Strength?

1. **Psalm 28:7-8 (HCSB)** – ⁷*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. Therefore, my heart rejoices, and I praise Him with my song. ⁸The LORD is the strength of His people; He is a stronghold of salvation for His anointed.*

Some Manuscripts – *The is strength for them.*

2. **Psalm 29:11 (HCSB)** – *The LORD gives His people strength; the LORD blesses His people with peace.*

3. **Deuteronomy 31:6 (AMP)** – *Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble in dread before them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not fail you or abandon you.*

Deuteronomy 31:6 (Aramaic Bible in Plain English) – *Be strengthened and Be strong!*

4. **Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)** – *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*

Ephesians 6:10 (AMP) – *In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might.*

When Paul commands us to be strong – He emphasizes *IN THE LORD!* Draw your strength from *HIM! THIS IS THE GREATER STRENGTH* – available to believers.

5. **Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)** – *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13 (AMP) – *I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]*

Quote from Philippians 4:13 (TPT) – *I find that the strength of Christ’s explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty or – to master all things!*

- a. Paul knew he possessed a greater strength than any power or force that would oppose him.
- b. Paul knew that the STRENGTH of Christ was ever present within – READY to be released at any needed time – regardless of how desperate the circumstances might be.

The circumstances of life are no match for the inner working strength that abides in the believer.

E. Accessing the Greater Strength

1. Strength is the DNA of every believer.

- a. My DNA is connected to my new birth and my new family.
- b. God is my Father
My new family knows NO weakness!
Weakness doesn't exist in this family line.
Strength Prevails at all times – over all things.
- c. Regardless if you feel strong or not, if you are in CHRIST – you are STRONG!

2. Make strength your confession.

- a. I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. (Eph 6:10)
- b. **Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)** – *So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.*
Zechariah 4:6 (CEV) – *So the angel explained that it was the following message of the LORD to Zerubbabel: I am the LORD All-Powerful. So, don't depend on your own power or strength, but on my Spirit.*

Confession – Not by my own power – but by God's Spirit – I am strong enough to handle the issues of today.

3. Refuse to think yourself weak.

- a. **QUOTE: Prov 23:7 – As he thinketh in his heart so is he.**
- b. **You cannot rise above the thoughts you entertain about yourself.**
- c. **Remember – You base your thinking about yourself according to HOW GOD SEES YOU.**
- d. **He sees you – ABLE, STRONG, RIGHTEOUS, VICTORIOUS**
- e. **Self-perception is a tool of the enemy when our self perception is not based on our new identity in Christ.**

4. Never talk weakness.

- a. **While it is ok to share personal needs with others –(wisely choosing who we confide in), let us be guarded about speaking continually of being weak!**
- b. **I'm so weak.**

- c. I have no strength.
- d. I can't go on.
- e. I can't seem to find the strength to _____

5. Stir up your inner Strength.

- a. By reminding yourself of what God has already done.
- b. By reminding yourself of the promises of God.
- c. By Praising God – *Thank Him in advance!*
- d. **Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NKJV)** – ¹⁷*Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls—*¹⁸*Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills.*
- e. **Whatever comes at you – I'm stronger than that!**
If the fields aren't producing – I'm stronger than that.
If the herds are reproducing – I'm stronger than that.
If interest rates are rising – I'm stronger than that.
If symptoms are persistent – I'm stronger than that.
If banks are collapsing – I'm stronger than that.
If everybody is quitting – I'm stronger than that.

HIS STRENGTH PREVAILS ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE!