

Gaining Fresh Strength (Part 3)

Sunday 29th January

Foundation Scriptures:

Job 29:20: "My glory is fresh within me, and my bow is renewed in my hand."

Also see Clarke's Commentary.

1 John 2:14: "I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him [who is] from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one."

Message to Millennials

Millennials, the decisions you make now will affect your future.

The enemy is also coming after the young men; Jesus' disciples were young men. Paul, Timothy, and Titus were young men!

Choose to make decisions based on the Word of God and be determined to pursue God all the days of your life.

Be a Joseph of your generation and not a Samson.

As a church approaching 30, we must pursue God and make the right decisions.

For more context, see Psalm 1:1-3, Psalm 119:9.

Choose to be one who makes decisions based on the word of God.

Sit, Walk, Stand!

Are you likened the Psalmist who has decided to:

- 1. Walk in...
- 2. Stand in ...
- 3. Sit in ...
- 1. Sit with Christ as part of your fresh start for pursuing God? (See Ephesians4:1)
- 2. **Walk** in accordance (in conformity) of the rights and responsibilities of faith we profess as you continually pursue God **by** following Christ. (See **Ephesians 4:1**.)
- 3. **Stand** as a good soldier of Christ having put on the whole armour of God *in* Christ? (See **Ephesians 6:11**.)

"The Christian life consists of sitting with Christ, walking by Him and standing in Him." (Watchman Nee. Sit, Walk, Stand. 1957.)

What Energises You?

In **John 3:5-6** "Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of **water and the Spirit**, he **cannot enter** the **kingdom of God**. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (**regenerated spirit!**)."

Regeneration of our human spirit is the termination (by the washing of water) of our old creation reality with all its deeds, and the germination (by the initiating Spirit) of our new creation reality with the divine life (the **John 10:10** life!).

What keeps you awake at night? Is it the things of the flesh or the things of the Spirit?

What energises you? Do your thoughts and desires represent the old nature, or do they represent the regenerated Spirit?

A True 'Fresh Start' Experience

A true fresh start that will lead to a progressive personal pursuit of God.

Such a pursuit will lead to a believer that receives the **strength** to **sit**, **walk**, and **stand** in the things of the kingdom of God and His righteousness!

A true fresh start is the "Zacchaeus" experience, narrated in Luke 19:8-10.

Like Zacchaeus, we receive fresh strength every day by yoking ourselves to Jesus.

There is no way we can receive salvation without seeing a change.

A true Zacchaeus experience changes everything.