

MOVING FORWARD IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD.

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Genesis 49:24-AMP

24 But his (*Joseph's*) bow remained **strong and steady and rested in the Strength that does not fail him, for the arms of his hands were made strong and active by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob**, by the name of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,...

Judges 7:1-2-LB

1 Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon—his other name) and his army got an early start and went as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them, down in the valley beside the hill of Moreh.

2 The Lord then said to Gideon, “There are too many of you! I can’t let all of you fight the Midianites, for then the people of Israel will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength!

1. By God’s Strength: He can make **ordinary** people into **extraordinary** people.

Acts 19:11-AMP

11 And God did **unusual and extraordinary** miracles by the hands of Paul,...

Judges 7:3-LB

3 Send home any of your men who are ***timid and frightened***. So twenty-two thousand of them left, and only ten thousand remained who were willing to fight.

2Timothy 1:7-ERV

7 The Spirit God gave us does not make us afraid. **His Spirit is a source of power** and love and self-control.

2. By God’s Strength: We will always **choose Him** over **choosing self**.

Philippians 4:13-AMP

13 I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [*I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency*].

Judges 7:5-7-LB

So Gideon assembled them at the water. There the Lord told him, “Divide them into two groups decided by the way they drink. In Group 1 will be all the men who cup the water in their hands to get it to their mouths and lap it like dogs. In Group 2 will be those who kneel, with their mouths in the stream.” Only three hundred of the men drank from their hands; all the others drank with their mouths to the stream. 7 “I’ll conquer the Midianites with these three hundred!” the Lord told Gideon. “Send all the others home!”

1Corinthians 16:13-AMP

13 **Be alert and on your guard**; stand firm in your faith **Act like men and be courageous; grow in strength!**

Passion – 13 Remember to stay alert and hold firmly to all that you believe. Be mighty and full of courage.

Colossians 4:2-AMP

Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer [life], being [both] alert and intent in [your praying] with thanksgiving.

3. By God’s Strength: We can be **willing and obedient** to Him, even with our **weaknesses**.

1Peter1:2-AMP

2 Who were chosen and foreknown by God the Father and consecrated (sanctified, made holy) by the Spirit **to be obedient to Jesus Christ (the Messiah)...**

2Corinthians 12:9-AMP

9 But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [*sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully*]; for **My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness.**

2Corinthians 3:5-Passion

5 **Yet we don’t see ourselves as capable enough to do anything in our own strength**, for our **true competence flows from God’s empowering presence.**

6 He alone makes us adequate ministers who are focused on an entirely new covenant. Our ministry is not based on the letter of the law **but through the power of the Spirit.**