

75 Bible Verses for Strength

From the Psalms of David to the letters of the apostles

Every person you have ever admired for their strength was, at some point, completely broken. That is not a contradiction. That is the pattern. The shepherd boy who slew giants wrote his songs in caves, hunted and afraid. The apostle who shook the Roman Empire wrote his most triumphant letters in chains. The prophet who called fire from heaven collapsed under a tree and asked God to let him die. Strength in Scripture is never the story of someone who had it all together. It is always the story of someone who ran out — and found that God was there when they did.

The strength Scripture speaks of is not the kind built in a gym or developed through discipline alone. It is strength of a different category — given rather than generated, received rather than achieved. It shows up in people at the end of their own resources, which is why the most powerful testimonies to God's strength are told by people who had none of their own.

These seventy-five verses are for the person who has run out. And for the person who has not yet — because they will.

When Your Strength Runs Out

God meets the empty. The exchange He offers is not a refill. It is something entirely different.

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ISAIAH 40:31

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

The Hebrew word for renew is *châlah* — an exchange, not a top-up. God is not offering you a second wind. He is offering a trade: your depleted, battle-worn strength for His inexhaustible reserves. The waiting is not passive. It is an act of trust that holds still long enough for the exchange to happen.

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MATTHEW 11:28-29

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Heavy laden is the language of exhaustion — the weight that does not lift, that follows you from one season to the next. Jesus does not say the load will disappear. He says come. The rest He offers is not the absence of difficulty. It is the presence of Someone who shares the weight.

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ISAIAH 40:29

“He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.”

To those who have no might. Not to those who have some strength left and need a boost. To those who have nothing. The promise is most precisely directed at the person who feels least qualified to receive it. Emptiness is not a disqualifier. It is the address God is looking for.

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PSALM 68:19

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation!”

Daily loads us. God’s provision of strength is not a one-time deposit. It is renewed every morning, poured out again before you have done anything to earn it. The daily rhythm of God’s giving means you do not need to ration what was given yesterday. Today has its own supply.

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PSALM 73:26

“My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Flesh and heart both failing. Asaph does not name one thing that is struggling — he names everything. Physical and emotional collapse at once. And the pivot is not recovery or resolution. It is a but. But God is the strength of my heart. That but is one of the most load-bearing words in the Psalms.

STRENGTH THROUGH CHRIST ALONE

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The New Testament is clear: genuine strength flows not from effort but from a Person.

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PHILIPPIANS 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Written from a Roman prison, not a platform. Paul had no comfortable circumstances to draw from — only a Person. This is not a claim to limitless human capability. It is a testimony that Christ’s supply met every single demand life placed on Paul. That supply has not diminished.

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EPHESIANS 6:10

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”

In the Lord — not in your strategy, your resources, or your track record. The location of your strength determines its quality and its durability. Paul does not say be strong and then ask for God’s help. He says the strength itself is found inside the Lord.

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2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Paul asked three times for the hard thing to be removed. God said no each time — not because He was withholding, but because the weakness was the canvas on which His power would be most visible. Your limitation is not an obstacle to God’s work through you. It is the very condition that makes it unmistakably His.

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ROMANS 8:37

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

More than conquerors — not just surviving, not just getting through. The Greek is *hypernikō*: overwhelming, excessive victory. And it comes through Him who loved us — the love is not the motivation. It is the mechanism. You conquer through love that has already won.

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0**COLOSSIANS 1:11**

“Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.”

The purpose of divine strengthening is not spectacular performance. It is faithful endurance. Patience and longsuffering — the ability to hold on, to remain steady across time. God strengthens you not just for the dramatic moment but for the long road. Endurance is its own kind of glory.

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1**2 CORINTHIANS 4:7**

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”

Earthen vessels — ordinary, fragile, unremarkable clay pots. The treasure inside them is the gospel, the power, the life of God. The weakness of the container is the very thing that makes the power undeniably divine. When a cracked clay pot holds something brilliant, everyone knows the light is not from the pot.

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**Be Strong and Courageous**

God issues the command and then provides the only ground on which it is possible.

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2**JOSHUA 1:9**

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Courage here is not a feeling God is waiting for you to produce. It is a command underwritten by a promise. The be strong is possible not because Joshua was exceptional but because God was with him. The presence precedes the performance.

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DEUTERONOMY 31:6

“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

He will not leave you nor forsake you. Trust is possible because the One being trusted is not going anywhere. Abandonment is not in His nature. The strength to face opposition flows from the certainty that God goes with you, not ahead of you or behind you. With you.

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1 CHRONICLES 28:20

“Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God — my God — will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.”

Until you have finished. God’s presence is not available only at the start of the work or at its conclusion. It covers the whole span — the middle, the stuck parts, the seasons when progress stops being visible. He does not step away when the work gets hard.

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2 CHRONICLES 32:7-8

“Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles.”

More with us than with him. Hezekiah says this to people who can see the army outside the walls. The courage is not denial of the threat. It is a correct accounting of who is in the room. When God is counted, the arithmetic changes entirely.

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NEHEMIAH 8:10

“Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Joy and strength from the same source. Nehemiah says this to people weeping over their failures, having just heard the Law for the first time in a generation. God’s first response to their grief was not a performance review. It was this: joy is your fuel. His joy, given to you, is what holds you up.

GOD AS REFUGE AND FORTRESS

God as Refuge and Fortress

The strength God gives is inseparable from His presence. Where He is, strength is.

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PSALM 46:1

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Very present. Not generally available, not reachable in principle. Already there before you arrive at the crisis. The strength God offers is not summoned in emergency. It is already present, already working, before you even form the prayer.

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PSALM 28:7

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.”

Strength and shield — offensive and defensive, both in the same God. He is not only the power that moves you forward. He is the protection that covers your back. You do not have to choose which aspect of Him you need today. He is both.

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PSALM 18:2

“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

Six images of God’s protection in a single breath. Rock, fortress, deliverer, strength, shield, stronghold. When one metaphor is not enough to hold the weight of what you need, David gives you six more. God is not offended by the size of your need. He offers enough names to cover it.

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PSALM 27:1

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

David answers his own fear with a rhetorical question. He is not suppressing anxiety. He is arguing against it from the character of God — naming who God is until the fear has no answer left. This is one of the most practical forms of strength: theological reasoning applied to an anxious heart.

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1**PSALM 59:17**

“To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; for God is my defense, my God of mercy.”

Praise and strength are linked here. The psalmist sings not because circumstances are good but because singing realigns him with who God is. Worship has always been one of the primary ways the soul recovers its footing. Singing in difficulty is not denial. It is defiance of what the difficulty claims about God.

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2**NAHUM 1:7**

“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him.”

He knows those who trust in Him. In a crisis the fear of being unseen, unnoticed, overlooked is very real. This verse answers that fear directly. Your trust does not go unregistered. God knows the ones who have staked themselves on Him. He knows you specifically.

DO NOT FEAR: GOD'S DIRECT PROMISE

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Fifty times in Scripture God says ‘fear not.’ Every time, He gives a reason. The reason is always Himself.

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3**ISAIAH 41:10**

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Three promises in three breaths: I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you. But God opens with the reason behind every promise — I am with you. The presence is the ground of all three. He never sends provision ahead without going Himself.

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4**DEUTERONOMY 33:25**

“Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; as your days, so shall your strength be.”

As your days, so shall your strength be. This is a proportional promise. God does not give you the strength for next year today. He gives what you need for today, today. Stop asking for the strength to survive next month's trial. Trust the daily supply for today's one.

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5**ZEPHANIAH 3:17**

“The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

He will quiet you with His love. Not argue you into strength, not lecture you into courage. He quiets you — the way you still someone who is shaking, with presence and warmth and the weight of being held. Strength can come through being quieted as much as being rallied.

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6**2 TIMOTHY 1:7**

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Power, love, sound mind — three gifts that cover the whole person. Power to act. Love to connect. Sound mind to think clearly. The spirit of fear short-circuits all three. And Paul makes clear: that spirit is not from God. The fear that paralyzes you has the wrong address on it.

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7**1 JOHN 4:4**

“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

He who is in you is greater. The strength available to you is not your own gathered courage or willpower. It is the greatness of the One living inside you. You are not facing the opposition with your own resources. You are facing it with God’s.

RENEWED BY THE WORD

Renewed by the Word

God strengthens through His word. Reading it like someone who needs it changes what it does.

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8**PSALM 119:28**

“My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word.”

My soul melts — grief that goes all the way down, that affects everything. The response is not to manage it or push through it. It is to ask God to strengthen according to His word. Scripture is not decoration on the walls of your life. It is the very thing that holds them up.

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PSALM 119:114

“You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.”

Hiding place and shield. Both at once. The word of God does not merely inform. It covers. The person who meditates on Scripture is not just learning truth — they are placing themselves inside a protection that external circumstances cannot penetrate.

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PSALM 138:3

“In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.”

Bold with strength in my soul. The boldness David receives is not bluster or performance. It is something God put into the interior of him in response to a cry. Prayer is not the preparation for receiving strength. Prayer is often the moment of receiving it.

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2 SAMUEL 22:33

“God is my strength and power, and He makes my way perfect.”

Makes my way perfect — not smooth, not obstacle-free. Perfect in the sense of complete, suited, shaped for what it needs to accomplish. The way God makes does not avoid difficulty. It passes through it with the right quality of foot for the terrain.

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PSALM 29:11

“The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.”

Give strength. Not loan it, not require it to be generated first. Give. And alongside strength, peace — the two arriving together, because they come from the same source. Strength without peace is just endurance. Strength with peace is something the world cannot manufacture.

STRENGTH TO KEEP GOING

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When the battle is long and the end is not in sight, these verses are for the middle.

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GALATIANS 6:9

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

Due season. Not now, not yet, but coming. The harvest has a timing that is not yours to set. The only requirement is that you do not stop. Let us not grow weary is not a command to feel energised. It is a command not to quit. The quitting is the only way to miss the harvest.

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HEBREWS 12:1

“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”

The race set before us — your race, not someone else’s. You are not behind and you are not ahead. You are running your course. The method is to fix your eyes on the One who ran His all the way to a cross and came out the other side. He is both the example and the destination.

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2 THESSALONIANS 3:3

“But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.”

Establish you. The word means to make firm, to set on a solid base. God’s faithfulness is not passive support. It is active establishment — taking what is shaky and making it stable. He does this not because you are steady but because He is.

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1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”

Four commands, four words. Paul is not being harsh — he is being urgent. The standing, the watching, the bravery, the strength — none of these happen automatically. They are chosen. Strength in the Christian life is not the absence of opposition. It is the refusal to give ground to it.

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ROMANS 5:3-5

“And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Tribulation produces perseverance. The trial is not the end of the road. It is the forge where perseverance is shaped. The chain continues: perseverance produces character, character produces hope. God is not wasting the hard season. He is building something of lasting value inside it.

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JAMES 1:2-4

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

Lacking nothing. The destination of tested faith is completeness — the soul with nothing missing. Not the absence of difficulty, but the full development of the person who went through it. The trial is the process. The completion is the point.

STRENGTH IN WAITING AND STILLNESS

Strength in Waiting and Stillness

The soul that learns to wait on God discovers a strength that striving never produces.

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PSALM 37:7

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.”

Rest in the Lord. This is not passivity. It is an act of trust — the soul that has stopped trying to manage everything and has placed its weight on God. Fretting is what strength looks like when it slips: the anxious watching of what others are doing while you wait. Rest is what trust looks like when it holds.

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PSALM 62:11

“God has spoken once, twice I have heard this: that power belongs to God.”

Power belongs to God. Not distributed, not loaned out. Belongs. The strength you access is borrowed from the One who owns all of it. This is not a diminishment — it is a liberation. You do not have to generate what you do not own. You only have to ask the One who does.

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ISAIAH 30:15

“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.”

Quietness and confidence. Israel wanted armies and alliances. God offered them something that looked like weakness from outside — stillness, trust, resting in Him. The strength that quietness and confidence produce is the most durable kind. It does not depend on the circumstances staying good.

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LAMENTATIONS 3:25-26

“The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”

Wait quietly. This is not resignation. It is active trust — the soul that has decided God is enough, His timing is right, and silence is not absence. Jeremiah learned this in the rubble of Jerusalem. The waiting that produces strength is the kind that stays near to God while it waits.

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PSALM 23:3

“He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.”

He restores my soul. The strength that body-rest cannot produce, God reaches into the soul and renews. You can sleep eight hours and still wake exhausted in your spirit. Only the Shepherd reaches the places sleep cannot. Restoration is His name for what He does when He leads you beside still waters.

STRENGTHENED BY THE SPIRIT**Strengthened by the Spirit**

The Spirit’s work of strengthening goes into the places where strength is needed most.

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EPHESIANS 3:16

“That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.”

The inner man. Paul’s prayer is not for external circumstances to improve. It is for the interior of the person to be strengthened by the Spirit. The strength that matters most is not what others can see. It is what holds you up when no one is looking.

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ACTS 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

You shall receive power. The disciples were not told to generate the strength for their mission. They were told to wait and then receive it. The Holy Spirit arriving is the arrival of divine power — not a supplement to human effort but a different category of resource entirely.

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ROMANS 15:13

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the engine of hope. Joy and peace are the byproducts of belief, and they generate the capacity to abound in hope. Strength for the future is rooted in the hope the Spirit produces in the present.

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ZECHARIAH 4:6

“‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts.”

Not by might nor by power. The mountain in front of Zerubbabel was not going to be moved by human effort or political force. God names these categories specifically and then removes them both. The way through is a third category: My Spirit. What looked impossible by human measure was already done by divine means.

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MICAH 3:8

“But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, and of justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.”

Full of power by the Spirit of the Lord. Micah says this in contrast to the false prophets around him who operate from self-interest. The prophet filled with the Spirit speaks with a different quality of strength — rooted not in personality or rhetoric but in divine filling.

THE LORD’S NAME AS FORTRESS

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Every name of God is a declaration of strength available to the one who knows it.

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PROVERBS 18:10

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.”

Run — not walk, not consider. The person who understands what the name of God represents runs to it when pressure mounts. Safety is real, but you have to choose to move toward it. Strength is not automatically received. It is received by those who run toward the source of it.

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PSALM 20:7

“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.”

We will remember the name. When everyone else is taking stock of visible resources — the armies, the weapons, the alliances — the people of God direct their trust to an invisible source. It is not irrationality. It is the most accurate accounting of where power actually lives.

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PSALM 31:3

“For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name’s sake, lead me and guide me.”

Rock and fortress. Solid ground and protected walls. The names David uses for God describe both foundation and enclosure — what you stand on and what surrounds you. In God you are not just supported. You are secured.

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2**PSALM 61:3**

“For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy.”

A strong tower from the enemy. The tower provides elevation as well as protection — height from which you can see what is coming, walls from which you cannot be reached. Strength in God is not merely endurance under attack. It is a positioned security above the attack.

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3**PROVERBS 10:29**

“The way of the Lord is strength for the upright, but destruction to the workers of iniquity.”

The way of the Lord is strength. Walking in God’s ways is not just morally right. It is structurally strong. The life built on His path is the life that holds under pressure. Uprightness is not a sacrifice of advantage. It is the foundation of the strongest kind of life available.

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO DRAWS STRENGTH FROM GOD

Blessed Is the One Who Draws Strength from God

The blessed life is not the most comfortable one. It is the one that has learned where to draw from.

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4**PSALM 84:5**

“Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.”

Whose strength is in You. The blessed person does not draw from their own reserves. They draw from God. And their heart is set on pilgrimage — moving forward, oriented toward a destination. The strength that comes from God is never static. It is for movement, for the journey, for the next thing.

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5**PSALM 84:7**

“They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.”

From strength to strength. The pilgrim who keeps going does not gradually diminish. They do not arrive at their destination depleted. They grow stronger as they travel, because each step is taken in God’s provision. The journey with God does not drain you. Over time, it fills you.

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6**HABAKKUK 3:19**

“The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer’s feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills.”

Feet like deer’s feet. Sure-footed on treacherous terrain. God does not always flatten the hills. He gives you feet for them. The strength He provides is not the removal of the hard path. It is the equipment to walk it without falling.

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7**PSALM 22:19**

“But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!”

O My Strength — God addressed as the strength itself, not merely as the source of it. When you have run out and cannot generate more, you are not petitioning a supplier. You are calling on the Person who is the strength. The asking is itself the beginning of the receiving.

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8**PSALM 8:2**

“Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.”

Out of the mouth of babes. The strength that silences God’s enemies does not come from the expected sources. It comes from the most unlikely ones. God does not require impressive instruments. He ordains strength from the weakest, the smallest, the most overlooked. This is how His power is most clearly His.

SEEKING THE SOURCE

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Strength is found in God’s presence before it is found in God’s provision.

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9**PSALM 105:4**

“Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore.”

Seek His face evermore. Strength is found through seeking the Person, not just petitioning for the provision. The command is to keep seeking — not once, not in crisis only, but evermore. The ongoing face-seeking is the ongoing source of strength.

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1 CHRONICLES 16:11

“Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face continually!”

Continually. Not when resources run low. Not in the hard seasons only. The practice of seeking God’s strength before you feel the need for it is the practice that produces people who hold when the need arrives suddenly.

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PSALM 63:1

“O God, You are my God; early I will seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.”

Early I will seek You. Before the day has gathered its weight, before the demands pile on, David seeks God. The dry and thirsty land is not an obstacle to seeking. It is the reason for it. Desperation is one of the most reliable paths to finding God.

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PSALM 27:14

“Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord!”

He shall strengthen your heart. The waiting is not passive tolerance of delay. It is the active posture of someone who believes the One they are waiting for is worth waiting for. And the waiting is not wasted. It is the very condition through which the heart is strengthened.

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ISAIAH 26:4

“Trust in the Lord forever, for in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength.”

Everlasting strength. No expiry, no seasonal fluctuation, no ceiling. The strength of God does not diminish with demand. Every person who has ever drawn from it has not reduced the supply available to you. Everlasting means the same amount is available to you right now as has always been.

THE PARADOX OF STRENGTH**The Paradox of Strength**

The strongest people in Scripture are often those in the most difficult circumstances. Strength and suffering are not opposites.

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4**2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-17**

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.”

We do not lose heart. The outward man perishing and the inward man being renewed at the same time — this is the paradox of strength in the Christian life. What is visible is declining. What is invisible is growing. The troubles that feel heavy are called light and momentary when measured against what they are producing.

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5**ROMANS 8:26**

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Helps in our weaknesses. The Spirit does not require strength from you as a precondition for His help. He helps precisely in the weakness. The groanings that cannot be uttered — prayer below language, the wordless reaching toward God — He carries. You are not alone even in your weakest prayer.

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6**JOB 17:9**

“Yet the righteous will hold to his way, and he who has clean hands will be stronger and stronger.”

Stronger and stronger. The trajectory of faithfulness in difficulty is not gradual depletion. It is gradual increase. Job said this from the ash heap, with his health gone and his friends failing him. Faithfulness in the dark does not weaken you. It builds something that comfortable seasons never could.

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7**ISAIAH 43:2**

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.”

Through, not around. God does not promise exemption from deep water or fire. He promises His presence in it, and the limitation of its power over you. The waters do not overflow, the flame does not scorch — not because the danger is imaginary but because the One who commands it is standing with you.

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PSALM 46:10

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

Be still and know. The stillness is the posture through which knowing happens. You cannot know who God is while you are running, while you are managing, while you are generating your own strength. The stopping, the quiet, the deliberate ceasing — this is where the knowledge of God that produces strength is received.

HOPE AS THE ROOT OF STRENGTH

Hope as the Root of Strength

Hope and strength grow from the same soil. Where genuine hope lives, strength follows.

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PSALM 31:24

“Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.”

All you who hope in the Lord. The invitation is not exclusive. Not the impressive, not the already-strong. All who hope. Hope is the posture of the person who has not yet seen the outcome but has decided who holds it. From that posture, courage becomes possible and strength arrives.

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ROMANS 8:18

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

Not worthy to be compared. Paul does not say the suffering is small. He says the coming glory makes the comparison impossible. The horizon he is looking at changes everything between him and it. Strength for today is fed by the certainty of what is coming.

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HEBREWS 11:34

“...quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.”

Out of weakness were made strong. The Hall of Faith in Hebrews 11 includes this among the greatest accomplishments of faith — not strength already possessed, but weakness transformed. The transformation is the miracle. The weakness is the starting point, not the disqualifier.

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ROMANS 4:20-21

“He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”

Strengthened in faith. Abraham’s body was past the point of natural possibility, yet he was strengthened — not in his body first but in his faith. The strength of faith preceded the physical evidence. He gave glory to God before the son arrived. That is the order Scripture works in.

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PHILIPPIANS 1:6

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

He will complete it. God started something in you before this season of weakness arrived. He has not abandoned the project because things have gotten hard. The One who began it will finish it. The confidence is not in your steadfastness. It is in the faithfulness of the One who called you.

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The resurrection is the ultimate statement about strength. Death is the last enemy and it has been defeated.

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REVELATION 1:17-18

“And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.’”

He laid His right hand on me. John collapsed at the sight of the risen Christ — and the first thing Jesus did was touch him and tell him not to be afraid. The strength of God reaches the person who has fallen flat on their face. The right hand of the risen Lord is available to the person on the ground.

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JUDE 24-25

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy — to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.”

Him who is able to keep you from stumbling. Jude closes his letter with the most complete statement of God’s keeping power in the New Testament. You are not responsible for not stumbling. You are responsible for remaining in the hands of the One who is able to keep you. The ability is His. The trust is yours.

Seventy-five witnesses — kings in caves, apostles in chains, prophets in deserts, and a risen Christ with His hand on a collapsed disciple — all saying the same thing:

God's strength is not a reward for the already-strong. It is a gift for the empty.

Whatever you are carrying right now, the supply has not run out on the other side. The exchange is still available. Bring what you have. Receive what He is.

A CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, I bring You what is left.

Not the strong version of myself.

This version — the one that has run out.

You said those who wait on You will renew their strength.

I am waiting.

You said Your strength is made perfect in weakness.

Then here is all the weakness I have.

Make it perfect.

Be my strength.

Amen.

* I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me *