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RECEIVE SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH FROM GOD

This month we will study Scripture references where God promises to give His supernatural strength to you whenever your human abilities are inadequate. Your Father does not want you to trust in yourself. He wants you to know all of the following promises and to have absolute faith that He *always* does whatever He says He will do. (see Numbers 23:19, Joshua 23:14 and I Corinthians 1:9) (All of the following Scripture references are from *The Amplified Bible*)

IF JESUS CHRIST IS YOUR SAVIOR, YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT HE WILL GIVE YOU SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH. “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].” (Philippians 4:13)

Please note the words “*all things*” at the beginning of this verse and the words “ready for *anything* and equal to *anything*”, at the beginning of the amplification. You will never face any problem that is too great for Jesus Christ to solve.

Jesus is omnipresent. He sits on a throne in heaven next to God. He also lives in the heart of every Christian (see II Corinthians 13:5 and Ephesians 3:18) Jesus promises to “infuse inner strength” into you. He will strengthen you from the inside out. He will give you supernatural strength that is so great that you will never face any problem greater than the strength He will provide.

ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO TRUST IN YOUR LIMITED HUMAN ABILITIES. “Cease to trust in [weak, frail and dying] man, whose breath is in his nostrils [for so short a time]...” (Isaiah 2:22)

The Word of God repeatedly instructs you not make the mistake of trusting in your limited human abilities when you have the supernatural strength of God available to you. God’s strength is available according to your

knowledges of these promises and your absolute faith that your Father *always* does what He promises to do.

REFUSE TO TRUST IN YOUR HUMAN ABILITIES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH ABILITY YOU HAVE. "...the way of a man is not in himself; it is not in man [even in a strong man or in a man at his best] to direct his [own] steps." (Jeremiah 10:23)

No matter how much ability God has given to you, your Father emphasizes that you should not trust in yourself. Please note that the second amplification in this verse says that "even a strong man or a man at his best" should not direct his own steps.

REJOICE IN YOUR INADEQUATE HUMAN ABILITIES. "...when I am weak. [in human strength], then I am [truly] strong (able, powerful in divine strength)." (II Corinthians 12:10)

God's strength is available to you to the degree that you are fully aware of your human weakness and inadequacy. When you realize that you are weak and inadequate, you can receive supernatural strength from God that is infinitely greater than your human strength and ability.

GOD PROMISES THAT HE WILL STRENGTHEN YOU, PROTECT YOU AND HELP YOU. "The Lord is my Strength and my [impenetrable] Shield; my heart trusts in, relies on, *and* confidently leans on Him and I am helped..." (Psalm 28:7)

The psalmist David knew that God would supernaturally strengthen him and provide him with an "impenetrable shield." The word "impenetrable" means that *nothing* can penetrate the supernatural protection that God will give you. Trust God completely. Rely on Him. Lean on Him. He *will* help you.

GOD TELLS YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT HE WILL GIVE SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH TO YOU. "The Lord will give [unyielding and impenetrable] strength back to His people..." (Psalm 29:11)

Please note the words "unyielding and impenetrable" in the amplification in this verse. God promises to give you strength that is *so great* that this strength will not yield to *anything*. He promises to give you strength that is

so great that *nothing* can penetrate His supernatural strength. *Why* would you ever trust in your human abilities when your Father repeatedly assures you that He will give His supernatural strength to you?

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF ANYTHING. GOD IS WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES. HE WILL STRENGTHEN YOU. "...I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength..." (Isaiah 12:2)

God is omnipresent. He can sit on his throne in heaven and also live in the heart of every one of His children. God is with you throughout every minute of every hour of every day of your life. (see Ephesians 4:6 and I John 4:15) He repeatedly instructs you not to be afraid because He is with you at all times. "Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you..." (Isaiah 41:10)

Please note that the amplification at the beginning of this verse says that "there is *nothing* to fear" if you are absolutely certain that God is with you at all times. No matter how difficult any problem you face may be, focus continually on the indwelling presence of God. Your Father will strengthen you. He will help you.

STAY CLOSE TO GOD. RECEIVE SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH FROM HIM. "...be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]." (Ephesians 6:10)

Please note that the first amplification in this verse says that you will "be empowered through your union with Him." You will receive strength from God in direct proportion to the intimacy and closeness of your relationship with Him. (Ephesians 2:13, James 4:8 and I John 5:20)

RECEIVE SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH FROM GOD BY CONTINUALLY MEDITATING ON THESE MAGNIFICENT PROMISES. Be like the psalmist who said, "... raise me up and strengthen me [according to the promises of] Your word." (Psalm 119:28)

Your Father will strengthen you in direct proportion to your knowledge of His Word and your faith in the absolute reliability of His promises. Do you face a difficult problem? Meditate day and night on these magnificent

promises from God. "... in quietness and in [trusting] confidence shall be your strength..." (Isaiah 30:15)

This instruction that God gave to the Israelites many years ago also is His instruction to you today. When you face difficult problems, do *not* panic. Be quiet, calm and confident. You will receive supernatural strength from God in direct proportion to your quiet confidence in Him.

The promises that I am sharing with you this month are *not* theoretical. All promises in the Bible come directly from God. (see Galatians 1:11-12, I Thessalonians 2:13 and II Timothy 3:16) No matter how difficult any problem you face may be, you can be certain that God's supernatural strength is *more than sufficient* to overcome any problem.

Meditate day and night on these supernatural promises from God. Open your mouth and boldly speak these promises. Then say the promises again in your own words.

Let your ears hear your mouth continually saying what God says about the supernatural strength that He will give to you. God tells you what He will do, but he never tells you *when* He will do it. "...my words are of a kind which will be fulfilled in the appointed and proper time." (Luke 1:20)

Trust God's timing just as you trust Him in every other area. You can be certain that your Father *will* give you supernatural strength that is much greater than *any* problem you will ever face. Refuse to give up. Day after day, week after week and, if necessary, month after month continue to meditate on these promises from God. "...you have need of steadfast patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised." (Hebrews 10:36)