

GOD'S PROMISE OF STRENGTH
#SermonStrength
God's Promises When I'm Hurting - Part 3
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Psalm 119:116a Give me strength, as you promised, and I shall live... (TEV)

What You Need To Know About God's Strength

1. HE IS A POWERFUL GOD

Psalm 29:3-9 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" (NIV)

2. HE IS AN EMPOWERING GOD

Psalm 29:11a The Lord gives strength to his people... (NIV)

Colossians 1:11 God will strengthen you with his own great power so you will not give up when troubles come... (ICB)

Five Steps to Receiving God's Strength

1. AFFIRM GOD'S POWER AND PRESENCE

1 Chronicles 16:11-12 Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. ¹² Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced. (NIV)

Joshua 1:9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (NLT)

2. ADMIT YOUR WEAKNESS

2 Corinthians 12:9a-10b But the Lord said to me, "My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, then my power is made perfect in you."... ¹⁰ ...So I am happy when I am weak, because then I am truly strong. (ICB)

Isaiah 40:29 The Lord gives strength to those who are tired. He gives more power to those who are weak. (ICB)

3. ALIGN YOURSELF WITH GOD'S WILL

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (NIV)

Colossians 1:10-11 ...live the kind of life that honors and pleases the Lord in every way... ¹¹ Then God will strengthen you with his own great power. (ICB)

4. ASK GOD FOR STRENGTH

James 4:2b You do not have, because you do not ask God. (NIV)

Luke 21:36b Pray constantly that you will have the strength and wits to make it through everything that's coming and end up on your feet before the Son of Man. (MSG)

Jude 1:20 But you, dear friends, must build up your lives ever more strongly upon the foundation of our holy faith, learning to pray in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit. (LB)

5. ACT IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

Deuteronomy 11:8a Obey all the commands I am giving you today. Then you will be strong. (ICB)

2 Chronicles 16:9a The LORD is constantly watching everyone, and he gives strength to those who faithfully obey him... (CEV)

Isaiah 7:9b If your faith is not strong, you will not have strength enough to last. (NCV)

Philippians 4:13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. (NLT)

Ephesians 3:16 I'm asking God to give you... inner strength and power through his Spirit. (GW)

Ephesians 1:13b ...You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. (CEB)