

GAINING STRENGTH

THE STRENGTH ADVANTAGE

- Stronger is better
 1. Enhanced ability to handle pressure
 2. Spiritual strength impacts mental / emotional / physical well-being
 3. A relationship with the Lord can have a huge impact on strength
- Paul's place of strength (***Philippians 4:11-13 NASB***)
 1. He was content - self-sufficient, not scrambling
 2. He called it a learned secret - something developed in him
 3. Through Christ who strengthens - more than a performance scripture

TWO BLIND MEN MODEL STRENGTH (***Matthew 9:27-31 NKJV***)

- They were committed to connecting with Jesus
 1. They heard He was a miracle worker and merciful
 2. Their commitment was challenged
- They only spoke what they believed
 1. They did not talk about their blindness
 2. What they believed was vital to them receiving from the Lord
- They acknowledged Jesus as Lord
 1. The word Lord comes from the word might/powerful
 2. They were calling Jesus a greater power and authority

ADDING SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

- Make a quality commitment to the Lord (***Acts 11:23 NKJV***)
 1. Purpose; a determination, a resolve
 2. Too many things that try to pull us off course
 3. Believe Jesus is the greatest source of life
- Speak what you believe (***2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV***)
 1. A learned behavior - requires retraining
 2. What is written becomes the basis of our belief
 3. Speaking about problems / the past / and people
- Make Yes Lord a part of your life
 1. Lord acknowledges Him as top authority
 2. Yes, Lord, I will obey You
 3. Yes, Lord, I believe