

Strength (Body)

Isaiah 30:15
2 Corinthians 12:9-10
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

A. Strength Drew the Israelites into Slavery.

*“This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says,: ‘In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.’”
Isaiah 30:15 (NIV)*

1. Repentance and rest are our salvation.

- a. Repentance: A change of mind that results in a change of action.

*“I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.”
Acts 26:20b (NIV)*

- b. Rest: Patiently wait on the Lord.

2. Quietness and trust are our strength.

- a. Quietness and trust: “Settling down in complete dependance on God”. (MSG)
b. Strength: “the capacity of an object or substance to withstand great force or pressure.” Dictionary.com

3. We get to choose whether we want saved and strengthened.

“Salvation and strength are the consequence of firm trust and quiet confidence in God’s abiding attention and concern for Zion.” Logos Study Software

The decision I am making is from the Lord and He will be my strength through the decision and during the harvest of the decision.

B. Weakness Drew Paul to Freedom.

“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

1. The weaker the vessel, the more God can be glorified.

“For when I am weak, then I am strong.” The Apostle Paul

2. Weaknesses are always purposeful.

“But Joseph said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.’”

3. Paul took pleasure in:

- a. Infirmities
- b. Reproaches
- c. Necessities
- d. Persecutions
- e. Distress

C. Four Must Haves of Having Human Weakness and Godly Strength:

1. Strong Disciples of Christ must have a posture of urgency.

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.” 1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)

2. Strong Disciples of Christ must have a focused trust.

*“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”
1 Corinthians 9:25 (NIV)*

3. Strong Disciples of Christ must have controlled actions.

*“Therefore, I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.”
1 Corinthians 9:26 (NIV)*

4. Strong Disciples of Christ must have self-discipline.

“No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” 1 Corinthians 9:27 (NIV)

Bottom Line:

If your strength is not made weak,
your discipleship will be.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

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Next Sunday:

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach

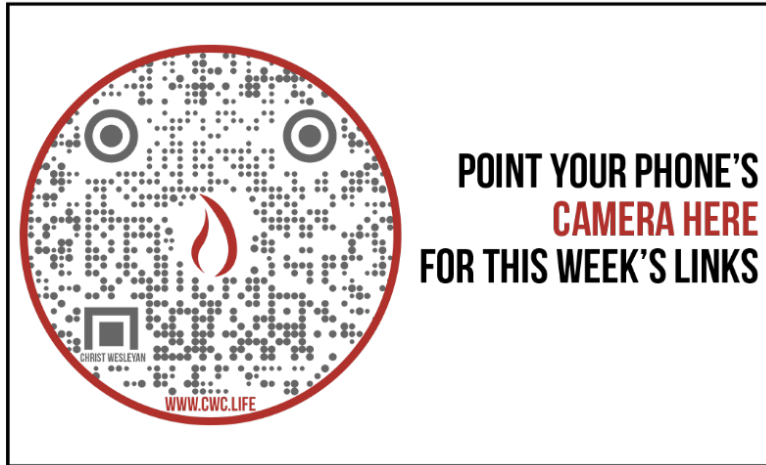
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel

A New Series:

The Soil Matters: God is sowing. Are you growing?

A deep dive look at The Parable of the Sower.

Notetakers are History Makers



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 58.7% of goal

Giving year to date: 82.9% of goal

Attendance last Sunday: 2,073

Salvations to date: 98 | Baptisms to date: 110

Upcoming Happenings:

February 9 – Classics Beat Your Winter Doldrums Dinner-6p

February 11 – Child Dedications

March 31 – Easter Sunday!

April 7 – Membership Class 12:30p