

SECTION 4

Lesson 3

The Purpose of Strengths

Unit 1 | Love God | Grades: 1-5

FIELD MANUAL FOR
QUEST PARENTS



UNIT VERSE: MARK 12:30

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

SECTION VERSE: Psalm 28:7a

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.”



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PRAYER

Ask God to show you how you can use your strengths to help others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to “conform”?
- How can we conform to the image of Christ?
- Why should we conform to His image?
- How can we use our strengths for others?
- What are some signs that show God is renewing our strength?



PARENT DEVOTIONAL

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Remembering back to our first lesson on strength we said that, "First, He is the fountainhead of our strength. Second, He stands ready to renew our strength if we will seek Him, trust Him, and wait on Him. Third, God gives us strength not for our own selfish interests or nonsense but to glorify Him and do the good works of the Kingdom that He has prepared in advance for us to walk in." Let's talk this week about that last point. The Bible teaches that as followers of Christ we have been given the right to be called "children" of God. It goes on to teach us to imitate God, "as dearly loved children." In what ways can we imitate God? The Living God is in His essence a savior and defender. Psalm 68 says He is a "Father to the fatherless and defender of widows." Psalm 34 tells us that He is "close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 82 extends these duties to us. "Stand up for those who are weak and for those whose fathers have died. See to it that those who are poor and those who are beaten down are treated fairly. Save the weak and those who are in need."

Do not make the mistake of thinking that this only applies to physical oppression either. Jesus says of himself (and by extension his followers), "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free." The Spirit of the Lord is upon all of His children now and in His strength we are to be imitators of our Heavenly Father. The fact that Jesus immediately moved from loving God to loving our neighbor isn't coincidence. This makeover isn't to be kept to ourselves. God saved us, but left us in the world for a reason. We are being made over for a purpose! Let's get to it!

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Heb 13:16 | Phil 2:4 |
Luke 6:38 | 1 Jn 3:17
Gal 6:2 | Rom 15:1 |
Eph. 2:10