

YEILD OR RESIST

Strong To Resist

- I. Ephesians 6:10-You have be strong if you're going to resist the devil and not yield to him
- A. *That YOU may be able to stand against - Who's going to stand against the wiles of the devil? YOU are the one who is standing against the enemy in the evil day NOT God*
1. Wiles-(Methodia)-Deceit, craft, trickery, methods; Strategy practiced for ensnaring or deception; To deceive
 2. Satan wants to get you yielding to wrong the thing, believing the wrong thing-YOU are suppose stand against it
 - a. Stand against-Hold up, firm, fixed, established (So it's not breaking you or moving you)
 - b. Withstand-(Same word-James 4:7-Resist); Set one's self against, resist, oppose
 - c. *11-PH-So that you can successfully resist all the devil's methods of attack; 13-AMP-So that you will be able to successful resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, full prepared, immovable, victorious]; CJB-So that when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist*
- B. *YOU need to be strong because there is resisting and withstanding that YOU have to do-Js4:7,1Pet5:9*
1. Why do you need to be strong? Empowered, enabled, strong for what, to do what?
 - a. If you're going to resist and not break, yield, give in, or cave in then you have to be strong
 - b. *Dan11:15-Neither shall there be any strength to withstand*; To withstand you need strength
 - c. 1Cor16:13-If you're going to stand firm and resist you have to be strong
 - d. Armor will do little to no ground when it's put on a weak soldier
 2. When you understand that you do the resisting NOT God then you see the necessity for you to be strong
 - a. You have to be strong, you can't afford to be weak – Being weak causes you to yield and give the enemy place
 - b. God being strong and you being weak isn't going to do anything for you when it's time for you to resist the devil
 3. Be strong in the Lord and be strong in the power of His might – God wants you strong
 - a. Strong-Empower, enable, endued w/strength; Power-Dominion, mighty, strength; Might-Ability, strength, power
 - b. *CEV-Let the mighty strength of the Lord make you strong; MSG-God is strong and He wants you strong*
- C. *Many have the idea that they don't need to be strong because God is strong as He is supposed to be and we are weak*
1. That belief centers on this idea that God is in control and so I am weak and I don't need to be strong because God is strong and so they're fine being weak b/c in their eyes they don't need to be strong
 - a. Who's resisting the devil in James 4, 1Pt5:9, Eph6? You are God? Then who needs to be strong?
 2. Religion has tried to remove you from the equation, but God has very much left YOU in the equation and given YOU something that YOU must do if YOU want to experience victory over your adversary
 - a. You can't make God responsible for something that He's made you responsible for
- D. *God didn't suggest for you to be strong He commanded it and so it's not okay to be acceptant of being weak*
1. Eph3:16-Be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; Col1:11-They would be strengthened with all might unto His glorious power; 2Tim4:17-The Lord stood with me and strengthened me
- II. So many are so weak and so rather than resist they break and they break so easily – Caving or resisting – Is7:4
- A. *1Pet5:9-We are to resist steadfast in faith and that is believing, speaking and acting like the Word of God is true no matter what you see or feel; It's a refusal to believing anything else, to say anything else, to act like anything else is true*
1. Faith & Resisting-Agreeing w/ God like this puts me in a position of resistance to him – This ^ is how you resist him
 2. We resist in faith firm and immovable, not moving or changing no matter what comes
- B. *Satan applies pressure to you to move you off of the word of God and out of faith-1Cor15:58,Js4:7-Devil,Pr7*
1. He wants to yield/conform to him, believe what he says, say what he says, acting like what He says is true
 2. To resist means that the pressure he's applying on you doesn't change you, doesn't break you, doesn't shape you

- a. This is a fight, there is pressure being put on you that you're pressing back against, there's resisting on your part
- b. Do you have to give in and be discouraged and fret and get upset or can you not cave?

C. Proverbs 24:10-If you break, cave in, yield under the pressure it was because you're strength was small

1. This is such a picture of the enemy; He wants to press on you until he breaks you and if your capacity is small you will
 - a. Faint-Fail, wax feeble, weaken, let drop, be disheartened, let go, let drop, wither, decay; Adversity-Trouble, distress, straits, tightness, narrow, adversary, oppressor, enemy, foe, a pressing in on someone, squeeze out of shape; Strength-Capacity, to be firm, force, ability, power,
2. *GW-If you faint in crisis, you are weak; VO-If you fall apart during crisis, then you weren't very strong to begin with; MSG-If you fall to pieces in crisis, there wasn't much to you in the first place; NLT-If you fail under pressure, your strength is too small*
3. Luke 11:21-22-You need to be stronger than what's coming against you

D. When you're strong you're hardened to difficulties, immovable-Is41:10-AMP

1. Lk22,Hb12:4,Is50:7-Jesus was strong and did not break; The enemy is laying on him mentally, pressuring him trying to get him to break, to yield to give in and He would not and he resisted so strongly that blood came from his pours

III. Will talking about how weak you are make you strong?

A. Many talk much about their weaknesses, their inadequacies, their deficiencies – Should we do this?

1. Often in an attempt to be humble many magnify their weaknesses and are acceptant this idea that we are weak, frail inadequate beings and many are proud of how humble they are for accepting/acknowledging how weak they are

B. Is the NT believer, one who is born again and in Christ Jesus weak, inadequate, deficient?

1. The more real this gets to you, the less you talk about your weaknesses and deficiencies-Col2:10-And you are complete in Him; Col3:12-*Put on as the elect of God, holy and beloved bowels of mercies; 2Cor5:21-That we might be made the righteousness of God in him; Eph2:6-He has raised us up together and made us sit together in Heavenly place in Christ Jesus; 1Cor2:16-We have the mind of Christ; 2Tim1:7-God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power of love, and of a sound mind; 1Jn4:4-Great is He that is in you, than He that is in the world; Lk24:49-Until you be endured with power from on high; Ac1:8-But you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; Lk10:19-I give unto power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy*
2. 2Cor5:17-Often people highlight and amplify their weaknesses because the new birth is not real to them
3. W/o God we are incapable, inferior, deficient, inadequate, but you aren't w/o Him; Most still talk/think like they are
 - a. The talk now is so much of how we're all broken, imperfect, flawed and it's okay

C. Does talking about, focusing on, thinking about your weaknesses make you strong? – Joel 3:10

1. God does the strengthening, but you do the resisting – But how do you receive strength? Is everyone strong?
 - a. If you receive strength from God it will be received by faith – Does faith talk feelings, the natural or the Word?
2. Talking your weaknesses is not faith and it's now how you receive strength
 - a. Abraham (The Father Of Faith) didn't even consider his deficiencies
3. Many call "talking strong" being phony, not being real, not being relatable or transparent
 - a. I'm not trying to hide a weakness from anybody or get someone to think I'm perfect or make some phony attempt to get you to think I'm strong – I'm agreeing with New Testament
4. Heb4:14-Hold fast to saying the same thing that God says; He's touched with the feeling of your weaknesses, but it didn't say to hold fast to talking about how weak you are; If are weak or do feel weak it didn't say talk a bunch about it, it said come boldly (not weakly, timidly) to the throne of grace and get the help you need

D. Daniel 11:32-They that know their God shall be strong (Firm, hard, resolute)

1. We should be unaccepting of weakness in our lives