

Ephesians 6:10—Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.

All believers who know their worth in the Lord (Ephesians 1-3), who walk in humility, unity, maturity, truth, love, light, wisdom, the filling of the Spirit, and mutual submission (Ephesians 4:1–6:9), must learn to do war in God’s strength against the master of deceit, Satan himself (2Corinthians 11:14; Revelation 20:3). All saints are attacked by “*the accuser of*” the “*brethren*” (Revelation 12:10). But just as God used Israel’s wilderness wanderings to teach her to war (she was inexperienced in spiritual warfare as she exited Egypt—Exodus 13:17), He likewise uses our enemy (Satan) to train us for battle. God’s goal is to teach us to fight spiritual battles with spiritual weaponry—never spiritual battles with physical weaponry (2Corinthians 10:4). We must learn that He alone is capable of defeating our enemy—never us.

Interestingly, “*be strong*” (Ephesians 6:10) can be translated “*be strengthened*” or “*be ye empowered*” (Greek Interlinear), pointing to God’s empowering—never our own. Paul was well aware of this truth (2Corinthians 12:9-10), along with King David (Psalm 124:1-8) and King Jehoshaphat (2Chronicles 20:12), all of whom displayed incredible faith during times of adversity. Ephesians 6:10 and Ephesians 1:19 are in agreement:

and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might (Ephesians 1:19)

We must never be caught off guard by the intensity of the battle (1Peter 4:12-16). Only the compromised believer meets with little opposition. Jesus began His public ministry with opposition from the enemy (Matthew 4:1-11) and ended it by defeating him on the cross (John 12:31). This same Jesus promised “*tribulation*” (John 16:33) for his followers and that “*friendship with the world*” was to end (James 4:4). Paul’s trials are well documented, for while at Ephesus he wrote to the church at Corinth:

But I shall remain in Ephesus until Pentecost; for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries. (1Corinthians 16:8-9)

Through living by the strength of Another, both Jesus (John 14:10) and Paul (Philippians 4:13) experienced the will of the Father fulfilled in their lives. So can we! We are in Jesus (2Corinthians 5:17), and He is in the Father (John 14:20)—meaning that we are in the Father as well. Jesus is in us (Galatians 2:20), along with the Spirit (John 14:17) and the Father (John 14:23), confirming that the Godhead’s strength is continually accessible. Only a small portion of God’s power is sufficient to overcome the enemy’s fiercest assault, so Paul penned:

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God’s “*might*” is our might when appropriated through faith.