

“For when I am weak, then I am strong”

2 Corinthians 12:10

In our world today, business surrounds us. Everywhere we look there is something new to grab our attention and occupy our minds. We push our wants and needs to the forefront of our lives. We become comfortable in the daily hustle and bustle. We glorify the strength that it takes for us to keep up and we give praise to those around us that seem to be productive in their lives by juggling work, their families, and all the extra things that may be added. Many times, it's that same busy world that causes heartache and weariness. It's that same busy world that beats us down when we become tired and weak.

I can't help but draw a parallel between the society we live in today and Israel. Israel was constantly looking for something other than God to fulfill them. They didn't trust God's plan for their people despite the knowledge of God's faithfulness that had been passed down from generation to generation. They experienced trials and heartache they could not understand, just like we do today.

Let's look at what God tells his people in Isaiah 40:28-31, "...The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength..."

This passage reminds us that God is the creator of all things from the beginning of time. He is eternal and His plan will not falter or fail. When we are stretched thin with business or in times of sorrow, God's power cannot run out. When our focus has shifted and we are unable to understand why things are happening in our lives, we can look to Him and trust he is infinitely wise and can see the good that is being worked out even though it may not be obvious to us. During those times, our strength may run out, but in 2 Corinthians 12, Jesus says His grace is sufficient and His power is made perfect in our times of weakness (verse 9). Jesus is revealed in our lives during times of hardship and persecution. "For when I am weak, then I am strong"(verse 10), not from my own strength but from the strength of the Holy Spirit that is within me. While we wait for the trial or season to end, we can look to Jesus, the one who suffered more than we could ever fathom. Seek God in his word, meet with Him through prayer and He will renew your strength.

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