

BUILDING SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

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DAY 1 – THE POWER STRENGTH OF FAITH

God used His words and His faith to create the universe. There are various kinds of strength that a person needs to succeed. Faith is a spiritual force.

STUDY IT

- I. God used His words and His faith to create the universe.
 - God created all living things, and provided nourishment for all of them.
 - The biblical dietary laws are actually for your good health.
 - Your spirit man needs to be fed wholesome food.
 - Man lives by every WORD that proceeds from the mouth of God (see Matthew 4:4). That's spiritual food.
 - Religious food won't strengthen you. You can be religious but still not born again.
 - You have to *take* spiritual food and eat it.
 - Feeding on God's WORD produces strength.
 - Don't mistake the anointing for strength. The anointing is power.
 - You cannot grow in spiritual strength by feeding on spiritual candy.
 - Spiritual candy is just going to church, singing and having a great time.
 - You need to receive the sincere milk of The WORD to cause you to grow (see 1 Peter 2:2).
- II. There are various kinds of strength that a person needs to succeed.
 - There is the strength of the soul: the mind, the will, the emotions and the intellect.
 - You must renew your mind to The WORD and the will of God.
 - Feed on The WORD and meditate on it.
 - Spend some personal time with The LORD Jesus.
 - As you study The WORD, you feed your spirit and renew your mind.
 - When you hear a thought in your mind, you can take that thought, good or bad, by saying it (see Matthew 6:31). If you don't say it, the thought will die unborn.



- Worrying about money is not strength.
 - Financial strength and confidence in God come by meditating in The WORD day and night (Joshua 1:8).
- When your strength is low, it needs rest. Use your faith for God to supply your needs, and rest in The LORD.

III. The power strength of faith.

- As you use your faith, keep it strong and recharged by feeding it.
- Reading The WORD of God for intellectual food doesn't produce faith, it produces willpower.
- The power of the will is amazing.
- A disciple who had willpower was Thomas (John 20:24-29).
- He said, "I will not believe!" It was an act of his will.
- He chose to not believe Jesus was alive unless he put his finger in the nail prints in Jesus' hands and side.
 - When a man has no faith, he is bound by his will.
 - That man chooses by his words to reject the direction of The LORD.
- Jesus said to Thomas, "Because you've seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are they that have not seen and yet believe."

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Ask yourself, *Do I need strength in my life? What kind of strength: physical, mental, emotional or even spiritual?*

Determine to build your spiritual strength by spending time with The LORD and in His WORD. Meditate on what He says day and night. Soon your strength will increase in every area.

Let's pray together:

Heavenly Father, I depend on You for strength in my life. I choose to read and study Your WORD for wisdom and peace. I expect my spirit to grow strong as I seek You every day. Thank You, Sir. My faith is increasing as I hear Your WORD, according to Romans 10:17, and my spirit is growing stronger and stronger. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



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DAY 2 – RENEWING YOUR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

Be strong in faith. The LORD wanted Brother Copeland to be strong in God's will—to make God's will, his will. There will be temptations, tests and trials, but you can know the result. You have the keys to the kingdom of God.

STUDY IT

- I. Be strong in faith.
 - Thomas didn't have faith; he had willpower (see John 20:24-29).
 - Thomas said he would not believe unless he put his finger into the nail prints of Jesus' hands and his hand in Jesus' side.
 - His *will* was in charge.
 - Jesus said to Thomas, "Because you've seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are they that have not seen and yet believe."
 - Before Brother Copeland was born again, he had no willpower concerning smoking cigarettes.
 - He tried to quit many times and threw cigarettes out of his car.
 - But his willpower was so weak, he stopped and hunted through the weeds to find them.
 - Sometimes when he ran out of cigarettes, he rolled his own nasty cigarettes.
 - Brother Copeland went to a meeting in Houston at Hilton Sutton's church, and he didn't want anybody to know he smoked.
 - Three weeks later, he realized he hadn't had a cigarette and didn't want one anymore.
 - He was addicted to them until he got under The WORD.
 - The WORD separated him from the addiction.
- II. The LORD wanted Brother Copeland to be strong in God's will—to make God's will, his will.
 - When he enrolled at Oral Roberts University, he stepped into the perfect will of God for his life.
 - He learned how to walk in the kind of strength where his will, mind, emotions and spirit were connected together to serve God.



- Brother Copeland is a strong-willed man now, because he wills to be God's servant.
- Brother Copeland is a soldier in the army of The LORD and says, "I am Yours to command."

III. Renew your spiritual strength.

- There will be temptations, tests and trials, but you can know the result.
 - "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into different temptations, tests and trials...knowing" (James 1:2-4).
 - Knowing that the trying, the testing of your faith, works patience.
- God is not testing you. Your faith is being tried and tested.
 - God isn't testing you—the devil is. He's trying to take your spiritual strength away from you.
 - He's a thief. He comes to steal The WORD (John 10:10). Without the strength of God's WORD, the devil can kill your finances and anything you let him have.

IV. You have the keys to the kingdom of God.

- Whatever you bind or loose in earth is bound or loosed in heaven.
- Cast down imaginations that are against God (see 2 Corinthians 10:4-5).
- God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power (see Acts 10:38).
- The joy of The LORD is your strength (see Nehemiah 8:10). The devil has no defense against joy.
- If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God (see James 1:5).
 - Wisdom about the temptation and the trial. "Wisdom is the principal thing" (Proverbs 4:7). Wisdom is praying in the spirit.
- Brother Copeland is committed to Jesus. He says, "In the Name of Jesus, I *will* get my spirit in the best spiritual condition which it can be in. I *will* get my intellect and the soul part of me, my will, my mind, my emotions, in the strongest condition it can be."

MAKE IT PERSONAL

As you listen to the Holy Spirit within you, write what wisdom He is imparting to you.



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DAY 3 – KEY ELEMENTS THAT GOVERN STRENGTH

We need physical strength to be healthy. Your spiritual strength can increase and so can the joy of The LORD. Spiritual strength is necessary for an individual, a family, a church and a nation.

STUDY

- I. We need physical strength to be healthy.
 - The body has to be fed correctly. Don't just eat whatever you want.
 - You can renew your strength; run and not be weary (see Isaiah 40:28-31).
 - If you say something long enough, it will get down in your heart and it will control you.
 - You believe what you say out of your mouth.
 - Brother Copeland used to be overweight.
 - He had to go to work spiritually, mentally and physically to get down to his optimum weight.
 - At first, he said he didn't like to exercise.
 - He repented and changed his words. Now at 84 years old, he enjoys working out.
- II. Your spiritual strength can increase and so can the joy of The LORD (Nehemiah 8:10).
 - The testing of your faith produces endurance (see James 1:2-7, *AMPC*).
 - If you need wisdom, ask—don't doubt, waver or hesitate.
 - Ask and receive wisdom by faith.
 - Let the weak say, I am strong (Joel 3:10).
 - We shouldn't be calling things that are, the way they are.
 - Because you call things the way they are, they just stay the way they are.
 - Call things that be not as though they were (Romans 4:17).
- III. Spiritual strength is necessary for an individual, a family, a church and a nation.
 - Spiritual strength begins with personal strength: spirit, soul and body.



- As you get in the Word of Faith and strength begins to come, it grows from personal to family strength.
- The strength of the natural or spiritual family is in the strength of its elements: spirit, soul, body, God's WORD, faith, love, joy, peace, etc. (Galatians 5:22-23).
 - The strength of the church and family are needed to help take care of one another.
- Spiritual children get born again which makes the Church get stronger, and it begins to grow.
- The Church grows to the point of a national strength.

IV. The United States of America is the most unique nation ever in the history of the world.

- However, the USA is in trouble right now. It's sick and hurting. Too much of the family doesn't care. It has hit some bumps in the road.
 - It's up to us to keep overcoming, believing, standing, working and continue doing what it takes to lift up the Name of Jesus.
 - Then our nation will get stronger, and we will continue to overcome until we get to heaven.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

The elements that increase your spiritual strength are The WORD of God, the Name of Jesus and your words of faith.

Write your personal declaration of faith in an area of your life:



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DAY 4 – WHY WE PREACH THE WORD OF FAITH

Jesus is interested in teaching, preaching and talking about faith. Faith is not a movement; it is a lifestyle. Every believer has a voice, and it is the voice of victory.

STUDY IT

- I. Jesus is interested in teaching, preaching and talking about faith.
 - Faith is a spiritual force.
 - It is a basic fundamental.
 - Adam's faith was disconnected from God and spiritually connected to the devil.
 - Adam's faith became fear.
 - In the *KJV*, God says to Adam, "Where art thou?" But the Hebrew says, "Why are you where you are?" (Genesis 3:9).
 - Fear is faith in something dangerous.
 - Faith is the exact opposite of fear.
 - It's impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6).
- II. Faith is not a movement; it is a lifestyle.
 - You can't live the Christian life without faith, because the just live by faith (Hebrews 10:38).
 - During a recession in the '80s, The LORD told Brother Copeland, *Tell your Partners not to join in on the recession. It doesn't belong to them.*
- III. Every believer has a voice, and it is the voice of victory.
 - We fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12).
 - We are saved by grace through faith. It is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8).
 - We are the Victory Channel™.
 - Brother Copeland teaches faith and victory!



- The phrase “From the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle” came from Brother Copeland.
 - Years ago, he was meditating and speaking about all the places he wanted to preach the message of faith.
 - He drew a globe and put, “Jesus Is Lord” across the middle.
- Now, God has blessed Kenneth Copeland to be able to preach that Jesus is LORD from the top of the world, to the bottom, and all the way around the middle—and he’s still preaching!

MAKE IT PERSONAL

It’s so important to be an example of faith: what you believe and what you speak to reinforce your commitment to God’s WORD. Don’t hesitate to let others know of your strength by your words of faith that agree with God’s WORD.

When life is difficult—speak faith and hope.

When faced with physical problems—speak faith in God’s healing power.

When financial problems arise—speak faith in God’s promises to meet your needs.

When depression tries to overwhelm you—speak faith and joy!



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DAY 5 – THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

The LORD wants to use you to build His kingdom on the earth, and He is working with you when you use faith. Jesus built His Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. God has done something about your current situation. Partnership is so important to Brother Copeland.

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- I. The LORD wants to use you to build His kingdom on the earth, and He is working with you when you use faith.
 - Many times, in the book of Zechariah the phrase, “Thus saith The LORD of Hosts,” is used.
 - An angel was talking with Zechariah as the Jews were rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem. The angels were involved in the rebuilding (Zechariah 4:6).
 - Zerubbabel was the one who laid the foundation of the Temple, and he was the one who completed it (see Zechariah 4:9).
 - Every person has at least one angel with them at all times.
 - The angelic force is readily available to you in the financial realm as well (see Malachi 3).
- II. Jesus built His Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (see Matthew 16:18-19).
 - God gave you the keys of the Kingdom.
 - What you bind is bound, and what you loose is loosed.
 - Whatever you lock on earth is locked in heaven and whatever you unlock on earth is unlocked in heaven.
 - It's not by force, nor by strength but by My Spirit says The LORD of heaven's armies (see Zechariah 4:6, *YLT*).
 - Don't despise small beginnings (see Zechariah 4:9, *NLT*).
 - A lot of stuff has happened in 2020. There are people who have been wiped out financially.
 - Don't despise where you are in life—just don't stay there.



- III. God has done something about your current situation.
- Jesus gave you the keys of the Kingdom.
 - You have the divine authority to use the power tool of heaven—the Name of Jesus. The Name locks and unlocks. It is the key to the treasure house of heaven.
 - Your part is to actually *use* that key.
 - You overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony—the Word of Faith coming out of your mouth (Revelation 12:11).
 - Whatever you have today is the result of what you said yesterday.
 - Your words have everything to do with heavenly economics.
 - Don't get discouraged about starting over. Let this be your beginning, not the end.
 - Flatten the mountains before you (Zechariah 4:7; Mark 11:23). When the mountain of debt is flattened, start building again.
- IV. Partnership is so important to Brother Copeland.
- He has a USB drive with all his Partners' names on it, and he holds it when he prays for His Partners. He literally has his Partners in his hand!
 - Brother Copeland became a partner with Oral Roberts for \$10 a month.
 - He didn't have \$10, but he was given a pencil to fill out the partner envelope. He put that pencil in the envelope and signed up to be a partner.
 - Before he left the building, a lady gave him \$10. He retrieved the pencil and put the \$10 in the envelope.
 - It was a small beginning with just a pencil.
 - Brother Copeland and Gloria never turned back from that small beginning. They kept going forward, kept being obedient, kept being faithful. Now the ministry God has given them has grown and expanded all over the world.
 - The only thing that will mess up a small beginning is backing up. Keep going forward.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

It's God's will that you be strong in faith in your spirit, soul and body. As you study these lessons, rejoice that you are a winner. We want you to share your testimonies with us by [clicking here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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