

# JESUS CAN strengthen

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*“But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. 14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. 17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. 18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:10-19)*

## INTRODUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

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*“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings as eagles; They shall run, and not be weary; And they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)*

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Are Strengthened

*“I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.” (2 Corinthians 8:8)*

### A. They \_\_\_\_\_ for the Gospel

# JESUS CAN \_\_\_\_\_.

**Definition:** *care*—intense interest, a mental direction, that which one strives for or seeks

*“Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.” (2 Corinthians 8:4–5)*

## B. They \_\_\_\_\_ for the Gospel

### A GOOD TESTIMONY

*“And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles’ feet.” (Acts 4:36–37)*

### A GENEROUS INVOLVEMENT

*“She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.” (Mark 14:8)*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Are Strengthened

### A. Through Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

*“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (John 15:5)*

#### THE SUPPLY OF FAITH

*“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)*

*“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?” (Matthew 7:11)*

**Quote:** “One of the Old Testament names of God is El Shaddai, meaning ‘the All-Sufficient One.’”

## B. Through Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_

### THROUGH CHRIST

*“Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;”*  
(Colossians 1:11)

### WHICH STRENGTHENS

**Definition:** *strengtheneth*—to enable, to empower, make strong, endue with internal strength

*“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;”* (2 Corinthians 3:5)

**Quote:** “The future is as bright as the promises of God.”  
—Adoniram Judson

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Are Strengthened

### A. They Communicated in \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE MEANING

**Definition:** *communicate*—to come into communion or fellowship with, to associate or share with; especially to associate with one financially

*“Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.”* (Galatians 6:6)

**Quote:** “There are two ways in which a Christian may view his money—‘How much of my money shall I use for God?’ or ‘How much of God’s money shall I use for myself?’”

—W. Graham Scroggie

*“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”* (Hebrews 13:16)

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## THE METHOD

*“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

**Quote:** “Beware lest prosperity ruin generosity.”

## B. They Communicated in \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “Faith is not a pill you take, it is a muscle you use.”

—Unknown

## C. They Communicated for \_\_\_\_\_

### ETERNAL FRUIT

*“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:19–21)*

### PLEASING TO GOD

## CONCLUSION \_\_\_\_\_

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**Quote:** “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.”—**C.T. Studd**

