

Literally “made himself strong”

In 1 Samuel we find David in deep trouble. He and his men come home to find the city plundered and the men’s wives and families taken captive. David’s men are so angry they speak of stoning him. He has no one to help, no where to turn, he turns to God. The text says, “he encouraged himself in the Lord” or literally “made himself strong in the Lord”. He sought God and found a plan to get back all that was stolen and so he did.

How many times in situations far less severe than David’s **do we discourage ourselves in the Lord?** Negative, defeated emotions wash through us like waves of the sea and cause us to feel like quitting.

The choice is always ours. **We can encourage ourselves as easily as discourage.** Choose life, choose hope, and choose peace. God is in control. Remember everything facing you right now is a test, it is only a test. It’s not meant to destroy but to build you up higher in God!

Be a David, a person after God’s own heart! Make yourself strong in God! Really no one can do it but you. Sometimes God sends people by to give us an encouraging word, but really it is a temporary fix unless your heart is turned towards God in belief.

For 20 minutes you will feel better, but then those negative thoughts come right back. Know, that is your job to cast down those thoughts and plug into God’s thoughts!

Even today you have made yourself either stronger or weaker depending on how you have thought about your trials!
God help us to make ourselves strong!

Pastor Chambers

Scripture For The Week:

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.
Heb. 4:9-10

Missionette Silent Auction & Soup/Salad Luncheon

12 noon - Sun., March 27th

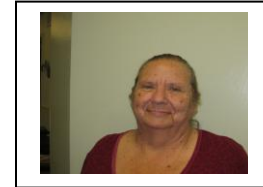
Adults - \$7.00 ea.

Children (12 & under) - \$3.00 ea.

All “new” items to bid on: gift cards, Precious Moments items, crocheted blanket, ladder, jewelry, Chaps wallet, spotlight radio, clothing, books, candles, a 2-night stay in a Big Bear cabin, etc.



Testimony Spotlight



Georgia Robinson

Several months ago I was prayed for healing of diabetes. I had suffered with it for 3 years and I was on medication from the doctor. Pastor called for the sick and specifically for people with diabetes and blood pressure problems. I was prayed for and claimed my healing and quit taking my medicine. Recently I was checked for diabetes and I am completely well. The nurse told the pharmacist, “we are not going to o.k. the medicine, she doesn’t have diabetes anymore!” Praise God it has now been several months and I am still healed!

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