



NEW STRENGTH

Nehemiah 6

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

-Ephesians 6:10-11

There is a real enemy and he never stops (vv. 1-7)

There is a bigger battle and the stakes are high (vv. 8-9)

There is a greater strength and it can be yours (vv. 9-15)

- Believe God is strong!
- Ask for His strength!
- Finish your race!
- Give up on trying to do God's job!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Meditate on some of the New Testament verses referenced today: 1 Peter 5:8-9, 2 Corinthians 11:14, Ephesians 6:10-20, Philippians 4:11-13
- Meditate on Psalm 18
- Read "We dare not ignore the devil" - www.desiringgod.org/articles/we-dare-not-ignore-the-devil
- Listen to "Stronger" by Hillsong: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfnrYav-QTc
- Watch the message "God's Strength" by Francis Chan - www.youtube.com/watch?v=59DdMUWhDo
- Ask God for strength and courage as you invite others to watch The Chosen with you!
- The Chosen Trailer: www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-AJdKty74M

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Think of some of the times in Scripture when God displays his great strength. Which time stands out the most in your mind right now? Why?
3. In what ways do you believe your enemy, the devil himself, is working to distract you, discourage you, or defeat you?
4. Since Satan "masquerades as an angel of light," how do we discern between his voice and God's voice?
5. Take some time to read Ephesians 6:10-20. What piece of the armor of God do you need to remember most in this season, and why?
6. What do we learn from Nehemiah about how to respond to false accusations? (see especially vv. 5-9) How does his response remind you of Jesus?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 together. How does Nehemiah exemplify what it looks like to live out these verses?
8. What specific opposition do you sense right now as you seek to obey the Lord's Word and leading in your life? How can you find strength in the Lord?
9. Share about a time in the past when the Lord strengthened you in a specific way? What did this look like?
10. Take some time to read some or all of Psalm 18. What stands out to you about the power of God and why?