
Witnessing To The Strong Man

Witnessing To The Culture

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Matthew 28:19 (AV)¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Previous Messages:

- **Overcoming the Sin of Silence** (Shame/Transform, Ignorance/Word, Fear/Anointing)
- **Going beyond the Zone** (“GO” Comfort/Home; Familiarity/Kin; Safety/Country)
- **The Impartation of God** (“TEACH” Will of God, Word of God, Spirit of God)
- **The Process of Baptism** (“BAPTIZE” Remission, Transformation, Regeneration)
- **Witnessing Life** (Formation of Life, Sanctification of Life, Ordination of Life)

Lesson Text

Mark 3:25–27 (AV)²⁵ **And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. ²⁷ No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.**

Three Supporting Passages:

1. Romans 15:1 (AV)¹ We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
2. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (AV)⁹ And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.
3. Proverbs 24: 16 (AV)¹⁶ For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

Introduction

Today in our series on Witnessing to the Culture, I want to talk about witnessing to men.

In the 2nd relationship book that Dr. Grace and I wrote, “The Relationship Battle Plan”, we wrote about the power of the family

- We talked about the Honorable Youth called to Glorify their Body, Soul, and Spirit
- We talked about the Virtuous Woman who is Powerful, Priceless, Prayerful, and Patient
- Finally, we talked about the Strong Man who is the Priest, Prophet, Provider, and Protector

Today as we minister to the Men, I want to revisit the topic of the Strong Man.

- As the Priest, he’s called to go to God on behalf of the family
- As the Prophet, he brings a word from God to the family
- As the Provider, he supports the family with the resources of God

But today I want to focus on the Strong Man as the Protector.

Our primary lesson text teaches us that the core, the foundation of our society, that family is defeated (its goods spoiled) when the Strong Man is bound.

Many women have become desperate living in survival mode because the strong man is bound.

Many children have become angry and filled with wrath because the strong man is bound.

I want to speak to three reason why the Strong man has become bound:

1. His Weaknesses or Perceived Disadvantages
2. His Infirmities or Apparent Disabilities
3. His Failures or Definite Disappointments

Now what our three supporting passages teach us is our responsibility to witness to him God's answer to his deliverance and liberty.

1. We are to witness that God's Strength overcomes their weakness.
2. We are to witness that God's Grace overcomes their infirmities.
3. And we are to witness that God's Power overcomes their failures.

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Witnessing to the Weaknesses, Infirmities, and Failures of the Strong Man

I. Witnessing to the Strong Man's Weaknesses (Disadvantages)

Romans 15:1–3 (AV)¹ We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

In order for a man to become the strong man, there must be a witness to his weaknesses.

Weaknesses represent our flaws, failings, limitations, difficulties, and disadvantages

They are the things that cause us to become weary, faint, quit, and give up.

Galatians 6:9 (AV)⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

We all have weaknesses, but the way the enemy defeats us through divide and conqueror

We Overcome our Weakness with the Power of Our Numbers

When one is weak, he gets strength from the one that's strong

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 (AV)⁹ Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. ¹⁰ For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up.

Ecclesiastes 4:¹² A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

2 Kings 6:¹⁶ ... Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

II. Witnessing to the Strong Man's Infirmities (Disabilities)

2 Corinthians 12: 9 (AV) ⁹ And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The second witness the strong man needs is a witness to his Infirmities

Our infirmities are our frailties, ailments, susceptibilities, and disabilities.

These infirmities can be hereditary, that is we inherited them; or they could be environmental, that is we were taught or conditioned with them.

Psalms 51:5 (AV)⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Paul struggled with his infirmities, and like most of us, wanted to get rid of them. But the more he prayed for relief and restoration from them, the more God said no!

It's not that God doesn't answer our prayers, it's just that sometimes he says "No"!

We Overcome our Infirmities with the Power of Our Grace

Why would God say no? Because he's already given us a solution for them; not to get rid of them, but to overcome them with Grace.

In the A-Clause of our lesson text, Jesus said His Grace was sufficient; that His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

Paul went on to say in the 10th verse, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

Ephesians 2:8-9 (AV)⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

God's Grace is so powerful, that we can defeat the enemy with one arm tied behind our back.

Philippians 4:¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.

Philippians 4:13 (AV)¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

III. Witnessing to the Strong Man's Failures (Disappointments)

Proverbs 24: 16 (AV) ¹⁶ For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

The enemy wants to bind the strong man and spoil his goods; but ...

- We Overcome our Weaknesses with the Power of our Numbers
- We Overcome our Infirmities with the Power of our Grace
- **Finally, We Overcome our Failures with the Power of Our God**

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When we fall, the enemy wants us to stay down.

Stay down in our weaknesses, stay down in our infirmities, stay down in our failures.

“I’ve fallen, and I can’t get up!” - But the Devil is a lie!

Micah 7:8 (AV)⁸ Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD *shall be* a light unto me.

The Just Man (the Strong Man) falls seven times, but he always gets back up again!

Psalms 27:1 (AV)¹ The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Luke 10:19 (AV)¹⁹ Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Isaiah 54:17 (AV)¹⁷ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn...

Romans 8:³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.