



TRUE STRENGTH

EMPOWERED BY KNOWING GOD SEES ALL
2 CORINTHIANS 12:19-21

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Because God Sees Everything You Should...

1. Remain _____ (v.19)

2 Cor. 12:19 Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you? It is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ, and all for your upbuilding, beloved.

20 For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder.

21 I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced. (ESV)

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2. Protect _____ (v.20)

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3. Quickly _____ (v.21)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Proverbs 15:3**. How would living with the knowledge that God perceives all things strengthen you—under criticism, in conflict, and against sin? What makes this truth easier to remember?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 4:3-5**. Paul clearly found comfort in knowing that God would ultimately judge his faithfulness. How can that truth encourage you in this season of your life?
3. Read **Galatians 5:14-15, 19-21**. Which of the “works of the flesh” are especially destructive to relationships? What biblical habits help us overcome those fleshly impulses and “keep in step” with God’s Spirit?
4. Read **Ephesians 4:30-32**. Some Christians say, “God only sees Jesus when he looks at me.” In what sense is that true, and how is that misleading? How would you explain the biblical relationship between justification and sanctification?
5. Read **Colossians 1:13-14**. Why does Christ’s securing of our complete forgiveness actually strengthen our resolve to live a holy life, rather than making obedience optional?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 24-30 – **Fueled by God’s Gracious Resources**
Msg. 22-11 – **Tenacious Endurance**
Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional About Biblical Fellowship**
Msg. 06-38 – **Acquiring Strength & Stamina from an Omnipotent God**
Msg. 13-30 – **Apostasy & Stumbling Saints**
Msg. 13-12 – **Curbing Your Appetites**
Msg. 16-22 – 16-24 – **Christian Friendship** (series)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

July 5th Job 31-32 & Ac.13:1-23
July 6th Job 33-24 & Ac.13:24-52
July 7th Job 35-37 & Ac.14
July 8th Job 38-39 & Ac.15:1-21
July 9th Job 40-42 & Ac.15:22-41
July 10th Ps.1-3 & Ac.16:1-15
July 11th Ps.4-6 & Ac.16:16-40
July 12th Ps.7-9 & Ac.17:1-15

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today’s sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today’s topic.

Holmes, Jonathan. **The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship**. Russell Sage Foundation, 2019.
Kistler, Don. **Trust and Obey: Obedience and the Christian**. Soli Deo Gloria Ministries, 1997.
Miller, C. John. **Repentance and the 20th Century Man**. Christian Literature Crusade, 1975.
Owen, John. **Overcoming Sin & Temptation**. Crossway Books, 2006.
Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.
Reed, Gerard. **C. S. Lewis Explores Vice and Virtue**. Beacon Hill Press, 2001.
Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints**. P&R Publishing, 2001.
Ryle, J. C. **Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties and Roots**. Charles Nolan Publishers, 2001.
_____. **Regeneration: What It Means and Why It’s Necessary**. Christian Focus, 2003.
Schreiner, Thomas R. **Run to Win the Prize: Perseverance in the New Testament**. Crossway, 2010.
Smith, William P. **How to Love Difficult People: Receiving and Sharing God’s Mercy**. New Growth Press, 2008.
Strauch, Alexander. **The Hospitality Commands: Building Loving Christian Community**. Lewis & Roth Publishers, 2016.
Wilkins, Steve. **Face to Face: Meditations on Friendship and Hospitality**. Canon Press, 2002.