

Strength in Weakness: Being Confirmed and Established

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

Main idea: To encourage believers to find strength in their weaknesses and to understand that they are confirmed and established by God.

Topic: Confirmed and Established

Scripture verses to support your point of strength in weakness and being confirmed and established:

1. Isaiah 40:29-31 - "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

2. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

3. Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Language suggestions from the original languages:

1. In 2 Corinthians 1:20, the Greek word for "confirmed" is "bebaióō," which means to make firm, establish, or confirm. You can emphasize the idea of being firmly established in God's promises and strength.

2. In 2 Corinthians 1:21, the Greek word for "anointed" is "chriō," which means to consecrate or set apart. You can highlight the significance of being set apart by God and empowered by His Spirit.

Other relevant passages:

1. Psalm 46:1-3 - "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." This passage emphasizes finding strength and refuge in God during challenging times.

2. Romans 8:31-39 - This passage speaks about the assurance of God's love and how nothing can separate us from His love. It can reinforce the idea of being confirmed and established in God's faithfulness.

Remember to weave these additional Scriptures into your sermon to further support your main points and provide a broader biblical context. Additionally, you can offer practical suggestions for your listeners, such as seeking God's strength through prayer, relying on His promises, and finding encouragement in the testimonies of others who have experienced strength in weakness.