

A Faith that's not for the Weak
Isaiah 53:12
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Thesis: I want to show how the Christian faith is not for the weak.

- Intro:
1. The Christian faith requires strength.
 2. Peter is an example of showing weakness (**Gal 2:11-12**).

I. Exhortations

1. **1 Thess 5:14** - Fainthearted – Sensitiveness to criticism, dread of persecution, a sense of failure to follow the will of the Lord, apprehensiveness concerning the future are among the causes that produce faintness of heart. Weak – Those without spiritual strength, the weak in faith and conscience who do not go forward. It is very conceivable that in a young church (like during the time of the apostles) that there were some who easily stumbled (**Rom 15:1**).
2. **2 Tim 4:2** - Exhort – Kindly encourage to greater fidelity those who are weak, disheartened, and ready to give up.
3. **Titus 2:6** - Exhort the young men to be sober minded - The tendency of youth is to lightheartedness that leads to sin. While the Christians aren't denied the enjoyment of life as a youth, it is still important that they are sober-minded, and act as a Christian. Because the true happiness here and hereafter is promoted by avoiding and overcoming sin.
4. **Hebrews 3:13** Exhort one another daily - The saints are to encourage exhort (encourage) one another every day, while there still is a today (of opportunity), so that sin does not "harden" their hearts.

II. We are weak.

A. **Psalm 103:14**

1. "frame" - imagination, mind, work (Strong's #H336); He knows our imaginations, our minds, our works; He remembers we are dust – that we are weak and struggle in this life.
2. Even though we have faults and troubles we are supposed to be strong.

B. **Matthew 26:41**

1. We must not allow our flesh to be weak, but stand up and stand with God

III. We can be stronger/ we must be stronger (**Isa 53:11-12**)

A. I will divide Him a portion with the great

1. Who will divide the portion? Christ
2. Who is the "great"?

B. He shall divide the spoil with the strong

1. What is the spoil that is to be divided?
2. Again, who and only who receive the spoil? The strong

C. Because He poured out His soul unto death

1. Why do the strong have hope?
2. Because of the life that was given for all mankind (**Jn 15:13**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. What about You? Are you one of the strong?
2. Full Invitation