

Strengthening Your Soul

Acts 14:21-28

Main Point:

Jesus works through your elders to strengthen your soul; therefore, receive their ministry with gratitude.

1. As a disciple of Jesus, your soul needs to be strengthened.

2. This is because you must continue in the faith to the end.

3. This is also because you will encounter many obstacles along the way.

4. One of the ways Jesus strengthens your soul is through the ministry of your elders.

Ephesians 3:16 ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, (NKJV)

Proverbs 4:23 ²³ Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life. (NKJV)

Matthew 12:34 ³⁴ ... out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. (NKJV)

Jeremiah 17:9 ⁹ "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? (NKJV)

Romans 7:18 ¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. (NKJV)

Mark 13:13 ¹³ "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. (NKJV)

Hebrews 3:12-14 ¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 ²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. ²⁵ And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it to* obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*. (NKJV)

Luke 9:22 ²² ... "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." (NKJV)

1 Peter 4:12-13 ¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 3:9-10 ⁹ For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? (NKJV)