

Symbols of Power

Scripture Reading — Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God. . . . — Ephesians 6:10-11

Symbols of worldly power exist all around us. National flags and other symbols on government buildings and vehicles announce the presence of high-ranking leaders and officials. Uniforms and armor worn by police and military officers denote authority and a chain of command. Company executives work in corner office suites. Even at school, the group you hang out with can suggest your positioning among other students. Yet these are merely outward symbols. They do not ultimately define the character, strength, or virtue of the individuals who use them.

Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, instructs believers to “be strong in the Lord.” Do not worry about acquiring symbols of worldly power. Instead, seek after the inner strength and characteristics that display God’s power in you. Only God’s power will defend you against the spiritual forces of evil seeking to separate you from the Lord. A life lived in step with the Holy Spirit, seeking truth and righteousness, leaving footprints of peace, and protected by faith and salvation through Jesus Christ, is fueled by God’s resurrection power. There is a mighty source of inner strength for all who call on the Lord.

We don’t know what today will bring. But whatever comes, we can have strength in the truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and Word of God.

Prayer

Lord, make our faith strong and fill us with humble confidence to live by your power. For Jesus’ sake, Amen.

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