**Rhema Church Bangkok Camp 2021**

**Strong in Him**

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**Part 1 Waiting on the Lord**

The Bible teaches that we can be strong in the Lord. To be strong in the Lord means that we do not depend on our strength, but we rely on the Lord’s power.

1 Thessalonians 3:8 *“8 For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.”* Use TNCV

“ตอนนี้เรามีชีวิตชีวาจริงๆ เพราะท่านยืนหยัดมั่นคงในองค์พระผู้เป็นเจ้า”

2 Corinthians 1:21

21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, TNCV

“พระเจ้านี่แหละทรงให้ทั้งเราและท่านยืนหยัดมั่นคงในพระคริสต์ พระองค์ได้ทรงเจิมเรา”

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The Word of God teaches the principle of *waiting on the Lord* and that waiting on the Lord is one way we become strong in Him. So let us look to the Bible and discover what it means to wait on the Lord and how we can wait on the Lord.

1. The biblical principle of waiting on the Lord
   1. Psalm 27:14
   2. Isaiah 40:31
2. What does waiting on the Lord mean?
   1. Definition of the word “wait” from the Complete Word Study Bible: “A verb meaning to wait for, to look for, to hope for. The root meaning is that of twisting or winding a strand of cord into a rope.”
3. Waiting on the Lord means to always look to Jesus – Hebrews 12:1-3
   1. What do you see when you’re your eyes are on people, circumstances, or yourself?
   2. What do you see when your eyes are on Jesus?
   3. How do we look unto Jesus?
      1. Keep your eyes on Jesus – Hebrews 12:2
      2. Peter took His eyes off of Jesus and was distracted by the circumstances – Matthew 14:22-31
      3. Paul and Silas did not look to their circumstances but looked to Jesus – Acts 16:25
   4. To keep your eyes on Jesus, we must lay aside every weight and sin - Hebrews 12:1
   5. Hebrews 12:3 says to consider Jesus means to look at Jesus.
   6. By keeping our focus on Jesus we will not allow the distractions or problems of this world to hinder or weaken us. We will strong in Him.
4. Waiting on the Lord means placing your hope in Jesus - Psalms 31:24
   1. To hope in the Lord means living life with a confident expectation that God will do something good for you.
   2. To hope in God, we must know God’s character and His will.
   3. Know His character – Psalms 147:11 *“The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.”*
   4. Know His will (Word) - Psalm 130:5 *“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope.*
   5. Abraham knew God’s character and His will – Romans 4:17-21
   6. Placing hope in God made Abraham strong in faith and will make us strong in faith.
5. Waiting on the Lord means binding yourself to Jesus
   1. Definition of the word “wait” from the Complete Word Study Bible: “The root meaning is that of twisting or winding a strand of cord into a rope.”
   2. Jesus chose to bind Himself with us – John 17:20-26
   3. Now, we must do our part to complete the process and bind ourselves to Jesus.
   4. Two ways we can bind ourselves to Christ

#1 By abiding in Christ and Christ abiding in you – John 15:1-8

#2 By abiding in the Word – John 15:7

* 1. When we bind ourselves to Jesus, we are biding ourselves to who Christ is, what Christ has, and what Christ did for us, which makes us strong in Him.

Conclusion: Waiting on the Lord, always looking to Jesus, placing your hope in Jesus, and binding yourself to Jesus makes you strong in Him and will affect how you respond to the challenges of life. To be strong in Him is a choice we all need to make to live the Christian life in His strength and not in our own.

Discussion Questions:

* + - 1. What is the threefold meaning of *waiting on the Lord*?
      2. How have you received strength from the Lord by looking to the Lord?
      3. What does *binding yourself to the Lord* mean, and how can you do it?