

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## ***With All Your Strength***

### *When, Where & How*

#### **Mark 12:30**

*“And you must **love the LORD your God** with **all** your heart, **all** your soul, **all** your mind, and **all** your strength.”*

Strength = **Abilities/Exercised** (application)

- Multifaceted & Interconnected
- “Contiguity”

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*We are complex, integrated beings*

*The command begins – “**Listen, Israel!**”*

- Does it apply to us as individuals?  
**Absolutely!**
- But not to the neglect of **As GOD’S People!**

*In both applications – **The SUM is greater** than the total of the parts!*

*When **each of the parts** give themselves **TO/FOR God...***

- As an **Act of Love**
- **For the greater good**

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*What are some of your strengths?*

- So – **Do we expect strength?**

*When is it most helpful?*

**When do we need it most?**

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#### **II 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.***

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*What are some of our weaknesses, yours and mine?*

**Some** come readily to mind... because they **plague us all too often**

- If you’re like me, you may detest them, rather than delight in them
- Although I haven’t had to face a strong one since Friday

**What’s a strong weakness?**

One we stumble over **before** we call on God

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**II Samuel 22:40**

"For You have armed me with strength for the battle"

**Psalm 119:28**

"My soul melts from heaviness;  
Strengthen me according to Your Word."

**Psalm 138:3**

"As soon as I pray, You answer me;  
You encourage me by giving me strength."

**Proverbs 10:29**

"The way of the LORD is strength for the upright"

**Ephesians 3:16**

"I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit."

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As always – **God gives us what He tells us we need**

From salvation on, it is for us to believe Him...

And come to Him, to receive from Him.

- First, as individuals redeemed by Christ Jesus
- Adding ours to His Body – The Church

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**Ephesians 4:11-16**

- When **all** of us, give **all** of who we are...
- **For** love of God, **in** His behalf, **as** He does.
- We cannot love God without loving **AS** He does (**John 13:34**)

- And He **demonstrates** His love. **Love lived can be seen.**

**Colossians 1:9-12**

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**One more source of strength**

**Exodus 17:12**

"Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. **So Aaron and Hur** found a stone for him to sit on. Then they **stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands**. So his hands held steady until sunset."

**John 11:44**

And **the dead man came out**, his hands and feet **bound in graveclothes**, his face wrapped in a headcloth. **Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"**

**We need to need each other!**

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All of this available strength... to do what?

**To represent Christ!**

**John 1:18, 20:21 & Acts 1:8**