

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I would like us to turn to a chapter that has perhaps been very familiar to you over the years, but a chapter I believe we should just look at in a new way today. It is **Ephesians chapter 6**. As we turn to this chapter, let us just ask the Lord to speak to our hearts by His Spirit.

10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him

Some of you are feeling pretty weak and you are feeling isolated. There is a reason why God would have us to assemble with others who love the Lord and love the Word of God. The Word of God is so important. It is the key and the center of any situation where you worship, so that you will **be strong**. You cannot read the Word without becoming strong. And you are brought closer in that intimate relationship with Himself. . . . **draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].**

I am reading from the Amplified version and I want to talk to you about **strength**. A lot of people say, “Oh, you know, I am not very strong and I cannot do this and I cannot do that,” but you seem to have strength to do other things, and we are working on a level of human strength. I am talking about a boundless strength, which comes from the Lord even when the body is under physical attack or even disabled or even bed-ridden or even overworked all the time. **The joy of the Lord is your strength.**

I want to talk to you about this intimate union with Him. You probably feel too small, too insignificant, to think this is possible, but, you see, from God's point of view, if you really love the Lord Jesus and you have received Him as your Saviour, He is seeing you as a total new creation in His Son. The reason it has to work that way is because He wants that intimate relationship; He wants you in His Son to be in such a union that you know His voice for then you are able to discern what He is saying. You know in your own heart -at any moment of the day, wherever you are, whether you are working, whether you are sleeping, whether you are going around the place and you are in another situation from what you had thought about - there is that union with Him. That means even, yes, as we sleep, our sub-conscious is given over to the Lord. Perhaps you suffer from terrible nightmares and you know terrible fear at night. The last thing you should do before you go to sleep is to talk to the Lord. He is your life. Talk to Him and ask for His covering. Ask that even in your sub-conscious, He will protect and He will deliver you from any demonic attack that could come as Satan loves to bring up from the past and to cause a spirit of fear. You see, our walk with the Lord is so awesome. It is likened to marriage in the Bible. People in a marriage might say, "Yes, there are so many hours of the day when I do not see my husband, but I am consciously aware of him." Yes, and so it is with Christ: this union - this awesome love God has for us; He loves you because you are in Christ. You know, one day when we come before an holy God, we would not stand a chance to get one little toe nail inside, unless it was through Christ Jesus, because it is in Christ Jesus, we are accepted and we are called *the beloved*. So, please understand that your inheritance is far greater than being some important person in this world. For some crazy reason, people always want to be somebody famous. That is a trick of Satan. You are famous in Heaven when you walk before the Lord in union with Christ.

Will you start to do this? Will you ask Him today that that marriage between you and Him might be so intimate that you are so conscious of Him, you run to do His bidding and you obey the Word of God. The Word of God is the way He is going to speak to you and you are going to know a relationship with Him. You are going to see not only the leading in the big things, but in the teeny things of the day, and so we rejoice in Christ! I want you to understand that that is when you are really strong. I have seen some of the most teeny little people come through dreadful times of being persecuted and of being more or less thrown near to death in happenings in the evil places of the world, but they have come forth. You look at these teeny little bodies and you think, “How did they survive?” I will tell you how they survived: it was not by the food they did not have; it was by union with Jesus Christ.

So, in the midst of the hardest hour, tell the Lord you want that union. You want to be so close to Him, not because of who you pretend to be, but because He is your life.

For His glory's sake, in Christ Jesus. Amen.