

Connected To God Part 34
Isaiah 51

The Title Of The Message: “Strengthening Your Faith”

The Key Word: Listen

The Thought: When times of strengthening are needed, we need to look back, look up, and look to the future.

The Breakdown:

Verses 1-6 Strength From The Past...

Verses 7-16 Strength From Above...

Verses 17-23 Strength From The Future...

Verses 1-6 Strengthened By The Past...

Isaiah 51:1-3

Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness...

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV) And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV) Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Look to Abraham your father...

Isaiah 51:4-6

Listen to Me, My people...

1 Peter 3:18 (NKJV) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit...

For law will proceed from Me...

Galatians 3:23 (NKJV) But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

1 Timothy 1:9–11

Verses 7-16 Strength From Above...

Isaiah 51:7-8

Listen to Me, you who know righteousness...

“You who follow after righteousness”

“You who know righteousness”

Romans 2:13–15

Do not fear...

Matthew 10:28 (NKJV) And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

1 John 4:18 (NKJV) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Isaiah 51:9-10

Awake, awake, put on strength...

“Rahab” = “Pride”

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV) And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

Isaiah 51:11-14

So the ransomed of the LORD shall return...

Who [are] you that you should be afraid...

Isaiah 51:15-16

But I [am] the LORD your God...

Verses 17-23 Strength From The Future...

Isaiah 51:17-20

Awake, awake! Stand up...

Isaiah 51:21-23

Therefore please hear this, you afflicted...

Application:

1. When we are weak in faith, we need to look back to what the Lord had done and the promises He kept.

2. When we are weak in faith, we need to look up to the Lord who covers us with the shadow of His hand.

3. When we are weak in faith, we need to remember our future, remembering that this is not our home.