STRENGTH

There are all kinds of strength. Physical strength is probably what we think about most. But there is emotional strength; mental strength; spiritual strength, and the list could go on.

The word “strong” is used more than 200 times in the scriptures. Early in scripture in the book of Exodus it says “the Lord with a strong hand brought us out of Egypt” several places in the book.

When King David was dying and turning over the kingdom to his son Solomon, he said, “I am about to go the way of all the earth. pBe strong, and show yourself a man.” (1 Kings 2:2)

Leadership in any field and especially in spiritual matters always require strength. Why do you think Paul instructed to “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.” (2 Tim. 4:2 emphasis mine) Contrary to what some might think it takes a great deal of strength and courage to show people where they are wrong and that they need to change to be saved.

The men who serve as elders also need to be strong. There are times when misbehaving members need to be disciplines as do misbehaving children. (2 Thess. 3:6) There are issues that arise sometimes that require all the strength and courage men in the eldership have to deal with the situation at hand.

“Be strong in the Lord.” (Eph. 6:10)