# We Must Be Strong

After discussing many subjects, Paul, in the first Corinthian epistle, summed up the letter in these words: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all that ye do be done in love" (1 Cor. 16:13-14).

If space permitted I would discuss all five of these great Christian duties. However, since space is so limited, I shall discuss only the statement, "quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13). The word "quit" as used by Paul means "to behave" as men.

We call attention to some of the components of strength. To be strong:

#### There must be depth.

The iceberg is steadied because the great mass of its bulk is beneath the surface. Likewise the life of a strong man must go deep. Underneath the surface lie the great principles that endure - truths and the things that make for good character and wholesome life.

#### There is steadiness.

The strong man is a steady man, when the storm is on, holds himself quietly at his post, keeping his courage and the courage of others. The weak person allows mere trifles to become magnified into mountains. A few strong men standing firmly for truth, not easily excited, with quiet confidence in God and their fellow man can accomplish great things.

### There is the acceptance of responsibility.

An empty life cannot fare well in a storm. We never know just how strong one's life is until it is loaded with a task that taxes it to the utmost. In a storm Jesus asked, "Why are ye fearful? have ye not yet faith?" (Mark 4:40). "And he said unto them, Where is your faith?" (Luke 8:25).

### There must be cooperation.

The strong man works well with others. It is not so much "I" and "they" as it is "me." Paul wrote, "For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's husbandry, God's building" (1 Cor. 3:9). Let us, then, as Christians build upon the eternal truth of God; let us hold to the hand of God through the vicissitudes of life; let us accept the responsibilities of life. Let us remember that we are not alone. The Hebrews' writer stated this great truth in these words: "Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?" (Heb. 13:5-6).

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#### Schedule of Services NEWSLETTER church of Christ July 10, 2016 Sunday AM Bible Class 9:45 AM Niagara Falls, NY 14304 Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM Mark Dailey, evangelist \* Sunday PM Worship 6:00 PM (716) 754-2752 lasallechurchofchrist.org Wednesday PM Bible Class 7:00 PM minister@lasallechurchofchrist.org

\* There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.



## We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a Visitor Card (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the Visitor Card in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please silence cell phones and any other noise making devices during worship.

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#### **<u>Prayer List</u>** In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.

*Let's Keep These Folks In Our Prayers:* Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Red & Goldie Crow, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Tony and Egla Grana, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Willow, Darlene Reed, Leo & Jeanne Johns, Butts & Edie Sumner, Rick & Fran Fees, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Bev McArthur, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Ron Cameron, and Jodie Kelly.

#### <u>Updates</u>

Leo Johns had a follow-up doctor appointment July 7.

Jeannie Johns fell last Sunday afternoon and spent time in the ER. There were no broken bones and she was sent home. Unfortunately she was still dealing with mobility and other health issues so Leo took her back to the hospital Wednesday morning. She is now back home under home care. The doctors ran lots of tests and couldn't find anything. She is still having mobility issues. Their daughter is here helping.

**Renee Kinney** continues to deal with cancer. Her brain cancer is still gone but the liver and bone cancer is back. She is off chemo for now and also all her meds except for one new med. In 6 weeks she will have a liver scan. They are checking for other forms of treatment.

**Diane Fritton**, a friend of Diane Mellott, has been diagnosed with a very aggressive type of breast cancer. It is difficult to treat but after surgery she will have chemo and radiation therapy.

Billy Stine, Sonny & Linda's son, had an MRI Friday because of a heart problem.

Wednesday Rahelich, George and Peggy Golias' granddaughter, is having stomach issues and is seeing a pediatric gastroenterologist but they can't find the source of the problem .

Anna Brink's sister Betty has a friend in Baltimore, MD named **Patty** that has breast cancer and she finished her last treatment June 18.

Doreen Woods, a co-worker of Glory Marten, need prayers for health problems she is having.

**Marc Morse**, Bruce Brink's co-worker's husband, is going through some health issues. He was at the Cleveland Clinic recently and is waiting to hear results.

Mike Kliss, a friend of Louella Hopkins, had colon cancer and is now cancer free.

Denise Garlitzs' daughter's mother-in-law **Betty Leistner** .... Her cancer has spread to her lungs. Chemo is not working. They are going to try radiation again. Prayers for her are needed and appreciated.

J. P., a good friend of Wayne Carter's youngest brother Ralph in VA had surgery Friday for a brain tumor the size of a baseball.

#### **<u>Upcoming Events</u>** (Lord willing) (see web site for extended list)

- Jul. 10 Today. Potluck (Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup & cleanup). All are welcome.
- Jul. 16 Men's Breakfast
- Jul. 17 Men's Business Meeting
- Jul. 22 Ladies Devotional at the building.
- Jul. 24-30 Camp Agape
- Jul. 31 Area-Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by Sardinia church of Christ (see posting on back board) No PM service at LaSalle.

Jul 31-Aug. 6 Mark and a group of teens are going to Potter Children's Home.

#### Welcome Nelsen Family

Tim will conduct the adult Bible class and also preach for us this morning.

Adult Class Topic:BoundariesSermon Topic Today:We Are All SpongesScripture Reading:Acts 8:24-28

Sun. PM - A study of the Gospels (Tonight I Cor. 5-8) Wed. PM Adult Class - The Book of Job Trays Today: Sharron Gantt



In 2016 we have been reading the New Testament and discussing questions each Sunday evening. In 2015 we read through the Psalms and spent time in prayer and discussion on Sunday evenings. If you remember we started our journey in 2014 reading through the entire Bible chronically and had discussions on Sunday evenings. Well, it is time for someone to start planning 2017 (Lord wills) and we are looking for someone to volunteer to be in charge of planning our Sunday evening services. The idea has been for us to spend time together in God's Word and then come together Sunday evenings to reflect on God's Word. See Mark if interested.

**Linda Stine** recently lost a ring and she believes she lost it in the upstairs bathroom. Please see Linda if you know anything about this.

#### **July Birthdays**

Sharron Gantt
Red Crow
Chris Highway
Tony Grana

25 Wilma Patterson28 Bill Flanagan31 Alexander Truesdell

#### **July Anniversaries**

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