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# STRONG LEADERS (T. ANDOSEH)

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## EXCERPTS FROM THE FIRST VISION PRAYER NIGHT OF 2019 2nd/3rd January 2019.

The burden on my heart for this night as we start the year is that our leaders will be strong. That the ministers will be strong. That the pastors will be strong.

Usually we make a little effort and we crumble in almost every domain. In evangelism people start going out and then they stop, they crumble. They lack tenacity, they lack strength.

In loving, they start loving someone and then somewhere along the line they give up.

In seeking God, they start seeking God, along the line they abandon. And that's the story of many people's life. They are weak. They start giving to God, then when needs multiply, they give up. Moments of intensity and then weaknesses. That's the story of many of the coworkers here in Koume.

The Apostle Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:1, ***You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.***

Proverbs 24:10, ***If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!***

Weakness is a sin because there is the possibility to be strong.

Paul told Timothy how to be strong. The grace of Jesus is enough. Connect to the grace that is in the Lord Jesus, tap into it so that you may carry on with work, with love, with life. Many are weak. They start, they crumble, they start, they crumble. They are strong like Samson in the outside; many are like Samson, they are strong in external things, many like Samson are only strong on the outside – they beat their wives, fight in the neighbourhood, make noise all around. .... They have been disconnected from God for long.

When you look at us here in the HQ, many are weak, running away from pressure because the little strength they came with is finished.

Where does strength come from? Strength does not come from a strong will, strength comes from the grace of God and those who are connected to that grace are strong.

Strength to resist temptation. Too many are weak. That's my burden starting with the leaders. We need strong men not Samson men who shout but lack sustainability, they cannot continue.

When Joshua became a leader, God told him that he should be strong.

The first commandment of leadership from God is that you should be strong and many are weak. When we start the year already many are weak, they want to rest. The first commandment of leadership is not ability or charisma because with charisma you will start but can you continue?

Be strong and be courageous that's the commandment that God gave Joshua. Many of you aspire to leadership, you aspire to a position, but will you continue?

Many start praying and stop.

Many start evangelism but after sometime, they stop.

The Garoua work has continued to grow because the brethren persevered and continued what they started.

If on the day of trouble your strength fails then you did not gather strength. There is grace in the Lord Jesus. Paul told Timothy, the power to continue comes from the grace of God, connect to it.

All discouragement is poor God-content, the result of not abiding in Christ.

There are many projects that have been abandoned; too many zealous people that have fizzle off. Many came to the HQ full of joy, but now, their smile has finished. Many have learnt how to survive the HQ without feeling the pressures. Many are weak, many of the young coworkers were zealous when they came until they got married and just one wife has knocked them out. Many make as if when they are weak they need rest – what have they done? They are not only looking at the productivity of their lives, they have become expert liars.

.... As a staff of ONAREF I put in 12 hours of serving God daily, when we were laid off and I became full time I only struggled to add 2 more hours to my service for God and when I went as a missionary to Nigeria after 15 years of being a missionary, I only added two hours.

- **LORD, GRANT THAT THE LEADERS OF HQ AND THE MINISTRY WILL BE STRONG MEN – SPIRITUALLY STRONG LIKE TIMOTHY.**

Many have starting inspiration but they don't have finishing capacity.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the joy of the Lord, just making God happy .... It is the joy of Jesus that makes people continue as if they are just starting, every year.

Many have old age, they have lost their joy. What joy makes many people do, others look for salary to do.

The joy of the Lord shall be your strength, do you still have the joy of the Lord?

Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Are you waiting on the Lord? Do you seek the Lord, are you seeking for what God would do?

It would take strong men to accomplish the goal, it would take strong men to accomplish the objectives of this year. It would take strong men to stay in purpose. It would take strong men to accomplish the goal. The problem of many people is not ignorance.

The grace of God is the permanent source for the Christian worker.

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***(Using the illustration of a phone whose battery strength has gone low)***

It doesn't mean that the phone is bad, a phone whose battery is dead just does not have the power to function. Go and charge well. A telephone can be excellent but without battery power, it cannot function well. We are going to need strong men to accomplish the Vision; to accomplish the vision of this year.

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***(Responding and correcting the prayer of a sister who prayed for time to go aside to seek God)***

It's not about extra time, the seeking of God is not something separated from your work for Him and it is not something for idlers.

A man's message should be interpreted by his life. ZTF who taught us to seek God was not an idle person. Nobody can be an activist in a continuous way without being connected to God.

Work and seeking God are not disconnected. If you are not busy doing something for God, what should God talk to you about?

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**Pray that you will connect with Jesus by:**

- **Faith**
- **Fixing your eyes on the things above**
- **By time spent with God.**
- **By keeping short accounts with God through the power to repent easily.**
- **By walking in a clear conscience.**

**Let us pray that God will give us strong men to accomplish the objectives of this year:**

The Convention and preparation for it;

Cameroon must get to 3 million.

It takes strong men to accomplish these objectives;

Over a hundred buildings must be raised in the HQ, it will take strong men to do these things.