

“Be strong” is found 31 times in the NASV. It is in the imperative mood. God commands us to *be strong*, but it doesn't mean to be strong by *our* own strength, it means to be strong in *His* strength.

I have not been afraid since this whole ordeal began, but it is certainly not because I am strong. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we have access to His power. When believers have His power, they are not afraid of anything.

Eph 6:10 - Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

He is for me, not against me, I am His child and He loves me so this will end with blessings for me and glory for Him. It is impossible for the Lord to let us down when we trust Him with our lives, when we cast our burdens on Him.

Psalm 55:22 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

Psalm 27:14 Wait for the LORD; Be strong, and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.

Those who wait on the Lord are spiritually strong, those who do not wait are spiritually weak.

Exodus 14:13-14 And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. 14) The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

The only thing the people needed to do was 1. Don't be afraid 2. Stand firm and 3. Be silent

1 Chron 22:13 ... Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be dismayed (discouraged, afraid, full of dread).

Deut 31:6 - “Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.”

Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

2 Samuel 10:12 “Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the Lord do what is good in His sight.”

2 Chron 32:7 “Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria nor because of all the horde that is with him; for the one with us is greater than the one with him.

Psalm 31:24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, All you who hope in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.