

THIRVE series
fall 2018
week 3 outline

Established/Strengthened in the Faith

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. **Col 2:6-7**

Established: Literally to be made stable or steady. This is **Strength**, to be stable and steady no matter what life throws at you.

I. The Source of Strength

- Where are we tempted to find our strength?
- Finding our strength in "the faith"
 - 2 Cor 1:21
 - Jesus in the wilderness (Matt 4:1-5)
 - Philippians 2:13

"We keep up our strength through a steady Diet of God's Word and the indwelling Spirit of Christ"

II. The Experience of Strength

- How do we long to experience Strength?
- Weakness as the true experience of Strength: 2 Cor 12:8-10
- Jesus' embrace of Weakness on the Cross
- What Does Gospel Weakness look like?

"We can only experience True Strength when we honestly embrace our True Weakness"

III. The Exercise of Strength

- How are we tempted to exercise our strength?
- Romans 15:1-3a
- Love as Gospel Exercise of Strength
- Jesus washes the Disciples Feet (John 13)
- How can we use our strength to build up our neighbors in love?

"We rightly exercise our strength when we give it away out of love for our neighbor"