



Title: Visionaries VIII – Taking your promised land
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Proverbs 31:25&26

Strength and honour *are* her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom and on her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

1. Strength – we need to find our strength in God

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: "Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land *which is* not inhabited.

"Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.

2. Rejoice in time to come – a life without fear

Fear is not of the Lord – God has not given us a spirit of fear (2 Tim 1:7)

3. Law of kindness

Hebrews 4:15&16

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, *yet* without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

How do we face our giants while we are entering deeper into our promised land?

1. God's promises

Exodus 14:13&14

Moses told the people, Fear not; stand still (firm, confident, undismayed) and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace and remain at rest.

2. True friends – surround yourself with trusted people, don't isolate yourself

Proverbs 18:24b - "...there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother. "

3. I am well able

Numbers 13:27,28,30

Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit. Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large;

Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."

4. God's perfect love

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

HOW? Faith in the perfect love of God destroys fear.

1 John 4:18 (NLT)

Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced His perfect love.