



I Have to be Strong

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Introduction:

- Spiritual Identity Theft
- Hurricane fizzle

**A _____ believed as truth
will affect you as if it were _____**

*When he [the devil] lies, it is consistent with his character;
for he is a liar and the father of lies.* **John 8:44b**

You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
John 8:32

My “Strong” Beliefs: I have to be...

- _____ strong
- _____ strong
- _____ strong
- _____ strong
- Other: _____

Today’s Truth about Lies:

1. _____ strength is _____

Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31

2. _____ strength is _____

Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on his mighty power.

Ephesians 6:10

What weakness do I need to embrace?

Next Steps:

- Re-read today’s Bible verses this week
- Tell someone I trust about my wrong beliefs and how they affect me as “true”
- I commit to embrace my weakness and allow God’s strength to help me overcome
- I reject the lie that I always have to be strong
- Commit to attend the next 3 weeks of *Identity Theft*