

# STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

## Revelation for Life Today, Part 3

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### Revelation 5:1-14

#### 1. God's strength is disguised as \_\_\_\_\_

*Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center before the throne...*  
Revelation 5:5-6

*Put your sword back in its place...Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?*  
Matthew 26:52-53

*He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*  
Isaiah 53:3

*For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength...God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.*  
1 Corinthians 1:25-29

#### 2. Jesus asks us to join Him in \_\_\_\_\_

*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*  
Matthew 11:29

*For Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps... When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but placed his hopes in God, the righteous Judge.*

1 Peter 2:21-23(GN)

*(God) "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.*  
2 Cor 12:9-10 NLT

#### 3. We join Him as \_\_\_\_\_

*...With your blood you purchased for God members of every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God...*  
Revelation 5:9-10

*... the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.*  
Revelation 5:8

#### 4. God weakness is part of a \_\_\_\_\_

*Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.*  
Revelation 5:1

*God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ... And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.*  
Ephesians 1:9-11(NLT)

*Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.*  
2 Thessalonians 2:8

\*All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted