# Developing Strength to Cure Weakness



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<sup>12</sup> Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

# Hebrew Writer Redirects from Weakness to Strength



How Was Their Strength Developed?

### **Stop Continual Immaturity**

- Grow with time as directed
  - -Hebrews 5:12 6:3 "Though by this time you ought to be..."
  - -1 Peter 2:2 Desire pure milk of the word to grow thereby

#### See Good in Persecution

- Strength found in suffering
  - -*Heb.* 5:7-9 Learned obedience by suffering & proven perfect
  - -2 Cor. 4:8-11 Persecution for Christ manifests life with Him

### Work through the Weariness

- Despite the difficulty, size or length of task, work through it to the end
  - -Hebrews 12:3-4 Example of Jesus should overcome weariness
    - > Hebrews 3:5-6
  - -Galatians 6:9 Not weary, but look to reaping in end (2 Cor. 4:1)

#### Cease Our Attraction to Evil

- This is often the reason we fail to put sin away in our lives
  - -Hebrews 12:14-16 Without holiness, no one will see the Lord
  - -Galatians 6:1 Need to convert if err from truth (James 5:19-20)

## When We Find Ourselves Getting Weak...



Get Busy in the Lord's Cause!

#### Healing Weakness in Hebrews

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- Cure: Help with cause & get busy in Lord's work