



Sermon Study Guide for November 12, 2023

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: In our walk of life, we face trials, we face tribulations, but the grace of our Lord is sufficient. Our Lord never lets us walk alone. He is our strength for life, and he takes care of us. And even after this life, He is the one with the words of eternal life!

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. When was a time that you felt alone? How did it you feel and how did it affect you?

2. When was a time that you felt weak? How did it feel and how did it affect you?

In the Word: Isaiah 41:8-10

3. Many times in scripture, the command and the promise that God gives in Isiah 41:10, are put together, when He promises them. "Do not fear. I am with you." What comfort does that command and promise give to you?

4. "I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." God gives us strength. Strength for today and strength for tomorrow. How does God strengthen you?

In the Word: 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

5. Paul had been tormented by this thorn in his flesh. We don't know exactly what it was. But in the weakness that Paul felt, God promises, His grace is sufficient. What does it mean that God's grace is sufficient, and how have you seen that working in your life?

6. **Read Philippians 4:12-13.** Paul is in prison. In verse 4 of this chapter, he writes, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again. Rejoice!” And here, Paul writes that he has learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. What is the source of his content? How can you make that the source of your contentment?

7. **Read John 6:63-69.** The words that Jesus speaks are full of the Spirit and life. Those are the words of eternal life that Peter proclaims. How do those words that Peter proclaims, and the words that we proclaim, give you comfort in the trials that you face.

Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)

8. Jesus has the words of eternal life. We have the words of Jesus readily available to us. Sharing the Gospel isn't simply sharing words, but sharing the life-saving, life-changing, and live-giving message of Christ. How does that encouragement allow you the strength and courage to share His Gospel message?

9. In one of the most misquoted scripture verses, Philippians 4:13, Paul gives us some great words of encouragement. These words are often used when people are facing a tough situation or struggles. Many see it, and say that God will give me strength no matter what. When God gives us His strength, He is giving us the strength to face trials and tribulations. How can the comfort and strength that God gives to us, help us to strengthen and encourage others when they are feeling lonely and weak?

Prayer: Thank God that He is always with you. Ask God that He would continue to give you His strength and comfort. Praise God that He is always with you, and will never leave you. Ask God to give you the courage and strength to share His Gospel message with all those around you.

Next Week: Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Yet He used His power and authority to humble Himself and suffer for our salvation. He came not to be served, but to serve. We also serve our neighbor as we live under the Servant King in His Kingdom.