Am I…I Am

April 3, 2016 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

**Am I Weak? I Am Strong**

1. The voices of doubt can be overwhelming.

*I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.* **2 Corinthians 12:7**

1. Our strength has limitations.

*Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.* **2 Corinthians 12:8**

1. God is stronger than you on your strongest day.

*My grace is sufficient for you. For my power is made perfect in weakness.* **2 Corinthians 12:8**

1. To understand rest you have to put God’s power to the test.

*Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.* **2 Corinthians 12:9**

Action

**Begin each morning with this prayer:**

*Lord,*

*I have doubts and struggles*

*You know them and care.*

*Remind me of my value and your care.*

*I will give that care to others. Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

Where are the voices of doubt loudest in your life?

Where is your strength limited?

How will you find a deeper sense of rest in God’s power?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Colossians 1:16**
* **Tuesday 1 Chronicles 29:11**
* **Wednesday Exodus 14:14**
* **Thursday Ephesians 1:19-21**
* **Friday Genesis 1:1-31**
* **Saturday 2 Peter 3:8-13**

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**Hebrews 4:12**

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April 10, 2016 Revelation 3:14-18

**Am I Poor? I Am Rich**

1. The hazards of a lukewarm spiritual journey.

*I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot!* **Revelation 3:15**

1. We are in a bad spot when we identify with self-reliance.

*You say I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.* **Revelation 3:17**

1. Your value is amplified when God refines you.

*I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so you may be rich…* **Revelation 3:18**

1. When we see with God’s eyes we se more clearly.

*…and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.*

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**Mediate on these questions:**

Where are you lukewarm in your spiritual journey?

How do you define you worth and wealth?

What do you think God wants you to see?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Isaiah 55:1**
* **Tuesday Matthew 13:44**
* **Wednesday Proverbs 8:19**
* **Thursday Zechariah 11:5**
* **Friday John 9:39-41**
* **Saturday Ephesians 1:18**

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April 17, 2016 Matthew 16:21-27

**Am I Dead? I Am Alive**

1. The fear of death keeps us from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. This shall never happen to you!”* **Matthew 16:22**

1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to following Jesus.

*“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”* **Matthew 16:24**

1. Make room for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to spring up in your life.

*For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.* **Matthew 16:25**

1. Live a life that gives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*…then he will reward each person according to what they have done.*

**Matthew 16:26**

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**Mediate on these questions:**

What do you fear the most in following Jesus?

What are some of the costs associated with following Jesus for you?

What do you need to clear out of your life in order to make way for growth?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Matthew 4:10**
* **Tuesday 2 Timothy 2:12-13**
* **Wednesday Matthew 10:38-39**
* **Thursday Psalm 49:7-8**
* **Friday 2 Corinthians 5:10**
* **Saturday 1 Corinthians 3:8**

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