

REVIEW:

STRONG LOVE

ROMANS 12:14-21

- 1. STRONG LOVE OVERCOMES EVIL WITH GOOD**
- 2. STRONG LOVE BLESSES THOSE WHO CURSE YOU**

MSG: STRONG LOVE PT. II

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12:16-19 NLT

SZN 1: REVIVAL THROUGH REPENTANCE

Romans 12:16-19 NLT

“Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord.”

1. WEAK LOVE INCREASES ARROGANCE, STRONG LOVE INCREASES HUMILITY

Romans 12:16 NLT

“Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all!

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NLT

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.”

2. WEAK LOVE WANTS REVENGE, STRONG LOVE LET’S THE LORD AVENGE

Romans 12:19 ESV

“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

GET REVENGE, THE RIGHT WAY!

LAY DOWN THE RIGHT TO GET THEM BACK,

LIFT UP THE RIGHT TO BLESS THEM BACK

Deuteronomy 32:35-36 NLT

“I will take revenge; I will pay them back. In due time their feet will slip. Their day of disaster will arrive, and their destiny will overtake them.’ “Indeed, the Lord will give justice to his people, and he will change his mind about his servants, when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free.”

TRUST IN GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

TRUST IN GOD'S JUSTICE

3. WEAK LOVE IS ACCIDENTAL, STRONG LOVE IS INTENTIONAL

Matthew 7:6 NLT

“Don't waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don't throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you.”

ORDER YOUR LOVE BY ORDERING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

- 1. FRIENDS- “what Family is supposed to be without the last name”**
- 2. ASSOCIATES- Common schedules, common interests**
- 3. ASSIGNMENTS- People we invest into**
- 4. ADVISORS- People who invest into us**

LOVE EVERYONE BY POSITIONING EVERYONE

4. WEAK LOVE REMOVES STANDARDS,

STRONG LOVE UPHOLDS STANDARDS

Romans 12:21 NLT

“Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.”

“All too often women believe it is a sign of commitment, an expression of love, to endure unkindness or cruelty, to forgive and forget. In actuality, when we love rightly we know that the healthy, loving response to cruelty and abuse is putting ourselves out of harm's way.”

-Bell Hooks

MY ACCEPTANCE OF YOU IS NOT

MY APPROVAL OF YOUR BEHAVIOR

Isaiah 52:1

“Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem...”