



❖ Be Strong in the Grace—

- be weak in entitlement, judging, deserving, attitudes, opinions
- strong in God’s undeserved love for you—*that is in Christ Jesus*.
- Strong in loving others with God’s undeserved love

❖ Long-game Christianity

- We’ve been strategic about outreach, we need to be strategic about long-reach.
- Note the four generations of discipleship. We have worked hard at being a multigenerational church.
- This is hard for a me-centered; now-centered; consumer-centered Christianity. “What’s in it for me, now?”
- Three things involved here:
 - Entrust-take the initiative to find and mentor.
 - Reliable-responsible: who are going to act on what you give them
 - Qualified (not the gift but the life) to teach others.

❖ Examples of Paul’s Advise to Timothy.

- Moses > Joshua; Elijah > Elisha; Paul > Timothy; and Jesus > Disciples.
- Cathedrals took on the average 250-300 yrs to build.
- Track relay races

❖ Thinking It Through

- What’s your succession plan?
- Find someone to follow and someone you can lead. What’s your passion to receive the handoff—the heart of Elisha.
- Parents have been working succession plans for thousands of years.