

# Strengthen what remains

## Read Rev 3: 1-6

The phrase “strengthen what remains” always reminds me of a tree that has been severely pruned. Whatever remains on that tree needs sunlight, water and good soil to bring forth fruit. All the unnecessary dead branches are now out of the way and life-giving water and nutrients can flow without obstruction to the branches that will bud into blossoms and fruit. This is to be compared to old ways of thinking and operating that are no longer relevant in the new normal we find ourselves in. What are some of the old ways of thinking and operating that have been pruned from you as an individual during the past 4 months?

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Why do you think God allowed for these specific things to be removed? Read **Heb 12:11 ; John 15:2-6**

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Studying the **Bible** with the help of Holy Spirit, **praying** and being permeated with the **anointing** of the Holy Spirit are three crucial aspects of “strengthening what remains”. Read through the following passages and make notes with the help of Holy Spirit regarding areas that need improving in your personal life – so that you can strengthen what remains.

Eph 5:26 ; Heb 4:12 ; 2 Tim 3:16-17 ; Psalm 119:105 ; James 1:22 (**Word**)

Eph 6:18-20 ; Col 4:2 ; Acts 2:42 ; 1 Thess 5:17 ; Luke 18:1 ; Matt 7: 7-8 ; Matt 6:5-8 ( **Prayer**)

1 John 2: 20 ; Luke 4 :18 ; James 5 :14 ; 2 Cor 1:21-22 ; Isa 10:27 ; Isa 49 :8-9 and Luke 4:18-19 (**Anointing**)

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Prayer:

*Thank you, Heavenly Father, for pruning us. We pray that You strengthen what remains in us. Flood us with Your Holy Spirit and feed us with Your eternal Word oh Lord. Anoint us afresh with the oil of gladness so that we can do Your will on the earth today. Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.*