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Series Title: Strength For the Battle
Key Scripture: Psalm 92:10, Psalm 22:21
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Date + Speaker: November 8, 2026 | Pastor Mark Scarr

The Big Picture
God is the source of our strength and salvation. Our ability to overcome battles comes from depending on God, who is our refuge, deliverer and defender.

Starter:
When you hear the word strength, what is the first thing that comes to mind?

Discussion:
1. Read Psalm 92:10 and Psalm 22:21, NIV. Since we know that the word “horn” signifies strength, compare these verses. What do they reveal about strength?
2. Compare 2 Samuel 22:2-3 and Luke 1:9, NIV. What phrase appears in both?
3. Read Ezekiel 9:1-4. Who are the characters in these verses?
4. According to 1 Kings 1:50 – 53, what was Adonijah’s response to his fear?
5. According to these Scriptures (1 Samuel 16:1 & 10-13, NIV; Isaiah 10:27, KJV; 1 Samuel 2:10, NIV; Psalm 132:17, KJV), what are some of the things the Anointing does?

Diving Deeper:

1. In 2 Samuel 22:2-3, David gives many different descriptors of God. Based on these verses, what are some ways God can show up for us?
2. How does taking Jesus as our horn of Salvation change our past, present and future?
3. What are some practical steps we can take to ensure that the Word of God is 'written in our spirit'?
4. Has there been a season when God's Word carried you through a difficult time? Was there a verse or passage that you held onto?
5. Pastor Mark compared Adonijah's holding onto the 'horns of the altar' to our need to hold on to Jesus through challenges. What does it mean to 'hold on to Jesus' when going through a difficult season?
6. What kind of strength does the horn of oil (anointing of the Holy Spirit) give?
7. Pastor Mark warns against fake or abusive use of the anointing. We are accountable to God for how we use His anointing. Read 1 Kings 22:11, NIV; Exodus 21:28-29, NIV. How might these apply to the current day?
8. If we have been wrong, an example for us is King David. Read Psalm 51. What do you notice from this Psalm that we can apply to our own prayers of repentance?
9. Pastor Mark identifies four horns of Strength for life's battles: the horn of Salvation (Jesus), the ink horn (God's Word), the horns of the altar (clinging to Jesus for safety) and the horn of oil (the power of the Holy Spirit). Is there one area in which you recognise a need for greater dependence on God?

Personal Reflection

Take a few minutes to ask the Lord for a fresh supply of His strength and consider one practical step you need to take to help you continue in His strength.