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Depend on the LORD and his strength; always go to him for help. I Chron. 16:11

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- Watch and see what God does.
- Now faith grows, and you find yourself not getting stronger but actually weaker and more dependent on God.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.<sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;<sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. Isa. 40:29-31

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