

# Zechariah 10:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

## Analysis

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**And I will strengthen them in the LORD** (וַיְגַבְרֵם בַּיהוָה)—gibar (make strong/mighty) **in Yahweh**, not in themselves. Strength is relational, derived from covenant union with God. This is the essence of biblical empowerment: dependence, not autonomy. **And they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD** (וַיֵּלְכוּ וַיֵּרְדוּ בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה)—halak (walk) represents entire lifestyle; **in his name** means under His authority, representing His character, empowered by His presence.

This is 'abiding in Christ' theology (John 15:4-5): fruitfulness flows from remaining connected to the source. To 'walk in God's name' is to live as His representatives, reflecting His glory, operating under His commission. Acts 3:6 demonstrates this: **"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk"**—apostolic ministry functioned through Christ's delegated authority. Every believer is called to this: strengthened in the Lord, walking in His name, as His ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20).

## Historical Context

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Zechariah's audience needed assurance that despite weakness, God would empower them for restoration work. Walking 'in His name' meant rebuilding temple and community as Yahweh's representatives. This same principle empowers the church—not self-generated strength, but divine enablement through union with Christ.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What's the difference between being 'strong' and being 'strengthened in the LORD'—where is the locus of power?
2. What does it mean practically to 'walk in His name' in your daily activities and relationships?
3. How does understanding strength as relational (derived from God) change your approach to ministry and challenges?

## Interlinear Text

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| וְגִבַּרְתִּים               | יְהוָה:         | וּבְשֵׁם י         | יִתְהַלְּכוּ כו                        |
| <b>And I will strengthen</b> | <b>the LORD</b> | <b>in his name</b> | <b>and they shall walk up and down</b> |
| H1396                        | H3068           | H8034              | H1980                                  |

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| נֶאֱמַר      | יְהוָה:         |
| <b>saith</b> | <b>the LORD</b> |
| H5002        | H3068           |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 41:10** (Parallel theme): Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

**Isaiah 2:5** (References Lord): O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

**Zechariah 10:6** (References Lord): And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have

mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.

**Micah 4:5** (References Lord): For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

**2 Timothy 2:1** (Parallel theme): Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 2:6** (References Lord): As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

**Colossians 3:17** (References Lord): And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

**Philippians 4:13** (Parallel theme): I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

**Isaiah 45:24** (References Lord): Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

**Genesis 24:40** (References Lord): And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: