Truly Great Will of God

3.5 Complete Strength

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

Proclaim: By the power of the Holy Spirit, I can do all things.

Truth: Be strong and courageous and do not be afraid. Those who depend fully on the Holy Spirit shall be able to do all things.

"Not by strength, not by might, but by the Spirit of the Lord" <u>The story of <The Crow And The Wild Grass></u>: Once upon a time, the crow landed on the ground and said to the wild grass: "I want to forget my past and have a change of heart, from this day onwards may I have you as my food?" The wild grass replied, "As long as you can persevere, I have no problem." The crow fed on the grass for a few days till he could take it no longer, and flew away.

Scripture Reference: Romans 7:15-19

- Lesson: (1) <u>To know my lack of goodness</u> *God's bond servant, Paul, knew that there was nothing good in himself. He said:* "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do...the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing." (Romans 7:15, 18-19)
 - (2) <u>To know my weaknesses</u> Paul also knew that he was weak and could not depend on himself to be a matured and victorious believer. In the book of Romans, he confessed that he had the desire but not the ability to meet God's standards. He realized that "I" needed to decrease while the Lord Jesus needed to increase in his life. (2 Corinthians 12:10)
 - (3) <u>To do all things by the Holy Spirit</u> God has stated in Joel 2:29: "I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh." Holy Spirit is moving mightily in different parts of the world. We believe that at this end time, God has a special calling for the youths and children. As a result, they can do things they could not do before. By God's love, Paul the Apostle became a great man who could "do all things". He preached the gospel to the multitudes, healed the sick and cared for others. He spread the truth to the entire Europe in his days. (Philippians 4:13)
 - (4) Not one-time filling of the Spirit Paul's life was full of God's Spirit. This is the secret to his complete strength. Paul encouraged the believers to pray always to be filled by the Holy Spirit, for this is not a one-time, but daily, receiving of complete strength to help others. (Ephesians 5:18)
- **Conclusion:** Those who believe in Jesus can have complete strength because when the Holy Spirit fills us, He will empower us to overcome problems, to care for others and to share the gospel. Let us pray to be filled with God's Spirit every day.

You Will Need:	A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS- Lesson Title and Memory verse; A jointed metal ring; an iron plier
OBJECT LESSON	Iron plier that adds power - Show how the metal ring cannot be opened with bare
SHOW & TELL	hands but can be done using the iron plier. 1. In the same way, many problems cannot be solved by our own efforts
PRAY	2. God can grant us all help & divine strength to overcome any problem.Confess our own weaknesses to God.Pray for supernatural strength today and every day to study/work well



