



Connecting With God For a Strong Finish

So we'll be Ready when the Time Comes

CHAPTER 8 Strength to Influence

Connecting with Christ activates a royal calling with a universal mandate. It transforms idle spectators into ardent ambassadors. Jesus strengthens us so we might put His love into action. He wraps everlasting love around us, so we might wrap it around those poised to receive it.

Einstein's Physics

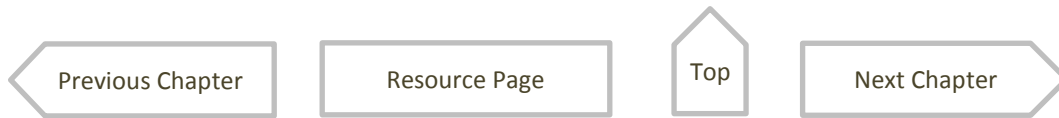
In 1905, a 27-year old patent clerk published the most famous equation in the world. $E=mc^2$ is so simple and profound that Einstein wondered “whether the Lord is laughing at it and has played a trick on me.”¹ According to Einstein's theory, energy and mass are different forms of the same thing. His equation asserts their equivalence; it surmises that mass, whether solid, liquid, or gas, may be converted into energy, and energy may be converted into mass. Stars, atomic bombs, and nuclear power plants generate energy based on principles from this equation.

Connecting with God for a strong finish correlates in principle with $E=mc^2$. Energy [E] corresponds to the mass [m] of us abiding together multiplied by the Light [c] of Christ. Jesus said, “***I am the Light of the world***”. He also said, “***You are the light of the world***”. Together, we become a ‘light-squared’ multiplying force.

¹ American Museum of Natural History, <http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/einstein/energy/e-mc2> (accessed 2-3-16)

Our [strength] to live, love, and influence corresponds to [us] [connecting with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]. Connecting with God energizes us to “*shine like stars in the universe*”.² Jesus multiplies our contribution (miniscule as it may be) to release stellar energy. With that energy we influence others.

Technically the word ‘energy’ refers to strength that can be transformed into action. The Light of Christ imparts massive amounts of energy; it enables us to “*bear much fruit*”.³



² Philippians 2:16 NIV

³ John 15:8