## **Strength for the Future** 8-20-2006

A word for our young people.

The future is coming sooner than you may think... so I'd like to give you some advice.

Attacks of all kinds will come against us

Temptation to Sin to compromise, to rebel, to be selfish, or even to "not make waves"

Ridicule & Rejection Jesus warns us that sometimes even those who are closest to us will disappoint or hurt us.

Hard Questions "If God is a loving God why does He.....? ?"

<u>Isaiah 55:8-9</u> (RSV) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. {9} For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Ezekiel 18:29** (RSV) Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

What will it take to stand strong in the Lord.

**Grace** "He gives grace to the humble"

**<u>Power</u>** "He gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask"

Faith "For without faith it is impossible to please God"