

July 2011 Theme: **"YOU ARE STRONG"**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**3 July 2011**

Title: **"BECAUSE YOU ARE STRONG, AND THE WORD OF GOD ABIDES IN YOU"**

Text: **1 John 2:12-14**

**(I) CELEBRATION OF STRENGTH**

*"Because you are strong" 1 John 2:14b*

- 1. Strength as a gift of God**
- 2. Strength as a major feature of life**
- 3. Strength as a great source of power in life**

**(II) CORE OF STRENGTH**

*"And the word of God abides in you..." 1 John 2:14c*

**1. To be found in the word of God**

- a) There is great power in the Word of God
- b) It is able to make a person strong
- c) This power comes from God Himself acting through His word

**2. Abides in you**

- a) The promise of Jesus concerning abiding
  - i) Abiding in Him (**John 15:5**)
  - ii) Abiding in His love (**John 15:9-10**)
  - iii) Abiding in His word (**John 15:7**)
- b) The potential power
  - i) The word of God abiding in young people (**1 John 2:14**)
  - ii) The strength that now fills the life (**1 John 2:14**)

### **(III) CONQUERING THE EVIL ONE**

*"And you have overcome the evil one" 1 John 2:14d*

**1. Power of the evil one is not to be underestimated**

**2. Power to overcome the evil one**

a) Contemplated

b) Celebrated

### **(IV) CHALLENGE TO FIND THAT STRENGTH**

**1. Desire to be an overcomer**

**2. Decision to let God's word abide in our heart**

**3. Determination to live in the strength of God**