

We try to be strong. I have spoken many times on how Christ can give you strength. We also try to be what Christ wants. As we come closer and closer to these goals, too many times we begin to think that we really are something that He would be proud of. We think, perhaps, that if Christ came just to visit the earth, he would come immediately to us, because we are so spiritual and strong. He would want to fellowship with us! And yet we have the picture all wrong! Christ came to the earth almost 2000 years ago, and we have it recorded that he went to those who were weak: publicans, sinners, even some who were lunatics! He said in Mt 9:12: 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.' He was so impressed with the man who in Mark 9:24 said, 'I believe, help my unbelief!' This was a man who honestly admitted his weakness. Those who thought that they were so strong and spiritual received his greatest condemnation. Read all of the 'Woe to's' in the 23rd chapter of Matthew. We must never feel that we are superior in spirituality to others, because like the publican and the Pharisee at prayer, God is really impressed with a person's sincere recognition of his complete dependence on Him. We must work hard to become strong, but never forget how weak we are by ourselves.