

The Adventures of Delbert and Lello

Chapter 29

“Be strong in the Lord.”

Letters about Strength – Ephesians 6:10-18

Granny B squinted to get a better view of Delbert and Lello. From where she sat on the porch, Granny B could see her two friends playing dress-up. She thought Delbert was wearing a pot on his head and Lello had a feed sack over her back.

Delbert and Lello turned to the mailbox. Granny B knew they were going to go wait for Posty to deliver the mail, she walked down the porch steps and along the path to the mailbox to join them. As Granny B drew closer to the mailbox she called out, “Hello, my little one!”

Delbert and Lello both jumped. They were so involved in playing dress-up, they were caught off guard by Granny B.

“Haw! I am Mighty Knight Delbert in search of my armor. My trusty friend, Lello, is helping me in my noble quest,” Delbert exclaimed.

“Baa! We found his helmet and are in search of his shield and sword,” Lello added.

Granny B smiled and looked around for a prop. Spying a fat stick, she walked over and picked it up. “Look, Mighty Knight Delbert, a sword!”

“Haw! Thank you, faithful Granny B. And look, Posty is on the way!” Delbert shouted.

Posty swooped down from the sky and landed right on Delbert’s helmet.

“You’ve got mail! I deliver without fail!” Posty squawked. Posty looked around and noticed Delbert’s costume. “What is this in my sight? Could it be a brave knight?”

"Baa. We're playing dress-up. Sir Delbert, may I open the royal decree," Lello explained as Posty handed her the letter.

Delbert looked confused. Granny B whispered to him that Lello was asking if she could read the letter. Delbert nodded and Lello opened the envelope.

**Dear Delbert and Lello,
I know how you both like to play dress up, so I think you'll like this letter from Paul. He tells us about an invisible armor we can wear and be strong in the Lord.
Love,
Uncle Donny**

"Haw! Uncle Donny knows us so well! I can't wait to read Paul's letter," Delbert said as Lello handed him the letter. He cleared his throat and read.

**Dear family of God in Ephesus,
Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on His mighty power. So put on all of God's armor. Wear on your feet what will prepare you to tell the good news of peace. Also, pick up the shield of faith. Put on the helmet of salvation. And take the sword of the Holy Spirit. The sword is God's Word. At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit!
Love,
Paul**

"Delbert, did Paul say God's armor?" Lello asked amazed.

Posty answered loud and clear, "With God's armor and His sword, we'll be strong in the Lord!"

Granny B agreed with Posty. She explained that by putting on the invisible armor of God, our hearts will be strong in the Lord. Granny B also had a Bible verse that would help them remember.

"Listen carefully. The Bible says, 'Be strong in the Lord.' Can you say that?" Granny B asked.

Delbert and Lello stood up and shouted, "Be strong in the Lord."

"Great job! We can all put on God's armor every day," Granny B added.

Delbert's eyes grew wide as an idea popped into his mind. He whispered to Lello and then exclaimed, "Mighty Knight Delbert is off on a new mission—to find out more about God's invisible armor. My trusty friend Lello will be by my side!"

Delbert and Lello linked arms. They bowed to Granny B and Posty. Before they walked away, Posty flapped and lifted up to the sky calling, "So long and goodbye. It's time to fly!"

Granny B told the two playmates that she would like a royal report of all they learned tomorrow. Then she turned and headed back to her rocking chair on the farmhouse porch.