

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Destroying Strongholds”

“Peace of Mind: Winning the Battle for Your Mind” – Pt. 4

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Joshua 5:13-6:24 and Selected

STRONGHOLD –

A consuming problem, belief, condition, or dark thought that is seen as overpowering and unchangeable.

Strongholds Can Be Destroyed...

I. When I humble myself before the one who holds victory in His hands!

“And he said, ‘No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to Him, ‘What does my lord say to his servant?’” Joshua 5:14

Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
Matthew 28:18

“And the LORD said to Joshua, ‘See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor.’” Joshua 6:2

II. When my dependence is upon God’s power and presence above all else!

“You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. And when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him.” Joshua 6:3-5

III. When I implement God's strategy for victory.

"So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, 'Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.'" Joshua 6:6

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds." 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

1. I will believe that deliverance is available through God!

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days." Hebrews 11:30

See Matthew 9:27-31 and Mark 9:14-24

2. I will discipline my mind and body for victory!

"But Joshua commanded the people, 'You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.'"

Joshua 6:10

See 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

3. I will be patient and allow God's plan to unfold!

"Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him."

Psalms 37:7

4. I will act by faith in full dependence upon the Lord!

"So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city."

Joshua 6:20

5. I will obediently finish the task and honor God when I experience victory!

"And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD." Joshua 6:24

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13