

MY PEOPLE LIVE FREE

Sermon Series : My People

Speaker : Bill Perkins

Date : February 18, 2018

Luke 4:17-19; John 8:31-36; 2 Cor 10:3-5;

Stronghold = *A fortified place where the members of a military group stay and can defend themselves against attack.*

Argument = *A discourse intended to persuade. A coherent series of statements leading from a premise to a conclusion."*

The premise of a stronghold's argument is always based on a lie.

John 8:44 - Satan is the father of lies

Strongholds enslave a person by preventing the truth of the knowledge of God from penetrating their heart and mind.

The Foundation of Strongholds:

- A. A lie we believe
- B. A lie we act on
- C. A commitment to keep it a secret—shame

Lie + Sin + Secret = A Stronghold

The Destruction of Strongholds:

1. **FORGIVE** (Eph 4:26-27; 1 Cor 10:19-20; Matt 6:9-12; 19:21-22)

A spiritual stronghold sets us up for a demonic attack and affliction. When we serve a lie, we serve an idol. Behind every idol is a demon.

Forgiveness is the hinge on which the door of freedom swings.

2. **REPENT** (John 5:14; Mark 6:12)

To repent is to have a change of mind and think differently. This change of mind results in a change of behavior

3. **REBUKE** (Matt 17:14-21, Mark 9: 14-29, Luke 9:37-43a)

Authority = The power to give orders or make decisions: the power or right to direct or control someone or something.

Mark 3:14-15; 6:12-14; Jas 4:7

4. **REPLACE** (Matt 12:43-45)

Every stronghold begins with a lie; Replace every LIE with TRUTH

QUESTIONS

1. If you ever experienced freedom from a stronghold, what catalyzed freedom? (Perhaps take time to share this testimony!)
2. In your experience/opinion, which step is most difficult: Forgive, Repent, Rebuke, or Replace? (Why is this?)
3. What lies continually surface in your life—what do you (or Satan!) speak over yourself? What truths in Scripture confront those lies? Why is it so hard to internalize these truths?