

SUNDAY NIGHT BREAKING

What are STRONGHOLDS

2 Corinthians 10:5 describes strongholds as "arguments and presumption set up against the knowledge of God"...they cut you off from the truth and from knowing God.

-Arguments: IMAGINATIONS, thoughts.

-Presumptions: a high, lifted up BARRIERS

-Knowledge: is an EXPERIENTIAL knowing, personal knowledge.

STRONGHOLD vs ADDICTION

The addiction and the mental illness are the BEHAVIOR/FRUIT.

The stronghold is the underlying mental FORTRESS of lies and engrained patterns that sustains the addiction and mental illness.

HOW STRONGHOLDS FORM:

When a lie is repeatedly BELIEVED, brick-by-brick, a stronghold is formed.

HOW TO DO WARFARE:

We CAST OUT the demonic and TEAR DOWN strongholds with truth.

Deliverance without DISCIPLESHIP will just lead to needing more DELIVERANCE.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 "We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock (an intentional demolishing, decisive removal) down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments."

Truth #1 “I AM CALLED HIGHER”

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Ephesians 2:10 “ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do good things He planned for us long ago.”

There’s a spiritual battle raging against our IDENTITY IN CHRIST.

Without Christ, we have no identity. We WANDER looking and wanting to be someone.

FURTHER SCRIPTURE: John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Matt 26:28, Eph 1:7, Psalm 103:12

Our sense of self-worth, purpose, and our values should always come from our

RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. Not from our accomplishments, other relationships and or status.

Jeremiah 1:5 and Isaiah 43:1

Knew: means having a PERSONAL knowledge, deep RELATIONSHIP awareness, COVENENTAL loving awareness.

WHAT DOES COMPLETE IDENTITY MEAN?

1. Totally NEW CREATION

2 Corinthians 5:17 “ if anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation. The old life is gone completely.

2. Our Identity is SECURE in Christ

Romans 8:11, 15-17 - we are no longer condemned. God does not see our past sin. His son took it on the cross.

3. We are ADOPTED as His Children

John 1:12 “ but as many who have received Him; they become the children of God.”

4. We are DECLARED Righteous

Romans 5:1 Justified by Faith (“just as if we never sinned”)

Stop asking... “Am I enough” and start living by..” I am enough because of Jesus.”

BIBLICAL DECLARATIONS

I am part of God's kingdom (Rev 1:6)

I am healed from sin (1 Peter 2:24)

I am no longer condemned (Romans 8:1-2)

I am not helpless (Phil 4:13)

I am overcoming (1 John 4:4)

I am persevering (Phil 3:15)

I am protected (John 10:28)

I am born again (1 Peter 1:23)

I am a new creation (2 Cor 5:17)

I am delivered (Colossians 1:13)

I am redeemed from the curse of the law (Gal 3:14)

I am qualified to share in his inheritance (Col 1:12)

I am victorious (1 Corinthians 15:57)