

SPIRITUAL WARFARE – PART V
“Destroying Strongholds & Finding Freedom”
2 Corinthians 10:1-6

We often erect a series of obstacles in our thought-life that don't serve us well. In fact, we may develop bad habits that we can't get free from. In the gospel ministry we demolish obstacles in our life so we can walk in freedom from the tyranny of Satan's lies. Paul had a mess at Corinth, but he saw it as spiritual warfare. In today's teaching we will learn how we can be freed from strongholds that prevent us from realizing all that God has for us.

1. SOLDIERS IN JESUS' ARMY WAGE WAR WITH _____,
vv.1-2

- A. Paul had 3 groups to address at Corinth
- B. Paul's appeal is based on the humility of Christ
- C. Paul's appeal is based on the gentleness of Christ, Mat 11:28-30
- D. Paul's opponents accused him of being timid, a coward and worldly

2. SOLDIERS IN JESUS' ARMY WAGE WAR WITH _____,
vv. 3-4a

- A. Soldiers must have weapons training - discipleship
- B. Soldiers must know their enemies weapons

3. SOLDIERS IN JESUS' ARMY MUST KNOW THEIR _____,
2 Cor 11

- A. We need to be discerning – a gift of the Spirit, 1 Cor 12:10
- B. We need to discern a different Jesus, 2 Cor 11:4
- C. We need to discern a different spirit(s)
- D. We need to discern a different gospel
- E. We need to discern Satan's workers, 2 Cor 11:13
- F. We need to recognize Satan's masquerade party, 2 C 11:14

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4. SOLDIERS IN JESUS' ARMY WAGE WAR WITH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES IN MIND, vv. 4b-6

- A. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: We want people to meet Jesus and experience _____ & freedom from Satan
- B. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: demolish strongholds. Definition: An _____ pattern of behavior that is _____ to God's word.
- C. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: demolish false arguments based on _____
- D. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: demolish prideful _____ to the knowledge of God
- E. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: take as _____ every thought in obedience to Christ
- F. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: _____ may be unavoidable
- G. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES REALIZED RESULTS IN: Being free to enjoy the _____ Jesus offers you.

ANSWERS: Compassion, Divine Weapons, Enemies Tactics, New Life, Entrenched, Contrary, Human Reasoning, Roadblocks, Prisoner, Confrontation, Abundant Life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the three groups at Corinth that Paul was addressing.
2. In what way(s) are spiritual disciplines like weapons and body armor in spiritual warfare?
3. What is the overall objective in spiritual warfare?
4. Why is it important to be discerning?
5. Discuss the enemies' tactics.
6. How does one demolish a stronghold in their life?

Welcome To Hillcrest Church

*Love, Acceptance &
Forgiveness*

***We demolish arguments and every
pretension that sets itself up against the
knowledge of God, and we take captive
every thought to make it obedient to Christ.***

2 Corinthians 11:5

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Bruce will be continuing his series titled “Spiritual Warfare” by teaching on how we can be free from bad habits and things that don’t serve us well.

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Bruce will conclude his series on spiritual warfare and transition to preparation for Easter Sunday.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

Join pastors Bruce and Tim at 7pm in zoomland for Bible study and prayer. The Bible study is based on the discussion questions in the bulletin from the previous week’s sermon.

WE NEED CANDY FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Bring some candy to church for the Easter egg hunt. We will be preparing the eggs after church on Psalm Sunday. Snacks will be served

WORK DAY – SPRING CLEANING MARCH 23 @ 9-12

Join us on Saturday for a Spring cleaning day. More details are forthcoming.

LIFE GROUPS THURSDAY EVENING

You are still welcome to attend a Life group. The format is:

- Dinner at 5:45
- Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 – 7:30

There are 2 groups to choose from:

Tim Brooks & Keith Hallsten will be going through selected passages in the gospel of John. Pastor Bruce & Paul Milton will be doing a teaching on practical aspects of loving relationships. Childcare is available. Last group meets March 21.

Consider continuing meeting and going through CPR – Caring, Praying, and Reaching out. Same format, just a different topic. Starting the following week, March 28.

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29 @ 6:30

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31

EAST INDIAN DINNER – APRIL 20 @ 5:30

This is our fund raising event for missions and the Kibaale School in Ughanda.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – APRIL 23-25

Will be held in Cameron Park at Foothills Alliance Church. Everyone is welcome to attend the open sessions. Details are forthcoming.

CPR+ TRAINING, SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 9AM – 4PM

Rick Mann will be offering a more intense training for all who wish to attend. CPR = Caring, Praying and Reaching Out. This is something that everyone can do because of its simplicity, yet it is highly effective.

Write this down on your calendar, lunch will be served. There will be a signup sheet at the SPOT so we know how much food to prepare. Childcare will be available.

NEIGHBORHOOD WALK

March 16 at 1pm. Meet at church and go out from there visiting our neighbors and inviting them to church.

A FAMILY IN OUR CHURCH NEEDS HELP WITH FURNITURE

If you have any kitchen, bedroom, living room furniture, utensils, etc. See Kathy Brooks about details