

# The Power of God's Word

## Part 5

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**Now when all the kings west of the Jordan heard about these things—the kings in the hill country, in the western foothills, and along the entire coast of the Mediterranean Sea as far as Lebanon (the Kings of the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites) they came together to war against Joshua and Israel.**



**Joshua 9:1-2**

# II Corinthians 10:3-6



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# Revelation 12:10-11a



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# Demolishing Strongholds with the Word



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**As believers,  
we are in a daily battle  
with the enemy for our souls.**



**Most of us as believers are in bondage in some area of our lives. We are dealing with strongholds. The Greek word for stronghold is “ochuros” and it means “a hard place.” It refers to a place on the battlefield that is an entrenchment or fortress.**



**Let me see if I can make it plain for  
you using the example of our fore  
parents, the people of Israel.**





# Joshua 9:1-2



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**All believers deal  
with strongholds.**



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**For freedom Christ  
has set us free.**

**Galatians 5:1**



**No one is as free as he or she can be.  
No one is as free as he or she wants  
to be and none of us is free as  
Christ died to make us.**

**Jack R. Taylor**



**Taylor goes on to define for us through a series of statements, what a stronghold is:**

**1. A stronghold is an area where darkness reigns.**



**A stronghold is:**

**2. A stronghold is a thought pattern alien to the Word of GOD.**



**A stronghold is:**

**3. A stronghold is anything in us strong enough to keep us from becoming like Christ in a given area of our life.**



**A stronghold is:**

**4. A stronghold is a command post from which the enemy works.**





**In your anger do not sin.  
Do not let the sun go down while  
you are still angry, and do not give  
the devil a foothold.**

**Ephesians 4:26-27**



**Someone said, if you let him ride,  
he will want to drive.**



# Discussion Question:

**Have you ever become angry with someone and rather than deal with it right away, you let it fester? What happened? Why didn't you deal with it, immediately?**



**A stronghold is:**

**5. A stronghold is a place where the enemy's thoughts seem more credible than God's.**



**“Did God really say,  
‘you must not eat from any  
tree in the garden’?”**

**Genesis 3:1**



# Genesis 2:16



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**A stronghold is:**

**6. A stronghold may be an arsenal of the enemy where his weapons are stored which he uses to torment and abuse the believer.**



# Ephesians 6:11,16



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**A stronghold is:**

**7. A stronghold is a system of logic that is a lie used to perpetuate the purposes of the enemy in our lives.**



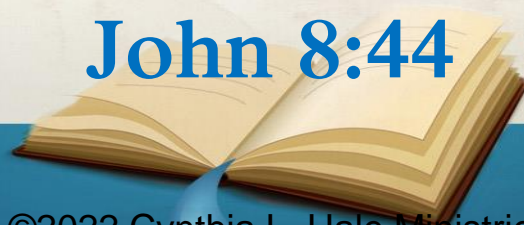
**When we believe a lie from the enemy and receive it, whether by passive consent or by positive confession, we give him the legal right to wrap that lie in a system of deceit that will make it look like the truth.**

**Jack R. Taylor**



**You belong to your father, the devil,  
and you want to carry out your father's desires.  
He was a murderer from the beginning,  
not holding to the truth, for there is no truth  
in him. When he lies, he speaks his native  
language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**

**John 8:44**



**The place where strongholds  
are developed is in our minds.**



**Strongholds are derived from three sources: Strongholds may be developed from our past experiences.**



**Strongholds may be derived  
from our environment.**



**Strongholds may be  
derived from a system  
of error within us.**



**It is not easy to detect  
strongholds because many of  
them have become a part of  
who we are, our personalities.**





# Discussion Question:

**Name a stronghold that you are dealing with. What is its origin? When did you first notice it? What is its effect on your life?**



# General Categories:

**Fixations, Compulsions, Obsessions,  
Addictions, Fears, Anxieties, Delusions,  
Undiagnosable Illnesses, Curses, Eating  
Disorders, Sleeping Disorders, Stress  
Related Disorders, Prejudice Systems...**



# Specific Problems:

**Greed, Anger, Pride, Bitterness, Jealousy, Lust,  
Perversions, Resentment, Spite, Laziness,  
Negativism, Accusative, Pessimism, Failure,  
Irresponsibility, Self-Consciousness,  
Vengefulness, Grief, Regret, Cold Love,  
Condemnation, Guilt, Lying, Confusion,  
Deviousness, Selfish Ambition, Suspicion...**

# Reflection:

**Name a stronghold that  
you are aware of.**



**It is not a shame to have  
a stronghold, it is a shame  
to keep one.**

**Jack R. Taylor**



**How does one demolish a  
stronghold in one's life?**



**If you want to know how  
to do anything in this life,  
go to the word of God?**



**If you hold to my teaching,  
you are really my disciples.  
Then you will know the truth and  
the truth will set you free.**

**John 8:31-32**





# II Corinthians 10:3-6



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**The written Word of God gives us  
legal grounds for the fight against  
the enemy and the strongholds he  
has helped to erect in our lives.**



**The Word on our lips sets us free.**



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# Revelations 12



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**The way they (the accused) triumph  
over him is by the blood of the lamb  
and by the word of their testimony.**

**Revelations 12:11**



**1. Though the blood, we have redemption –  
Ephesians 1:7**

**2. Though the blood, we are justified –  
Romans 5:9**

**3. Through the blood, we are sanctified –  
Hebrews 13:12**



**4. Through the blood, we are being cleansed –  
I John 1:7**

**5. Through the blood, we are healed –  
I Peter 2:24**



**We receive the light of  
the Word of God!**



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**I praise you because I am fearfully  
and wonderfully made; your works  
are wonderful; I know that full well.**

**Psalm 139:13-14**

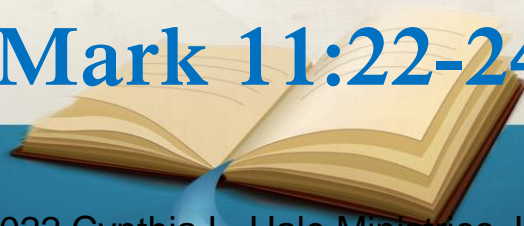


**We have to pray against  
the stronghold.**



**Have faith in God, Jesus answered. Truly I tell you. If anyone says to this mountain, “Go throw yourself into the sea” and does not doubt in his or her heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore, I tell you whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours.**

**Mark 11:22-24**



**We are to apply the truth  
of God's word to our lives.**



**We must speak it, declare the  
truth of God's word for your life!**



**Finally, you have to walk in  
your freedom every day.**



# Homework:

**Identify a stronghold in your life and find the scripture that addresses it and go through the steps that I just shared with you to demolish it.**

