

# DESTROYING STRONGHOLDS

January 3, 2021

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

I. Wage \_\_\_\_\_ war. — v. 1-3

Don't believe everything you \_\_\_\_\_.

*I am in a spiritual war that I cannot win* \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Destroy \_\_\_\_\_ of lies with truth. — v. 4-5

No one preaches to you \_\_\_\_\_.

What are some examples of strongholds (arguments and lofty opinions) of our minds that oppose God? What are some specific strongholds you tend to struggle with? Paul tells us to completely destroy these strongholds — not just manage them — through the truth of God's Word. How can you use God's Word to destroy the strongholds you struggle with? What are some specific scriptures you can use to take your thoughts captive to obey Christ?

## 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

I do what I do because I think what I think because I want what I want. It all starts with the sinful desires of our hearts. So before we can destroy the strongholds of our minds we have to let Jesus change our hearts. If you have not yet trusted in Christ for salvation what is stopping you? If you have what areas of your heart do you need to more fully submit to obey Jesus?



Rebellion ends when \_\_\_\_\_.

*I am in a spiritual war of the mind and I need the \_\_\_\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_.

III. Completely \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ. — v. 6

I do what I do because I think what I think because I want what I want.

*I am in a spiritual war that can only be won by \_\_\_\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**WHOEVER CONTROLS MY \_\_\_\_\_ CONTROLS  
MY LIFE. GIVE \_\_\_\_\_ CONTROL.**

**Stewardship Report:**

Last Week: \$4,344.00

This Month: \$0.00

Last Month: \$26,642.00

Monthly Budget: \$25,501.00



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### SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

#### 1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-6. What does Paul mean by walking in the flesh, but not waging war according to the flesh? How does this impact our fight against sin and spiritual warfare? What does the Bible say about our minds? (See also: Deut. 28:20, Job 17:3-4, Ecc. 2:21-23, Lev. 5:4, Is. 32:4, 2 Kings 6:11, 1 Tim. 6:5, Rom. 8:7, 2 Cor. 3:14, 4:4, 2 Tim. 3:8)

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What are the weapons of divine power that Paul speaks of? What do the “strongholds” represent and how do you know this? How can we take our thoughts captive to obey Christ?

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#### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What is Paul’s view of humans and our minds? Why does he not want to wage war with human weapons? Pastor Micah warned us not to believe everything we think. Why? How has your mind deceived you in the past – specifically in relation to sin and God?

