

TAKING THOUGHTS CAPTIVE



# WINNING THE WAR YOU CANNOT SEE

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# THE CHRISTIAN LIFE ASSUMES CONFLICT



FOR ALTHOUGH WE LIVE IN THE FLESH, WE DO NOT WAGE WAR  
ACCORDING TO THE FLESH,

SINCE THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT OF THE FLESH,  
BUT ARE POWERFUL THROUGH GOD FOR THE DEMOLITION OF  
STRONGHOLDS.

WE DEMOLISH ARGUMENTS AND EVERY PROUD THING THAT IS  
RAISED UP AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND WE TAKE  
EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE TO OBEY CHRIST.”



## FIGHTING THE WRONG WAY

FOR THOUGH WE WALK IN THE FLESH,  
WE DO NOT WAR ACCORDING TO THE FLESH.



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## FIGHTING THE WRONG WAY

**YOU'RE FIGHTING THE RIGHT BATTLE THE WRONG WAY**

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## WEAPONS THAT ACTUALLY WORK

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FOR THE DEMOLITION OF STRONGHOLDS.



## WEAPONS THAT ACTUALLY WORK

**CARNAL: HUMAN STRENGTH, MANIPULATION, PRIDE**  
**SPIRITUAL: GOD-POWERED, GOD-DIRECTED, GOD-SUSTAINED**



## UNDERSTANDING STRONGHOLDS

...FOR PULLING DOWN STRONGHOLDS,



## UNDERSTANDING STRONGHOLDS

**A STRONGHOLD IS:  
A FORTIFIED WAY OF THINKING THAT RESISTS GOD'S TRUTH**



## UNDERSTANDING STRONGHOLDS

**MOVEMENT OF STRONGHOLDS:**

**MIND → HEART → MOUTH → LIFE**



## TAKING THOUGHTS CAPTIVE

CASTING DOWN ARGUMENTS AND EVERY HIGH THING  
THAT EXALTS ITSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD,  
BRINGING EVERY THOUGHT INTO CAPTIVITY  
TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST.



## TAKING THOUGHTS CAPTIVE

**SPIRITUAL VICTORY REQUIRES INTENTIONAL ENGAGEMENT**



## TAKING THOUGHTS CAPTIVE

**THE DANGER ISN'T THE THOUGHT,  
IT'S LETTING IT INSIDE UNEXAMINED.**



## TAKING THOUGHTS CAPTIVE

**TAKING THOUGHTS CAPTIVE MEANS YOU DON'T NEGOTIATE,  
YOU CONFRONT.**



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# HOW DO WE ENGAGE IN THE BATTLE



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## **1. IDENTIFY THE STRONGHOLD**



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- WHAT THOUGHT KEEPS RETURNING?
- WHAT LIE SHAPES MY REACTIONS?
- WHAT BELIEF DO I PROTECT EVEN WHEN SCRIPTURE CONFRONTS IT?



# **HOW DO WE ENGAGE IN THE BATTLE**

## **2. CONFRONT IT WITH TRUTH**



## HOW DO WE ENGAGE IN THE BATTLE

### 2. CONFRONT IT WITH TRUTH

- TRUTH REPLACES LIES.
- LIGHT EXPELS DARKNESS.
- THE WORD MUST BECOME YOUR REFLEX, NOT YOUR REFERENCE.



# HOW DO WE ENGAGE IN THE BATTLE

## 3. SUBMIT IT DAILY



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### 3. SUBMIT IT DAILY

- **NOT:**
  - “GOD, BLESS WHAT I’M HOLDING ONTO.”
- **BUT:**
  - “GOD, I RELEASE WHAT YOU ALREADY DEFEATED.”



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