

MESSAGE: Victory in Spiritual Warfare

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

DATE: May 16, 2010 (a.m.)

SPEAKER: Pastor Dean Haun

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I. WE ARE IN AN UNSEEN _____ (vs. 3, 5b)

Look at the words Paul uses in these verses...

“war”..”weapons”..”warfare”..”strongholds”

This is the language of the battlefield!

(Ephesians 6:12)

...Where is the battle being fought and either won or lost every day?

**The battleground is our _____ /
_____!**

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**1. _____ thinking (vs. 5)
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**2. _____ thinking (vs. 5)
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**1. Unbiblical thinking (vs. 5)
“arguments”... “every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.”**

(Genesis 3:1-6)

**2. Unyielded thinking (vs. 5)
“thoughts”**

II. WE ARE DEALING WITH AN UNRELENTING
_____ (vs. 4)

- 1) On an _____ level (personal)
- 2) On a _____ level
- 3) On a _____ level
- 4) On a _____ level
- 5) On a _____ level

How does Satan establish a stronghold in your life?
(5 steps)

- 1) You allow ungodliness to _____ your life
- 2) You allow that ungodliness to _____ in your life
- 3) You _____ that ungodliness by repeatedly acting it out . . . continual sin!
- 4) Satan then establishes a _____ center in your life
- 5) His ultimate purpose is to _____ you... cripple you... and _____ you

(James 1:13—15)

What are the most common areas Satan targets?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

III. WE CAN BE VICTORIOUS THROUGH GOD'S
_____ (vs. 4-5)

1. We must _____ our _____ with the Word of God
2. We must _____ Satanic _____ with the truth of God's Word

(Romans 8:17; 1 Timothy 1:7; Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 5:5; Job 24:15)
3. We must _____ in the _____ fully armed

Sin will always take you _____ that you want to go. It will keep you _____ than you want to stay. It will cost you _____ than you want to pay.

II. WE ARE DEALING WITH AN UNRELENTING
ENEMY (vs. 4)

- 1) On an individual level (personal)
- 2) On a family level
- 3) On a church level
- 4) On a national level
- 5) On a worldwide level

How does Satan establish a stronghold in your life?
(5 steps)

- 1) You allow ungodliness to enter your life
- 2) You allow that ungodliness to remain in your life
- 3) You feed that ungodliness by repeatedly acting it out . . . continual sin!
- 4) Satan then establishes a command center in your life
- 5) His ultimate purpose is to control you... cripple you... and crush you

(James 1:13—15)

What are the most common areas Satan targets?

- 1) Self
- 2) Success
- 3) Silver
- 4) Sex

III. WE CAN BE VICTORIOUS THROUGH GOD'S
POWER (vs. 4-5)

1. We must saturate our minds with the Word of God
2. We must substitute Satanic thoughts with the truth of God's Word

(Romans 8:17; 1 Timothy 1:7; Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 5:5; Job 24:15)
3. We must stand in the battle fully armed

Sin will always take you further that you want to go. It will keep you longer than you want to stay. It will cost you more than you want to pay.