

6. The Journey Into Containment

a) Knowledge Of The Truth

- Genesis 2:16-17, NIV – (16) *And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; (17) but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."*

b) Questioning The Truth

- Genesis 3:1, NIV – (1) *Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, You must not eat from any tree in the garden ""*

c) Distorting The Truth

- Genesis 3:2-3, NIV – (2) *The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, (3) but God did say, You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."*

d) Denying The Truth

- Genesis 3:4, NIV – (4) *"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. (5) "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

e) Embracing The Lie

- Genesis 3:6, NIV – (6) *When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it*

f) The Consequence Of Embracing The Lie

RESPONSE

- Commit to the real battle, and choose to demolish strongholds

NEXT WEEK – HOW TO DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS

BREAK OUT – FORTH – IN - THROUGH!

Part 3 – Understanding The War That Must Be Won

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REVIEW

1. The Four Step Process For Freedom From Containment
2. The Power Of Focus
3. The Tool Of A Righteous Cause
4. Commitment To Change

UNDERSTAND THE WAR

- 2 Samuel 5:17-20, NIV – (17) *When the Philistines [lit. = mourners] heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold. (18) Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim [lit. = discouragement, failure, helplessness]; (9) so David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The LORD answered him, "Go [up], for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you." (20) So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, "As waters break out [lit. = break out, burst forth, increase, become prosperous] the LORD has broken out against my enemies before me." So that place was called Baal Perazim [Lord of breakthroughs and breakouts].*

1. Understand The Danger Of Our Present Condition

- 1 John 1:8, NIV – (8) *If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
- Sin – (Greek = hamartia = a missing of the mark) - archery term
- Truth – (Greek = ale_the_s = to not escape notice, to not be hidden, to be exposed as reality)
- Deceiving – (Greek = planao_ = to cause to wander, to be misled or led astray, to be deceived)

2. Discover Where The Battle Is Fought

- Romans 7:22-23, NIV – (22) *For in my inner being I delight in God's law; (23) but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.*

3. Understand The Nature Of The Battle

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, NIV – (3) *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. (4) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. (5) 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.*
- Stronghold (Greek = ochuro_ma = a stronghold or fortress)
- Strongholds consist of arguments and pretensions that are against the knowledge of God
- Arguments (Greek = logismos = thoughts or reasonings or speculations)
- Pretensions (Greek = hupso_ma = that which is lifted up, raised up or exalted above)
- Knowledge of God (Greek = gno_sis theos = the knowledge or knowing of God, ie. what God knows is true)

4. Understand The Key To Winning The Battle

- 2 Corinthians 10:5, NIV – (5) *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.*
- Demolish (Greek = kathaireo_ = to choose to take down, to pull down, to come against)
- Thoughts that are like each other, will attract each other, combine with each other, and form systems or structures of thoughts
- Eg. one brick verses a group of bricks

5. Why Do Most People Not Fight The Battle For Their Mind?

- a) We Don't Realize Our Thoughts Are Erroneous – We Are Already Deceived
 - i. Deceived By Erroneous Teaching
 - ii. Deceived By Damaging Words
 - iii. Deceived By Painful Experiences
- Ephesians 4:17-18, NIV – (17) *So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. (18) They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening [blindness] of their hearts.*
- Futile (Greek = mataiote_s = vain, empty, futile, to no purpose, without purpose)
- Darkened (Greek = skotoo_ = to darken)
- Ignorant (Greek = agnoia = ignorant, lacking knowledge or correct perception)
- Hardening (Greek = po_ro_sis = callous covering, stoniness, hardness, blindness)
- b) We Know Our Thoughts Are Wrong – But We Enjoy Our Thoughts!
 - Hosea 4:6-7, NIV – (6) *My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. “Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children (7) and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality, for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.*
 - Rejected (Greek = maas = cast off, despised, refused, disdained, abhorred, rejected)
 - i. Ministry Rejected – vs. 6
 - ii. Children (Inheritance) Ignored – vs. 6
 - iii. Wayward Living – vs. 7
- c) We feel too overwhelmed by our circumstances
 - Hebrews 3:13, NIV – (13) *But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.*