

# Power Encounter

Overcoming Cultural Strongholds

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For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 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.

– 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

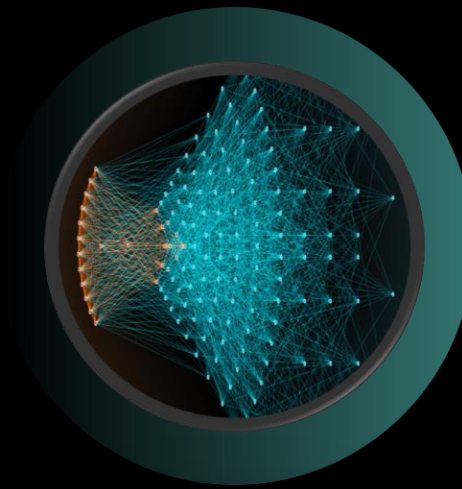
– Ephesians 6:12

# Strongholds: **Types**



## **Spiritual** In the Atmosphere

mental or emotional space controlled by our spiritual enemy.  
A public idea, social belief, or cultural practice that opposes God.



## **Personal** Internal

Need identification, repentance, Cleansing and life change



## **Cultural** In the government and fabric of culture

Entrenched in the Government, Education Arts, and Institutions of culture  
Need the Wisdom and Power of God to Overcome.

Spiritual, Personal and Cultural Strongholds are overcome through different approaches

# Confronting Strongholds

## Encounters

### **Josiah: Truth Encounter**

Every reform confronted national and cultural Strongholds.

### **Paul: Confronting Strongholds**

In Christ, culture doesn't matter.  
In communicating Christ, culture matters a great deal.

### **Paul: Opening Doors**

By Power Encounters  
By Faith Encounters  
By Truth encounter

Each Encounter involves Binding and Loosing

## Confronting Strongholds: Truth Encounter

The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water;  
He turns it wherever He wishes. – Proverbs 21:1

In the 8th year of his reign, when he was 16 years old, he “began to seek the God of his ancestor David” - 2 Chronicles 34:3

During the cleansing (of all idolatrous images) and repairing of the temple in Jerusalem, the high priest, Hilkiah, found “the Book of the Law.” The court secretary then took the scroll to King Josiah and read it to him - 2 Kings 22:8-10;. 2 Chronicles 34:14-18

## Confronting Strongholds: Truth Encounter

- **Removal** of any priests who had served at the pagan shrines.
- **Destruction** of the altar of Topheth, which was used for child sacrifices
- **Destruction** of the horse statues & Chariots dedicated to the sun god.
- **Destruction** of the altars King Solomon had built to Ashtoreth, Chemosh, and Molech.
- **Destruction** of the sacred pillars and Asherah poles, desecrated those places by scattering human bones over them.
- **Destruction** of the Jeroboam Altar at Bethel and burned the dead priest's bones on it.
- **Instituted** the Passover again

# Confronting Spiritual and Cultural Strongholds: Paul

In Christ, culture doesn't matter.

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. - **Galatians 3:26-28**

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. - **Galatians 3:29**

## Confronting Spiritual and Cultural Strongholds: Paul

In communicating Christ, culture matters a great deal.

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23



# Confronting Spiritual and Cultural Strongholds: Paul

## Four Confrontations:

Acts 14:8–12, Paul and Barnabas, first missionary journey, find themselves identified as the gods Zeus and Hermes.

Acts 16:16–18, Philippi in Macedonia encounters the young slave girl possessed by a “spirit of divination,”

Acts 17:18–31 Paul’s at the Areopagus in the city of Athens. . Paul encounters Epicurean and Stoic philosophers,

Acts 19:11– 20 - The seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish ruling priest, try to cast out a strong evil spirit

# Encounters Open Doors

## The Terms



### **Power Encounter**

A visible demonstration of God's Power that advances God's kingdom on the earth.



### **Truth Encounter**

A clear declaration of the gospel of Jesus Christ either preceding or following a power encounter



### **Faith Encounter**

Supernatural faith is given by God to confront the apathy, cynicism, and skepticism of our modern world.

My prayers: Our Prayers. Binding and loosing

# Why Power Matters

..no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.

This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD. -  
Isaiah 54:17

Why Power Matters:  
We need Signs and Wonders

We are in a war  
The Enemy has power  
The Task is great  
Power ministry works!

# Power Encounters: The Old Testament

Moses Challenges the Gods of Egypt - Exodus 7-13

"and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord" - Exodus 12:12

Elijah Challenges the Prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel - Kings 18:21

And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." - Kings 18:21

# Power Encounters: **Ministry of Jesus**

Filled with the Demonstration of Power

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## The Purpose of His Ministry

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# Power Encounters: The Book of Acts

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# Jesus Mission: Our Mission

Jesus Came to...

...destroy the works of the devil.- 1 John 3:8

...to seek and to save the lost." - Luke 19:10

Our Mission is to...

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." - John 20:21



# You Will Receive Power

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” – Acts 1:8