

# Demolishing Strongholds Video Series

God's Way to Spiritual Freedom

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## Introduction

*"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"*



Freedom In Jesus Series

*(Part 2)*

## Introduction to Freedom In Jesus, Part 2: Demolishing Strongholds

Hi! I'm Mike Dowgiewicz and this is my wife, Sue. We want to welcome you to Part 2 of our series, **Freedom In Jesus**.

Our workbook, *Demolishing Strongholds*, has helped thousands experience the freedom our Lord promises His followers in His Word. This is going to be a very different and special experience for many of you. We're going to deal with the world of the unseen that's taking place all around us.

In Part 1 of our **Freedom In Jesus** Series entitled, "Certain Of What You Do NOT See", we lay the biblical foundation for the invisible world of the Holy Spirit, angels, and demons.

In segments to come, we'll be expanding on what we presented in Part 1. We want to emphasize right now: Your freedom and victory, OR your bondage and defeat, are won or lost in the spiritual war that rages in the unseen realm.

Our understanding of the biblical reality of spiritual warfare has grown significantly in the past few decades. Standing firm against the unseen demonic forces has always been part of our Lord's plan for those who follow Him. Our call to faithfulness in this spiritual battle is a proclamation that resounds in the heavenlies!

"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 3:10).

For centuries few wanted to address the issue of demonic oppression in the lives of believers. Or, they made it such a ritual that only specialists in exorcism could get involved. Yet the first authority Jesus gave His followers when He sent them out was to "drive out demons."

This crucial responsibility to evict demons that were hindering people from walking in obedient trust in Jesus, was given to both His disciples and to all who followed Jesus after them.

"And these signs will accompany those who do trust: in My name they will drive out demons..." (Mark 16:17).

We share these important points because the issue of spiritual warfare and demonic strongholds may be an entirely new spiritual arena for you. As we continue on in *Demolishing Strongholds* we'll take you through the biblical basis regarding the authority you have in Jesus. And, you'll have the opportunity to demolish any demonic forces that may be oppressing YOU.

You'll come to a deeper understanding of how powerful the precious Name of Jesus is, and the AUTHORITY that His Name represents. You'll be joining the disciples who declared, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

We'll be following the sequence of our workbook, *Demolishing Strongholds*. You can purchase a copy of it, or download it for free from our website: **Restorationministries.org**

Having a copy of this material will be helpful as you go through the *Demolishing Strongholds* video series with us. It's vital that you read through work-

book for YOURSELF as you follow along with each video segment. In the video we'll be expanding on what you've read.

And, be sure you take time to read "The Purpose of Restoration Ministries" in the front of the book. What we'll be sharing as we discuss demolishing strongholds is interconnected with the message of restoration our Father gave us in Israel several years ago.

As we go through each video segment, be absolutely confident that a spiritual war IS being fought over your soul, that is, your mind, will and emotions. Have no doubt that you, as a follower of Jesus, CAN be influenced or oppressed by demonic forces. This reality should strengthen your resolve to rid yourself of these unclean spirits, and also intensify your determination to hold on to the freedom Jesus gives you by the authority of His Name.

As you go through each segment, your prayerful reliance on the Holy Spirit will affirm the biblical basis for what you hear. His confirmation is far more critical than just our words. We want you to be like the Bereans whom Paul commended for discerning the Scriptural foundations for his teaching.

"Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

We want to encourage you to pause the video as often as you need to. We aren't just trying to add to your knowledge about spiritual matters. We want this material to be LIFE-CHANGING for you.

You're embarking on a pilgrimage that will result in whether the Holy Spirit or Satan's unclean spirits control or influence your mind, will and emotions. Your earnest determination is critical.

If you've already read any of our materials or watched our video series, **Jesus in Your Home**, then you're familiar with the relational priorities of the earliest Church. This diagram illustrates the relational priorities that made the earliest followers of Jesus so intimate and spiritually powerful. You'll find it on Roman numeral II of our book *Demolishing Strongholds*.

Your relationship with our Father and His Son, Jesus, is always your foremost priority. Next are the relationships in your home, your extended spiritual family that gathers in homes, and so forth. Intimacy with God and with others, as well as spiritual power, are experienced and developed in the inner three relational spheres.

We just want to emphasize at this point that your main purpose for casting down demonic strongholds is because they're relationship destroyers. Our heavenly Father yearns for relational intimacy with each of His children. And He desires that we experience loving intimacy in our homes and with our fellowship family in homes.

Satan will do anything to destroy these relationships. Just look at how he deceived Adam and Eve so they were kicked out of the Garden of Eden. He tempted them to exchange their glorious intimacy with our Father for a lie.

As we go through the segments that fol-

low, keep this in mind. Satan ESPECIALLY tries to disrupt or destroy your three central relational priorities: Your relationship with our Father and His Son, Jesus; your relationship within your marriage and family; and the relationships within the extended spiritual family of your home fellowship.

From time-to-time you'll see the word "**Explore**" pop up on your screen, followed by a reference to material that will help you. If you're watching this downloaded from our website, you can find these references alongside the video. Just click on the "**Jesus In Your Home**" button, find the "**Freedom In Jesus**" button, and go to the "**Explore**" file that's related to the segment your watching. You can download the material for free and print it out for further study.

If you're watching this video series on a DVD, the **Explore** files are on the accompanying CD. Insert the CD in your computer and print the **Explore** references.

We're sure you'll be blessed as you follow along with us in the segments to come. Let's commit our time together in prayer.