

# Demolishing Strongholds Video Series

God's Way to Spiritual Freedom

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## Chapter 5, After You've Demolished The Strongholds (Part 7)

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



Freedom In Jesus Series

*(Part 2)*

## After You've Demolished The Strongholds (Part 7)

### Live Free To Serve God and Help Others Find Freedom

Our next step builds off all the previous ones. You need to live free so that you may serve God and help OTHERS find freedom.

This is a noble purpose! As you serve others as Jesus' representative, you'll be helping YOURSELF to stay free.

Purposing to live as our Lord's servant draws you closer to Him, and that closeness keeps you humble.

(**Explore:** Newsletter 2002/05 "Does the Lord See You Determined For Him?")

You need to know that you can't be PASSIVE about your faith and be available to serve our Lord's purposes. The freedom you've received in Jesus is so precious that you need to help OTHERS find it.

In Part 3 of our *Freedom In Jesus* series, we'll explore even more how you can be fruitful in bringing others to freedom.

In this final segment of *Demolishing Strongholds*, we want to share with you some initial points you need to consider and incorporate into your own faith pilgrimage. If you've been set free by Jesus, it's for a purpose. And, it's NOT for personal gratification. We're warned,

"Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God" (1 Peter 2:16).

"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13).

You've been set free to serve our Father's purposes with the compassion and power the Holy Spirit provides!

Our Lord summarizes His purpose for your freedom in 2 Corinthians 1:3-5:

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows."

Don't lose sight of this: As you serve others through your freedom, it will be more difficult for demonic forces to ensnare you again.

### Helping Your Family and Relatives

Even now you can make copies of pages 36 to 65 which you filled in. Share YOUR results with your family and relatives. Your relatives who HAVEN'T demolished their strongholds are still controlled and influenced by what held you a prisoner. And, most likely they'll have a lot of the same strongholds you had.

Your stronghold-controlled family members are probably not familiar with generational strongholds. But YOU are! By showing them what you filled in for yourself, you're offering them insight into the demonic forces that have hurt and hindered THEIR lives.

(**Explore:** High Places study guide, Ch. 20 “Return to the Valley”)

Whether they desire to be free is up to them. But, by revealing these demonic forces that have plagued your family for generations, you’ve done a wonderful and loving thing for them.

### **Walk In the Power of Your Anointing**

Now that you’re free, you’ll be increasingly transformed by the Holy Spirit as you’re hearing and responding only to HIS voice!

Keep asking Him to show you ways you can serve others as Jesus would do if He were you. If you don’t already know the special gifting the Holy Spirit has given you, you need to know this. He’s anointed Mike and me with prophecy, and faith and exhortation. And this is how the Holy Spirit uses us to help others.

How does the Holy Spirit use YOU for Kingdom purposes? If you don’t know, we suggest you read our book, *God’s Instruments For War*.

(**Explore:** God’s Instruments For War: Discovering and Coordinating Spiritual Gifts As Weapons of Warfare)

It’s important that you learn to let the Holy Spirit use you with the anointing He’s given you.

By knowing the specific spiritual empowerments that you and those close to you in the faith have been given by the Holy Spirit, you can truly serve the interests of Jesus together.

This book will help you discern your spiritual empowerments.

Our Lord wants you to be aware of how He intends to use you, so that you can cooperate with others in His Body to serve His purposes. As the apostle Peter exhorts,

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10).

(**Explore:** Newsletter 2000/11 “Clusters of Grapes for God’s Glory”)

Empowered followers of Jesus who serve God’s purposes TOGETHER walk in a spiritual power that gets noticed by unbelievers!

This spiritual cooperation is a sign of the most intimate fellowship with others you can have. It’s our Lord’s power put into action, just as ligaments join bones together so the body can function as a unit!

### **Take Back Surrendered Ground**

As a last step, we encourage you to continue to take back the ground in your soul that you’ve surrendered to strongholds in the past. Those areas of your soul in which the spirits once existed need to be filled in with righteous responses.

Remember what Jesus warned could happen after the demons leave:

“[The demon says], ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first...” (Matthew 12:44,45).

Jesus the Messiah is the personification of God's character — His wisdom, understanding, and counsel. As such, He desires His people to KNOW Him intimately and to experience Him COMPLETELY.

His love, His truth, and the fruit of that love and truth in your life are glorious! But Jesus also yearns for you to appropriate His CHARACTER.

Through His grace, you can reclaim the previously surrendered ground of your soul.

Now that you're free, your soul needs to become filled with the truth and love that our Lord has wanted you to have all along! As you continue through Chapter 5 in the workbook, you'll find listed some spiritual truths to fill in the ruts of your old, stronghold-influenced way of life.

Appropriate these promises! And, make them a part of your mind, will and emotions.

That way, demons won't have an opportunity to gain a foothold in your thought life.

**Conclusion to Demolishing Strongholds**  
If you hunger to REMAIN free in your mind, will and emotions, you'll have to diligently FIGHT for that freedom.

When your soul was imprisoned by strongholds, you didn't have to fight, because you weren't experiencing the freedom Jesus intended for you.

Now that you ARE free, we encourage you to review any part of the workbook that you need. In particular, ensure that these nine steps we've shared become a WAY OF LIFE for you.

They're God's pattern for you to live free for His purposes!

Throughout this video we've cited different materials we've produced that can be found on our website or are on the CD that accompanies the DVD set.

Please, earnestly pursue these truths that made the earliest followers of Jesus so relationally intimate and spiritually powerful. Incorporate them into your own life.

We leave you with the blessing that Paul gives the followers of Jesus:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

Thank you for being with us. We're grateful to have had this opportunity to share these truths with you. May you continue to live free!