

School of Jubilee

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Holding our Place in Christ in Warfare

We hold ourselves in the Kingdom of God (see **Rom. 14:17**) which is: Righteousness, Peace, and Joy, in the Holy Spirit.

- We start from the inside of Christ which is our center of everything
- Peace and joy is our strongest defense in all circumstances of life that come to war against our soul
- Righteousness is the position we have been given in Christ

John 14:15-17 – Jesus spoke to His disciples, on His way to Gethsemane – He was giving them promise, clarity, talking about the Holy Spirit and abiding in Him and His words abiding in them. At the day of Resurrection and Ascension, it would become a KNOWING that He is in the Father and we are in Christ and He is in us. He was centering the Gospel message in Himself to His disciples.

Jesus makes 2 promises of Peace and Joy:

Peace

Getting inside: **John 14:27** *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid*

- *God wants to take us into the place of Kingdom protection, how we are to walk in-Christ in the midst of warfare that tries to displace us outside of the Kingdom protection*
- Warfare comes in contention against the soul.
- The battle is in the mind, emotion, stubbornness in the soul's position, fear, etc.
- We hold ourselves in Christ, but the contention is over things that we are to submit before the Lord.
- Our emotions tell us where our soul is in disconnect. We can then bring our soul back into submission to the beautiful place God has given us, that has nothing to do with the world's provision.
- "My peace" – The kind of peace that is greater than our hearts being troubled or becoming fearful.
- **John 16:33** *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." ...I have overcome the world."*
- Peace is an overcoming force.

Joy

John 15:11 *"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."*

Righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit is the most central part of the abiding message of being in Christ (see **Rom. 14:17**) – This is the substance of the Kingdom and is what warfare comes to remove.

- Warfare is the opposite of worship. Example: sorrow, accusation, condemnation
- Warfare comes to displace us from the Kingdom) Example: Sorrow tries to get us out of joy and anxiety tries to take us out of peace.
- **Righteousness** affects the emotions by allowing the emotion to come into rest with a sense that **"it's all right"**.
- **Peace** - comes in as **safety**. There is nothing to be troubled about, the world won't overwhelm us, Christ has overcome the world.
- **Joy – strength and cheerfulness**
- Righteousness, peace, and joy do not come from the world. They are not sustained by our actions. We just get to receive them and step into them. We bring pleasure to the Father because we don't disengage from them because of pressure. We've been made righteous by Jesus Christ.
- Part of the abiding dwelling relationship is that it's subjective. We place our self in Christ. We receive the truths of the word, communicated by the Holy Spirit, into us. We meditate and shift our thinking. Jesus is so faithful to work with His word and confirm His word with signs following.

How do we build this place that God told us to live in?

Warfare – Warfare is an act or attempt at displacement.

Worship – Worship is the act or response of placement. We don't cast out evil, we overcome evil with good.

The focus is in the good, the light, the love. These displace evil, darkness and fear.

The devil would like us to think that we have no real course to get free. The truth is we **are** free. (see Gal. 5:1) Our freedom is by faith in Christ, not through works.

Once in-Christ (a practice of dwelling), we tell our soul, 'I want you to submit to who Christ is and what He has accomplished, enjoy Him. Emotions, submit to these truths, come into a place of overcoming confidence. When we go into *in-Christ*, that is our place. That place is not sustained by us (We didn't earn it; we don't deserve it). We have been given this. It's all through faith in the accomplishment of Jesus Christ. In this place, we focus on what is ours and we turn our attention away from what has displaced this truth and put a lie in it's place.

Strongholds

Strongholds are formed when we entertain an argument that is not in submission to Who Christ is. It centers into the soul. They try to impregnate into our mind, the thought life, our emotion, the way we process life, and into our will (decisions). It's meant to build on itself

Example: A stronghold of hopelessness. We can start to resign, saying "This is the way I am." Then we start questioning. If it isn't inside that place with God, we question God and His goodness.

- Strongholds are undone when we come into the word and worship, Spirit and truth.

*We are not trying to get rid of things. We are just submitting to what is ours. As we receive light, darkness flees. As we receive love, fear flees. When we receive joy, sorrow flees. When we have an avalanche of God break open in our life, Hell is displaced. When it's just in the beginning stages we often feel like "I'm believing this for a while but then things go weird and I loose that." That's because it's a process of possessing.

2 Cor. 10:1 – "...by the meekness and gentleness of Christ..."

Jesus Christ is the most humble man in authority, grace and kindness.

The posture of a receiving heart in the glorious provision of Christ is not one that is trying to force or be afraid of what is going on because it is in the place of victory.

Vs. 2 – In our place of life, we either choose to walk in the flesh or in the Spirit. We tell our soul, "let's go this way, in the provision of the Spirit." It may have some hiccups getting started but will soon just step in.

Vs. 3 – We get to practice and live out this abiding relationship, in Christ just as Christ practiced and lived out this abiding relationship in the Father.

- We live in the flesh but we don't war according to the flesh. It's not a fleshly battle and it's not a fleshly resourcing.

Vs. 4-5 Description of the battle "*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,*"

- Carnal (flesh) We can function from this place but not resource God or yield to God.
- The source is the Spirit of God and the truth of God
- I use my heart to believe
- I use my mouth in directing where I'm going to go
- I bring myself into union with Christ

Training for Reigning: We come under Christ, the Word. We let the word of God (truth) define who we am.

Let the Spirit of God demonstrate the word of God (the truth in me). The practice of sanctification brings me out of the trouble and into the glorification.

Vs. 5 – Can seem like a lot of work if we consider it our job to chase out the devil. Our job is to focus on Christ and set ourselves into union and communion. Then all the other things will begin to be pushed out, because when Christ steps in, whatever's not of Him is going to start to move, yield, and get out of the way.

Strongholds develop when we entertain an argument. Arguments are thoughts that entered in that were not in submission to who Christ is.

When something, (something that is not in the benefit package of what we have received in His death burial and resurrection), comes to disrupt my union... those thoughts grow up. They become doubt, an argument against the truth, and it's usually pointing to circumstantial evidence. If the argument is given permission to be entertained, it eventually builds a stronghold. It begins to lock us in hopelessness.

If you're not having a good thought, think another thought.

Every thought for us will eventually become obedient to Christ. It's not Christ the task master. Christ, though He was a son, had to learn obedience (to hear under) to what God the Father said of Him. He began to hear under the Father by the things He suffered. Things that tried to bounce into Him He bounced off them and came back under truth.

All thoughts have to submit to Jesus Christ is Lord! He heals all, is good, etc.

We have to tell our thoughts “ I am here to enjoy Christ and have His words live in me and enjoy the place of Christ dwelling in me by faith.” My job is to walk through the day in fellowship and union.

This is why we practice learning to dwell in Christ. Because when the war comes, we require a strong confession of hope.

Psalms 103 “*Bless the Lord, Oh my soul...*”

We use our tongue to bring us back into fellowship with Jesus by declaring the truth of the Lord. The soul is what is processing whatever is going into it so if it is fixating on the forces of darkness it will magnify it. We have to turn our soul away from what it is focused on and turn it back to the Lord. Tell your soul what its supposed to do. It needs to be disciplined to submit to Jesus Christ to receive the benefit of Jesus Christ.

Use your mouth. It unlocks the mind to listen. You cannot speak and think at the same time. Whatever you say, you will think.

Praise is when your tongue directs you into fellowship.

Vs. 2 “...*forget not all His benefits...*” Forget means to misplace. When the benefits of God get misplaced we are in a disadvantage. When we can’t find our sword, then what is the Holy Spirit supposed to work with when He is trying to bring truth into our heart? The recounting of the blessing is important.

Vs. 2 “...*forgives all your iniquities.*” There is not an iniquity of which He has not already forgiven and taken away the power.

“...*Who heals all your diseases.*” Declare with the confession of hope. Declare what He said as truth without trying to explain truth away by the circumstances.

Don’t come out of agreement with Him. Praise allows us to do this.

Vs. 4 “... *who redeems your life from destruction...*” David is telling his soul what it’s supposed to focus on.

Holy Spirit then comes with force because He is the Spirit of Truth. We are to refocus our soul to not forget benefits, to release blessings, and to declare benefits through praise.

“...*Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies...*” receive thoughts of lovingkindness by declaring with your mouth.

In the presence of the Lord is the confession of hope. We get heavens agreement when we agree with Him.

Vs. 5 “...*Who satisfies your mouth with good things...*” This is what we are nourished by (provision God brings) but also we fill our mouths with truth and enter into transformation.

Is. 40:31 “...*But those who wait on the Lord...*” Wait means twisting together like a rope. Taking God’s word, abiding, declaring, etc. It is a way of exchanging our strength for His.

Passivity is not how we come into victory. (see **1 Thess. 5:16-18**)

All of our future has been given to us in-Christ before time began. We are just walking out the discovery of the inheritance given to us, In Christ. Everything we’ve lost is so we can gain Jesus. Don’t waste your losses.

We are winning in the middle of warfare by turning toward the truth (declaring the confession of hope). and away from the lie.

Practice

Meditate on **2 Cor 10:1-5** - Taking every thought captive with our tongue

Psalms 103, and **Isaiah 40:31** Our youth is renewed like an eagle