

Sermon Outline “Identity Theft II”

7.27.25

Judges 6:11-16 & 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

1. Strongholds: What Are They?

- **Key verse:** 2 Corinthians 10:3–4 — *God’s weapons have divine power to demolish strongholds.*
- **Stronghold (ochýrōma):** a fortress of lies; a prisoner locked by deception.
- The **door is unlocked**, but we don’t leave because we **believe** we’re trapped.

2. A Picture from *Wreck-It Ralph*

- Ralph is labeled the “**bad guy**” for 30 years.
- **The lie:** “I can’t change.”
- **The turn:** he steps out, chooses love, sacrifice, and friendship—**identity shifts**.

3. A Picture from Scripture: Gideon (Judges 6)

- Gideon’s belief: “I’m the weakest... the least.” (6:15)
- God’s word: “Mighty warrior.”
- Truth: What God calls you is greater than what you call you.
- Under God’s guidance, Gideon leads and delivers Israel.

4. How God Demolishes Strongholds

- **Capture** every lie/thought and **bring it to God**.
- **Replace** lies with **God’s truth** (Scripture, prayer, worship).
- **Speak** words that **agree with God’s promises**.
- **Walk in community** (church, accountability).
- **Act** on your new identity (obedience, serving, loving).

4. Our Mission as Lakeside

- **Help people hear the Gospel** so lies lose power.
- **Do good:** feed, love, serve—so the Gospel can take root.
- **Pray** for those struggling; **encourage** them to speak truth.
- God calls us, like Gideon, “**mighty warriors**.”

This Week’s Simple Practices

- **Count your words:** How many reflect **faith** and **God’s promises**?
- **Name one lie** you’ve believed. **Write the truth** God says about it.
- **Ask for help:** join a group, seek prayer, or start accountability.
- **Share the outline** with someone who needs freedom.