



SOAP Devotional Guide: Power Shift



Scripture

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.”

— 2 Corinthians 10:3–6 (ESV)



Observation

- Paul reminds us that although we live in a physical world, our battles are **spiritual**.
- The weapons God gives us—**prayer, faith, truth, righteousness**—carry **divine power**.
- We are called to **tear down strongholds**, which include lies, fear, pride, and cultural ideologies that oppose God.
- The mind is a battlefield; we must **take every thought captive** to obey Christ.
- Obedience is key to spiritual authority and effectiveness.



Application

In a week where America has faced deep challenges, division, and unrest, this passage calls us to **shift our power source** from fleshly reactions to **spiritual engagement**. We must:

- **Pray first** before reacting.
- **Guard our minds** and filter thoughts through Scripture.
- **Speak truth in love**, not in anger.
- **Preserve unity** in the Spirit (Ephesians 4:3), even when it’s hard.
- **Stand firm** in faith, knowing our weapons are mighty through God



Reflective Questions

1. **What strongholds** (fear, pride, anxiety, cultural lies) do I need to confront in prayer this week?
2. **How have I been responding** to cultural conflict—through flesh or Spirit?
3. **What thoughts** do I need to take captive today to obey Christ?
4. **Am I using the weapons** God has given me—especially prayer—as my first line of defense?
5. **How can I actively preserve unity** in my church, family, or community this week?

My Responses



Prayer

“Father, thank You for giving us weapons that are mighty through You. Help me shift my power source from flesh to Spirit. Teach me to pray with authority, to take every thought captive, and to destroy strongholds that oppose Your truth. In a divided world, help me be a peacemaker and preserve the unity of the Spirit. Let Your power flow through me as I walk in obedience. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”