

More Strongholds

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You don't have to look far to see families that have fallen apart. The deterioration between husbands and wives to the rebellion of the children-the strongholds of Satan are evident.

What is a Stronghold?

The word stronghold is used eight times in the Bible. Each time it can be defined as a fortress or hold.

The only way you will have peace and happiness in your family and in your life is that you break the strongholds that the devil has placed. Satan's first stronghold in the family is selfishness.

If the devil can get you to believe that you would be better off without the burden of wife and kids; if he can get you to believe that the family was designed for your pleasure and when you get tired of them you can just leave; if he can get you to believe that you need to be looking out for number one and the pleasing of yourself-then he has got you.

Selfishness in a family will cause people to reverse roles. We need to realize God did not create the family for our pleasure but for His.

Rebellion

Next, we learn how sin not only affects the parents, but also the children. Adam and Eve bore two children, Cain and Able.

Satan will use rebellion to tear down a family. That is why it is so important that at a young age a child is taught the authority and respect of a parent.

He knows that if he can keep your family in chaos and keep your life in chaos, then he knows he can keep your mind more on your problem and confusion than on God.

Unresolved Anger

In our families we need to resolve our anger. We must not carry a grudge. We must deal with it.

Anger makes us say things that under normal circumstances we would never say. Anger blinds us and causes us to feel self-pity. It causes us to feel that the whole world is against us.

How to Break the Stronghold?

1. Recognize that you are fighting a spiritual battle.

2. Ensure your foundation. Let your children know who the Lord is of your house and show them.

3. Build a strong marriage. Strength lies in unity.

4. Obey the biblical account of marriage.

5. Raise obedient and respectful children. Listen to the mandate of scripture.

Scriptures cited: 1 John 4:4; Joshua 6; Ephesians 6:12; Josh. 25:15; Prov. 13:24; Neh. 4:14; Isaiah 54:17