

FINDING FREEDOM IN THE BATTLE

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Freedom Fighters, Part 4

MAIN IDEA: In the day-to-day spiritual battle, sometimes we get tripped up, slide into trouble, or make bad choices and get bound up as a result... we give up ground. There are concrete faith-steps you can take to walk back into freedom.

The Anatomy of Temptation & Giving up Territory:

Temptation—2nd take—agreement—continuance—erosion of conscience—territory captured

1. CONFESS your sins (aloud)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**

2. Come out of AGREEMENT with the thought-strongholds (aloud)

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (see 10:3-6)

3. BIND & REBUKE AWAY the Spiritual forces that create/sustain the bondage (aloud)

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. **Matthew 16:19** (18:18)

Jesus took all his authority (Mt. 28:19); You are united with Christ (Eph. 2:6-7) and you have His authority (Luke 10:19)

4. Ask God to FILL YOU completely & agree with Him aloud!

“When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first.” **Luke 11:24–26**

5. GET PRAYER from another Brother/Sister for healing/cleansing.

...confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. **James 5:16**

A number of dimensions at work here...

Sin damages us...

Walk in light (Ps.32:3-5; 1 Jn. 1:7; Jn 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 4:5; Eph. 5:11-13)

God's authority through another believer

If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven. **John 20:23**

God's forgiveness, with skin on.