



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Message/series review

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (ICB) ³ We do live in the world. But we do not fight in the same way that the world fights. ⁴ We fight with weapons that are different from those the world uses. Our weapons have power from God. These weapons can destroy the enemy's strong places. We destroy men's arguments.

Ochyroma (okh-oo'-ro-mah); A prisoner locked in by deception. Living life by something that is not true.

- Most of the stuff we carry around comes from one of two places
 - The past(mistakes, sin, shame and guilt)
 - People (Hurt, offense, words that kill, still trying to live up to or please)

B. Trying to bring you some new thoughts

2 Corinthians 10:5 (ICB) ⁵ And we destroy every proud thing that raises itself against the knowledge of God. We capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ.

- **The only way to defeat the stronghold is to change your thought life.**

C. You start to act like a slave

- Has anyone ever felt like the Apostle Paul?

Romans 7:15 NLT "I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do the very thing I hate."

Romans 6:16 (NLT) ¹⁶ Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

- **Here's what happens**
 - **It becomes a part of your identity**
 - **You start to lose your life**
 - **You become a slave**



II. FREEDOM

Galatians 5:1 (ICB) We have freedom now because Christ made us free. So stand strong. Do not change and go back into the slavery of the law.

A. How do I stand strong?

- **Fill the void**

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV) Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

- **Become rooted and grounded**

Isaiah 37:31 (NKJV) And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah Shall again take root downward, And bear fruit upward.

B. Fill the void with

- **God's word**
 - You need to learn to self – feed

Ephesians 5:26 (NLT) to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word

- **Prayer**

Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT) This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most

- **Ministry**

Romans 12:21 NLT) Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good

- **Engage the Holy Spirit**

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NLT) ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

- You can't do any of this without a relationship with God