

TRUSTWORTHY

Week 3

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Power in the Name of Jesus

Main Points:

1. You are living in a spiritual battle.

There are forces of darkness that come against you! And if that's true, then you need a Jesus who can defend you fiercely and defeat every enemy that comes against your life!

2. The enemy wants to build strongholds in your life to put you in bondage.

The #1 way the enemy gets a foothold in our lives is when we give ourselves to sin.

3. The name of Jesus has power over spiritual darkness.

Main Scriptures:

1 Peter 5:8 (TNIV)

Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

John 10:10 (ESV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

Ephesians 4:26–27 (TNIV)

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (TNIV)

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (ESV)

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:19–21 (ESV)

That you may know... what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

James 5:16 (ESV)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Response:

1. From the list below, can you identify with any of these as strongholds in your life?

- Destructive attitudes:
Anger, apathy, arrogance, pride, racism, self-righteousness, unforgiveness, bitterness, materialism, hatred, greed
- Destructive habits
Lying, stealing, gossip, slander, hurtful speech, quarreling
- Rebellion
Against God, parents, teachers, employer
- Additions
Alcohol, drugs, pornography

2. Take a moment and quietly listen to the Holy Spirit. Ask him to speak to you about any of these or anything else that may be a foothold in your life?

3. Confess your sin. Here is an example of what you can pray:

“Heavenly Father, I confess _____ as my sin. I repent of it and I ask you to forgive me. In the name of Jesus, I cut the enemy off in this area of _____ and I cast away every spirit that would work against me in this area of my life. I declare freedom in the name of Jesus!”