

Supernatural Week #3: Choose Your Weapon

June 10, 2018 ~ 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Without the supernatural, Christianity doesn't exist.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (New Living Translation)

³We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. ⁴We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. ⁵We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

The Supernatural War

1. We live in the flesh.
 - a. The NIV says we live in the world. The NLT says we are human.
 - b. We live in the natural. The "flesh" is the everyday world of human existence with all its limitations, frustrations, trials, and tribulations.
2. As believers, we do not conduct our affairs according to the flesh.
 - a. We don't do things the way the world does, or at least we shouldn't.
3. Spiritual warfare requires spiritual weaponry.
 - a. The word that distinguishes spiritual weapons from natural weapons is the word power.
 - b. What are our spiritual weapons?
 - i. Prayer
 - ii. Faith
 - iii. Love
 - iv. Work of the Spirit in our lives
 - v. The Word of God
4. Spiritual weapons are used to demolish strongholds.

- a. Strongholds = false arguments, human reasoning, and arrogances that have built themselves up against the knowledge of God.
5. Spiritual weapons capture rebellious thoughts and make them obedient to Christ.

Revelation 3:15-16

*¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!
¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*

Hebrews 4:12-13

¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Thoughts/ Application

- Consider your “temperature” when it comes to your relationship with God. Are you hot, cold, or lukewarm?
- Answer this question honestly, do you know God well enough to know if/when God is speaking into your life?
- Have you allowed the thoughts of the world to warp your thoughts about God, His word, and His people?
- Have you ever experienced spiritual warfare in your life? How did you respond? Would you respond differently now?
- Answer these questions honestly, to yourself and share your answers with a friend.
- Read your Bible every day this week.