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**Exalting, Equipping, Evangelizing**

Bible Study

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## **VICTORY OVER STRONGHOLDS**

A stronghold can be defined as a pattern of unrighteousness that holds you hostage outside of the will of God. Therefore, overcoming a stronghold always involve a spiritual solution because the stronghold is rooted in a spiritual cause. We overcome strongholds in our lives as a result of Christ's power within us as we apply His truths to our situations and use our spiritual armor. For the next few weeks we will look at several areas of strongholds that frequently keep people in bondage.

### **Marital Strongholds**

#### **I. Why The Attack On Marriage?**

1. Marriage was ordained by God; satan is the enemy of God. *Genesis 3:1*
2. Many couples are destined for divorce because they never got married correctly; they were unequally yoked. *2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:14*

#### **II. Top Five Reasons That Married Couples Are Miserable.**

1. Communication *James 1:19*
2. Trust *Genesis 2:23*
3. Sex *Genesis 2:25; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:3-5*
4. Finances *Malachi 3:8-10*
5. In-laws who become out-laws. *Genesis 2:24*

#### **III. How To Break Marital Strongholds**

1. Husbands – love your wives *Ephesians 5:25-28*
2. Wives – Respect your husbands *Ephesians 5:22-24*
3. Submit to each other as unto God *Ephesians 5:21*

#### **IV. Words That Can Save Your Marriage**

1. I Love You.
2. I Am Sorry.
3. I Was Wrong.
4. Please Forgive Me.

Brothers and sisters, every time there is a marital breakdown, one or both partners are no longer living a life that reflects that God is in control.