

a **lie** believed
then lived.

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2 Corinthians 10:4

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For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down **strongholds**, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NKJV



3794 *oxyrōma* (from the root *oxyrōō*, "fortify") – a fortified, military stronghold; a strong-walled fortress (A-S), used only in 2 Cor 10:4. 3794/*oxyrōma* ("a heavily-fortified containment") is used figuratively of a false argument in which a person seeks "shelter" (a "safe place") to escape reality.

[3794 (*oxyrōma*) is also used for a prison in antiquity (BAGD). "The word is not common in Classical Greek, but occurs frequently in the Apocrypha. In its use here there may lie a reminiscence of the rock-forts on the coast of Paul's native Cilicia, which were pulled down by the Romans in their attacks on the Cilician pirates. Pompey inflicted a crushing defeat upon their navy off the rocky stronghold of Coracesium on the confines of Cilicia and Pisidia" (WS, 833).]

1. 3794/*oxyrōma* ("stronghold") conveys the warning not to fall into self-made "fortifications" – which also "keep the Lord away!" When we stray from the Lord, the mind automatically builds carnal "strongholds" to (ironically) "protect ourselves from God!" The antidote is the Lord's inbirthing of faith (4102/*pistis*, "His inworked persuasion").

Faith dispels every form of spiritual darkness and brings God's light and power to penetrate the inner sanctum of the heart, which transforms our *identity* ("soul"), *logic* ("mind"), *resources* ("strength"), and relationships. See Mk 12:30,31.

2. "Tearing down strongholds" means "throwing away" false premises (mistaken assumptions) – used to justify many faulty conclusions. See 1271/*diánoia* ("the active use of the mind").

Strongholds Biblical

Definition

- 1 - only place in NT used 2 Cor 10:4
- 2 - False arguments to escape reality
- 3 - Prison Dungeons.
- 4 - Carnal Strongholds - against God
He is harsh
He is mean

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A group of lies (word & thought) sold to you for a period of time that are built within your mind brick by brick, failure by failure, rejection by rejection, wound by wound even blessing by blessing (Pride) till they become a fortress of belief that resides in your heart. Belief then precedes a twisted Faith which in turn produces hope in a "Warped Philosophy". *Coach Scott Caesar*

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A pair of hands, silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky, are positioned to form a heart shape. The hands are dark, and the fingers are interlaced. The background is a mix of orange, yellow, and grey, suggesting a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. In the center of the heart formed by the hands is a white circle containing text.

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2 CORINTHIANS 10:4

No Man is Stronghold-free

Adam

Job

David

Solomon

Peter

Paul

Galatians

Who said this about Job?

"Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still **holds fast his integrity...**" Job 2:3 (ESV)

Who said this ?

"I made a covenant with my eyes / not to look lustfully at a young woman." Job 31:1

"Let God weigh me on the scales of justice, for **he knows my integrity.** If I have strayed from his pathway, or if my heart has lusted for what my eyes have seen, Job 31:6-7a

many men would
rather live with
comfortable lies
than walk in
uncomfortable truth.



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ROMANS 1:25

ITS NATURAL FOR
SATAN TO LIE TO US.

ITS DIABOLICAL
FOR US TO LIE TO

OURSELVES

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WORD'S MASTER



VOICES OF SOCIETY

"THE GREATEST SHALL BE THE SMARTEST AND SEXIEST."
"MANHOOD IS MEASURED BY MONEY AND MUSCLE."
"STRENGTH IS PERFECTED BY SHOWING NO WEAKNESS."
"WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL CONTROL HIS LIFE."
"SIGNIFICANCE IS ACHIEVED THROUGH PERFORMANCE."



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**THE SIN OF MAN'S
LUST IS NOT WANTING
bad things, but *wanting*
THINGS TOO **BADLY****

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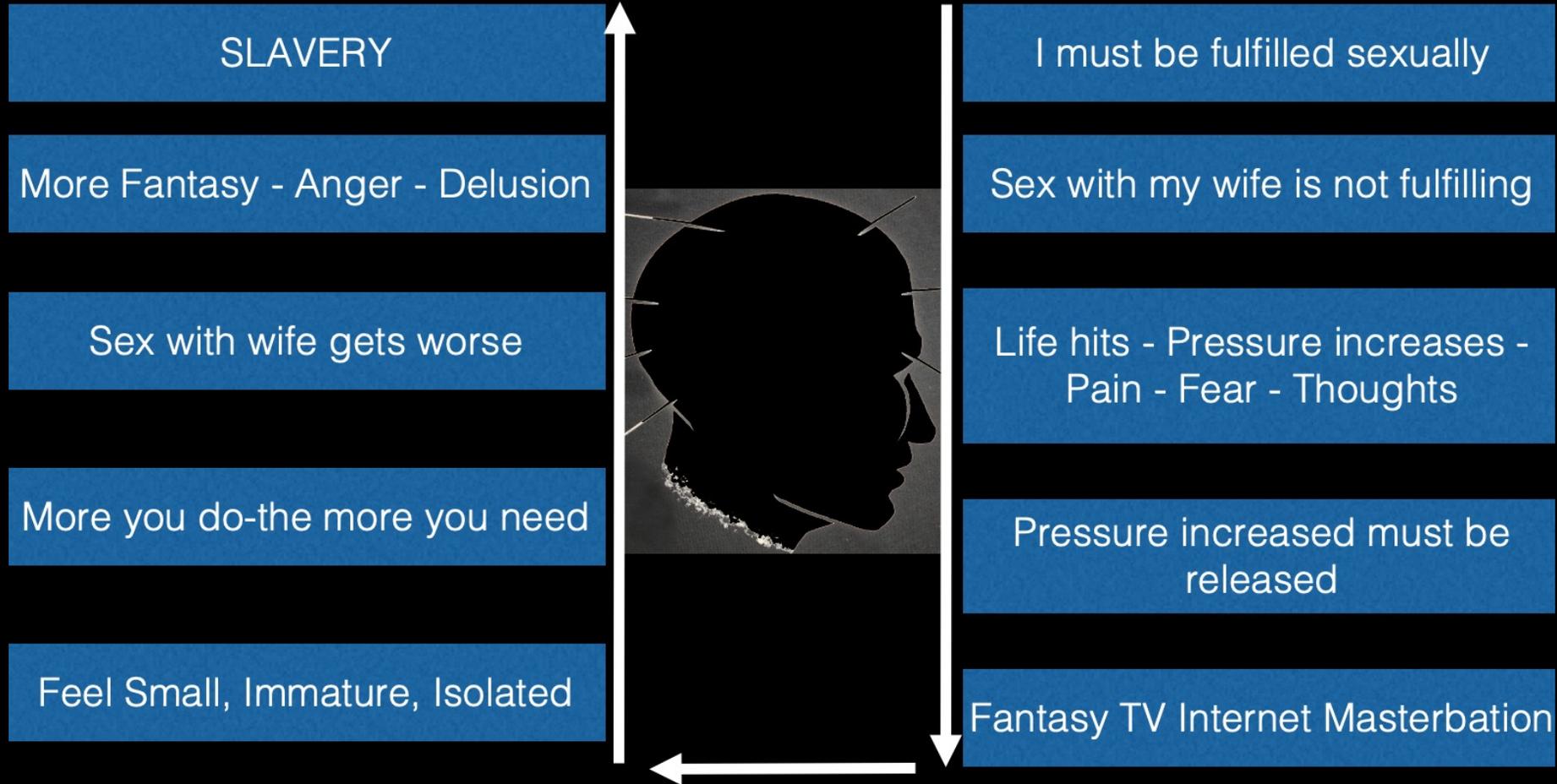
"Lust is an **out of balance desire** that is built upon a lie. Lust promises what it cannot deliver"

The language of lust says
"I want this now".

The propensity of pride says
"I deserve it now".

Fantasy Island's Blueprint

Man's thinking about sex: Rules





1 JOHN 3:20-21

A MAN'S **PERSPECTIVE** OF

GOD

HIMSELF AND

OTHERS

**WILL DETERMINE ALL THAT HE
THINKS, DOES AND LIVES FOR.**

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A person wearing a black, long-sleeved robe is shown from the chest down. They are holding a simple, weathered wooden cross in front of their chest. The background is dark, and the lighting highlights the texture of the robe and the wood of the cross.

A Wrong Perspective of God

is a Stronghold

He calls the man who fails, a Failure

He calls the man who lies, a Liar

LIES-LABELS-LOGOS

2 CORINTHIANS 2:11

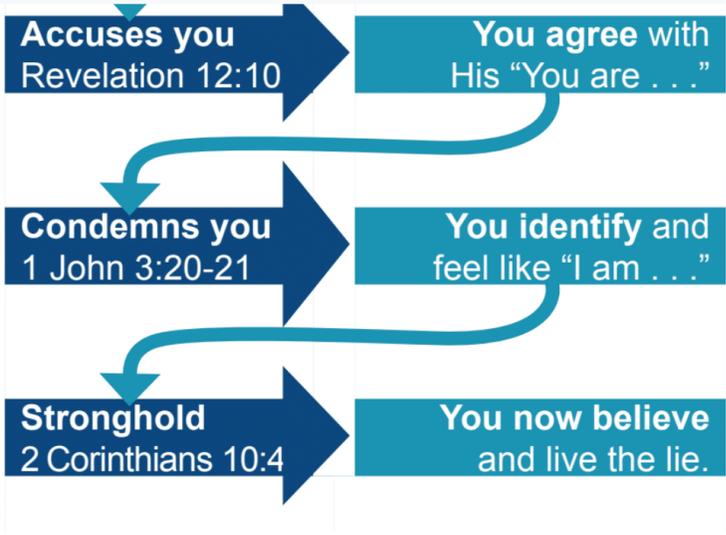


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BUILT IN YOUR
MIND
2 CORINTHIANS 10:4

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...ing to connect our primary purpose of knowing and loving God. When a man takes a good thing and makes it a god thing, it becomes a bad thing!



A stronghold's collateral damage manifests itself in disappointment over one's life and worthiness. Another name for this is *shame*. Shame lives like a low-grade fever at unseen levels of the soul, and creates fear-driven lives. Men who are held by this stronghold always feel the need to prove and protect themselves through performance instead of walking in grace.

Money Stronghold

[Job, Finances, Security]

What lie (stronghold) have you believed then lived out in your past, that today you no longer believe?

ANSWER: *“For myself an example might be,* because my parents argued about finances my whole life, the stronghold it caused in me was [If you don’t have enough money you will never be happy or successful.]

“ I then became a workaholic at a very young age doing 100hr + work weeks and this would make sure I would never be without monies which = no financial arguments”

Presently

“When I became a believer, I started to realize God’s giving & receiving principles, tithing & proper stewardship and understanding seasons & how they are not forever.”

One Man was
Stronghold-free

JESUS CHRIST

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Hebrews 4:15 NIV

Jesus **did not come** to set you free from lust, lying, and living sinful.

He came to **set you free from the lies you believe** that tempt you to sin. From the control (Stronghold) they have over you.

Stop believing lies
Start agreeing with truth
Stay in the Word

HOW?

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How do you pull down a stronghold?
How do I recognize the lies and replace
them with Truth?

NEXT THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3RD, 2022

Is there a lie (stronghold) from your past that you may have believed then lived out, that today you no longer believe?

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Jesus was **never deceived**. He knew:

1. His Foes
2. His Friends/Family
3. His Fight/Freedom
4. His Fate
5. His Flesh
6. His Faithfulness
7. His Father

“You cannot restore biblical manhood to the Church without first engaging the culture's narrative (it's strongholds & ethos). Lies must be exposed as we redefine manhood with Divine truth that transforms and training that sustains.”

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