

# Be Encouraged

## Weapons of War

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Reading: [Ephesians 6:10-12](#)

Text: [2 Corinthians 10:1-6](#)

### Introduction:

1. Weapons have changed over the thousands of years
  - a. It might have been a rock or a club that Cain used to kill Abel or it might have been his bear hands!
  - b. Yet, now there are not only those weapons, but missiles and lasers and weapons of mass destruction!
2. The Weapons used in 2 Corinthians 10 are different because they have different purposes: [2 Corinthians 10:1-6](#)
  - a. This is a spiritual war. [Ephesians 6:10-12](#)
  - b. These are spiritual weapons [Ephesians 6:13-18](#)

## #1 Pulling Down Strongholds

### A. Strongholds refer to castles and forts

1. Remember Jericho! [Joshua](#)
2. Remember how wide—Rahab's for her house was on the city wall
3. Remember how God's word brought them down! [Joshua 6!](#)

### B. This stronghold is Satan's!

1. This is the stronghold he has on the hearts of men!
2. This is a spiritual stronghold!
3. If God's word can do what it has done (and it can!), we should not doubt his power over Satan!

## #2 Casting Down Arguments...

### A. The best Teacher and the best argument!

1. [Mark 12:13](#)—Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in His words.
2. Time and again, they tried, but never were able to trip Jesus!
3. Some people live/love to argue.
4. Yet Paul said, "Avoid foolish disputes!" [Titus 3:9](#)

### B. The Greatest Argument

1. The most important argument is Jesus' death, even his resurrection!
2. Who can argue with a man, who has resurrected from the dead?
3. Is there life after death? Of course there is, Jesus is alive!
4. [1 Corinthians 15](#) is all about this discussion
5. What more can be said? That's why we allow God to...(next point)

## #3 Bring Every Thought Into Captivity

### A. Weapons of this war are about thoughts!

1. It's about mind control!
2. [Colossians 3:1](#)—Set your MIND on things above!
3. [Ephesians 4:23](#)— be renewed in the spirit of your MIND
4. [Philippians 2:5](#)—Let this MIND be in you which was also in Christ...
5. [2 Timothy 1:7](#)—For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

### B. Let God have EVERY thought!

## #4 Punishing All Disobedience!

### A. Cults have twisted this one!

1. "God has told me to punish you!"
2. Don't ever forget these words:  
[Romans 12:19](#)—Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.  
[Matthew 6:38-42](#)—You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But *I tell you not to resist an evil person.* But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

### B. So what does this mean?

1. [John 12:48](#)—He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.
2. It means one of the weapons we have is the Word of God!
3. We teach it and let God's Word do its job!

## Conclusion:

1. We are in a war!
2. It is a spiritual war, with spiritual weapons against spiritual powers!
3. These weapons are mighty, but ONLY in God, through Jesus!
4. If you are not in Christ, repent and be baptized in Jesus name!