

IDENTITY THEFT

I have to be strong

- A LIE BELIEVED AS TRUTH WILL AFFECT YOU AS IF IT WERE TRUE.

When (the devil) lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
John 8:44

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32

“STRONG” BELIEFS

- Emotionally Strong
- Provisionally Strong
- Spiritually Strong
- Professionally Strong
- Other

- YOUR STRENGTH IS LIMITED.
- GOD’S STRENGTH IS UNLIMITED.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:30-31

- I HAVE TO BE WEAK.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses... For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Eudokeo—think well of, to delight, to embrace

WHAT WEAKNESS DO YOU NEED TO EMBRACE?

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2 Corinthians 12:9

Charis - unmerited favor, divine influence upon a heart.
Arkeo - eliminating a barrier, sufficient, exactly enough.
Dunamis - explosive, miraculous power.
Teleitai - completely fulfilled.
Astheneia - disease, infirmity, brokenness.

God's divine influence is exactly enough to meet your every need. For his explosive miraculous power is made completely perfect in you when you are broken before Him.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10

Life Group Questions

- **Of the areas we studied, which “strong” belief do you often wrongly embrace? Do you feel you have to be emotionally, provisionally, spiritually, or professionally strong? Describe.**
- **We learned God wants us to delight or embrace our weaknesses. How do you (or should you) allow God to be your strength?**
- **How can your Life Group pray for you?**



For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

ochuroma (okh-oo'-ro-mah); to fortify, a strong castle, a prisoner locked by deception.

___ **Financial Strongholds**
 ___ **Habitual Strongholds**
 ___ **Spiritual Strongholds**

___ **Relational Strongholds**
 ___ **Mental Strongholds**
 ___ **Physical Strongholds**

THE STRATEGY

- **CAPTURE WRONG THOUGHTS.**

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5

...whatever is true...noble...right...pure...lovely...admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Philippians 4:8

- **RELEASE RIGHT WORDS.**

The tongue has the power of life and death... Proverbs 18:21

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Psalms 19:14 NLT

- **ATTACK AND WIN.**

To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:29-2:1

agonizomai (ag-o-nid'-zom-ahee); to struggle, to compete for a prize, to contend with an adversary, and win.

...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

What is the one thing God wants to change in you next?

Life Group Questions

- **We talked about financial, habitual, spiritual, relational, mental, and physical strongholds. Name the stronghold God wants to break in your life. Be specific.**
- **What can you do today to enable you to do tomorrow what you can't do today? (You may want to focus on your words and thoughts as well as your actions.)**



- A **LIE** BELIEVED AS TRUTH WILL AFFECT YOU AS IF IT WERE **TRUE**.

Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." Exodus 4:10

THE LIE: YOUR WORTH IS BASED ON

- **WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT YOU.**
- **YOUR PAST EXPERIENCES.**

The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it." Exodus 4:11-13

GOD SAYS YOU ARE

4) CALLED BY CHRIST.

*In his kindness God called you to his eternal glory by means of Jesus Christ.
1 Peter 5:10 NLT*

...you are a chosen people...his very own possession. This is so you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9 NLT

5) CAPABLE THROUGH CHRIST.

I can do everything through (Christ) who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

...we are more than conquerors through (Christ) who loved us. Romans 8:37

Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves...but our competence comes from God. 2 Corinthians 3:4-5

6) COMPLETE IN CHRIST.

His divine power has given us everything we need ... 2 Peter 1:3

*For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body, and you are complete through your union with Christ...
Colossians 2:9-10 NLT*

Life Group Questions:

- **In what area of your life do you struggle with the lie, "I'm not good enough?"**

Examples could include struggling with feelings of inadequacy as a parent, spouse, friend, or employee. Others struggle spiritually believing they're not good enough for God. Be open and honest.

- **We examined some truths: In Christ, you are called, capable, and complete. Which truth speaks to you the most and why?**



My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind...
Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

**OUR IDENTITY WRONGLY COMES FROM:
WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED.
WHAT WE HAVE.
WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT US.**

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

- **WHAT WE DO IS A RESULT OF WHO WE ARE.**
- **WHAT WE DO DOESN'T DEFINE WHO WE ARE.**

LET GOD DEFINE

- **THE DO'S AND THE DON'T'S.**

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.
Matthew 11:29-30

What do you need to add to your “to-don’t” list?

It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows. Proverbs 20:25

- **THE WHEN AND THE THEN.**

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. James 4:13-14

For the story of Mary and Martha: See Luke 10:38-42

Name your greatest “When—Then”

When _____, Then _____

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus... Colossians 3:17

Life Group Questions:

- **If you're consistently overwhelmed, you're carrying something that is not yours to carry. What do you need to add to your “to don't” list. (You might ask your Life Group to hold you accountable.)**
- **If you believe the lie, “I Am What I Do,” you're likely living with some “when—thens.” Ask God to show you what you are putting off that He wants you experiencing now. Share it with your group. Commit to make the “then” a “now.”**