

Supplemental Scriptures

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 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. 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.

1 Corinthians 6:12 "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything.

Isaiah 44:14-15 "He cut down cedars, or perhaps took a cypress or oak...15 It is used as fuel for burning; some of it he takes and warms himself, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. But he also fashions a god and worships it; he makes an idol and bows down to it. He prays to it and says, "Save me; you are my god."

Romans 6:12-14 Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body I live by faith in the one who loved me and gave himself for me."

Proverbs 28:13 "Whoever conceals their sin does not prosper."

James 5:16 "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed."

2 Corinthians 12:9 "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."

Set Free – Ron Marsh

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Breaking the Stronghold of Addiction: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Stronghold: A prisoner trapped by _____

_____ : to be controlled by or enslaved, brought under the power of something

Question: What has mastered me?

Addiction: I want becomes I _____—"Voluntary _____"

1. The _____ of addiction

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2. The _____ of addiction

- Addiction is a symptom of _____

- Idolatry: anything we allow to sit on the _____ of our hearts other than God

*We are seeking to find what only God can _____

3. The _____ to freedom from addiction

*Put God _____ in your life

- _____ you have a problem

 - Agree with God about your _____

- _____ your fleshly desires—Say "No" to me & say "Yes" to God

 - What I starve _____ but what I feed _____

- _____ your secret with a trusted friend

- _____ on God's power when you are weak

"Jesus is the only Master who, if you find him, will satisfy you, and if you fail him, he will forgive you!"—Tim Keller

Life Group Ice Breaker

1. It seems like everyone has a go-to comfort food. What's yours?
2. Do you ever binge on shows, games, or even books? How do you feel after?

Discussion Questions

1. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
2. Reflect on 1 Corinthians 6:12. Are you over-spending your time, energy, or other resources on anything that's not beneficial? Why?
3. Have you ever become addicted to something? How did it start? Have you ever been set free from something by the power of God? What can you share from that story that would help someone else?

4. Ron said, "Addiction is a symptom of Idolatry." Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

Application Questions & Prayer

5. Share something to which you feel enslaved. In what ways has it become a part of your identity? How have you tried to overcome this behavior? What would you like to do as a result of this message?
6. Idolatry is giving greater weight to people and things over God. What kinds of things have become or are becoming a "greater weight" than God in your life?
7. As a result of this message how would you like your life to change? How will you respond to people in your life who are trapped by addiction?