

# **unforgiveness can build strongholds**

## **2 Corinthians 10:1-6**

**Strongholds:** “Lies that have been believed.”

### **I. These lies produce thoughts:**

- a. these thoughts determine our actions
- b. these actions mold our environments
- c. our environment can determine our destiny

### **II. These believed lies are usually built on old wounds:**

- a. wounds & hurts that have never been dealt with

### **The nature of strongholds:**

1. Irrational
2. Stubborn
3. Uncontrollable
4. emotional-passionate
5. Destructive

*“the wound and strongholds are at the center. This ultimately where God wants to get. (the center of our lives). But He must tear down our walls first.*

**Wall #1– Arguments** “yes but” - (theories, reasons, speculations, imaginations)

This wall makes excuses and blames other people, and situations for our condition.

**Wall #2 – High Thing** “what if” - (pride, lofty, pretense)

This wall puts up a false front. It is the masks we wear. This part is based on fear. The fear of not being accepted, or losing our identity if we go any further in our healing.

*“I guess it is hard for some people who are use to the way things are, even if they are bad, it’s hard for them to change. I guess they kinda give up, and when they do everybody loses, including them.*

### **“what destroys stronghold and brings freedom:**

1. God’s love
2. The blood of Jesus
3. The Word of God

1. Our honesty
2. Our repentance
3. Our confession of Faith

<sup>11</sup>“ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. <sup>12</sup>“Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

*Revelation 12:11-12*