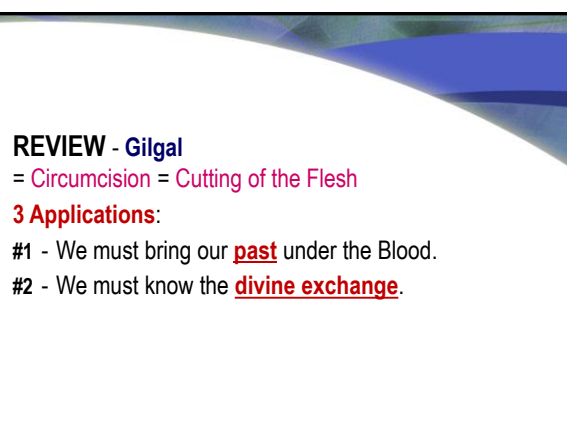
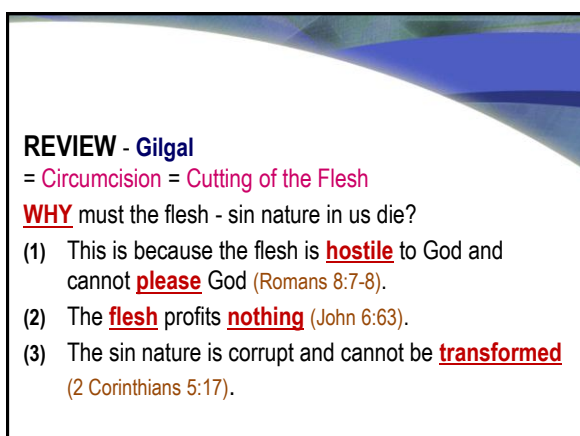
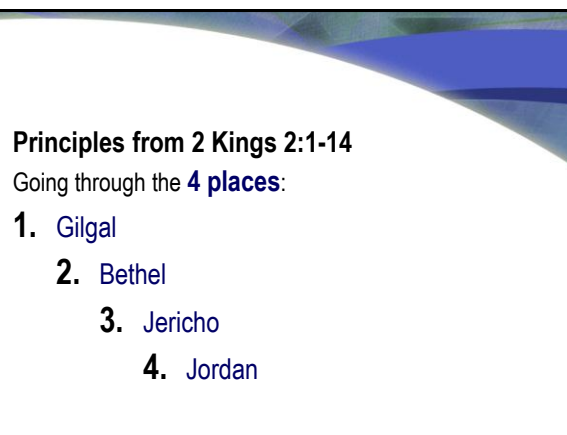
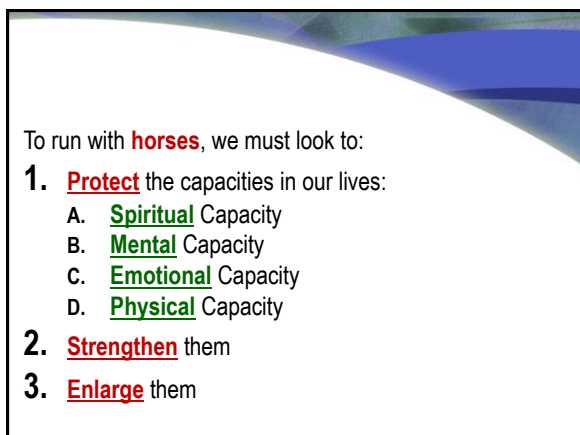




Jeremiah 12 - Running with Horses

Questions for Reflection:

1. Who are the "footmen" who wearies you in your life and ministry?
2. What are the "horses" the Lord wants you to run with?
3. What should we be doing in our "land of peace" to prepare for the "flooding of the Jordan"?



REVIEW - Gilgal

= Circumcision = Cutting of the Flesh

3 Applications:

- #3 - As we do so, we must deal with all aspects of the **flesh** in our lives.
- A. The flesh that **sins**.
 - B. The flesh of our **own natural** goodness, abilities, zeal, wisdom, strength and power.

REVIEW - Bethel

Encountering the Presence of God

We need **Ongoing** experiences with God and also the **occasional Significant** ones!

REVIEW - Bethel

Encountering the Presence of God

4 Milestones in our journey in experiencing God:

- #1 - We must first encounter God in His **love** for us leading to **salvation**.
- #2 - We then **progress** in our walk to **continually** experiencing the goodness of the **Grace** of God in its various forms.

REVIEW - Bethel

Encountering the Presence of God

4 Milestones in our journey in experiencing God:

- #3 - We mature as we journey through **trials** that purify our **faith** in God.
- #4 - We grow **deeper** in knowing and understanding God.

Principles from 2 Kings 2:1-14

Going through the **4 places**:

1. Gilgal
2. Bethel
- 3. Jericho**
4. Jordan

Joshua 6 - The Story of the Fall of Jericho

Keys to Victory - Tearing down Jericho

1. Under the **Lordship of Christ**.
2. **Obey** the instructions of the Lord.
3. The **voice of faith**.

Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

Jericho is tearing down strongholds

What are some Jerichos - Strongholds in our lives?



Jericho is tearing down strongholds

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 : 5 Issues

3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The **weapons** we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish **strongholds**. 5 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.

Jericho is tearing down strongholds

2 Corinthians 10:3-5: 5 Issues

- I. Know our spiritual **weapons**.
- II. Seek the true **knowledge** of God.
- III. Understand about **strongholds**.
- IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.
- V. Taking captive every **thought**.

- I. Know our spiritual **weapons**.
 1. The **Name** of the Lord Jesus.

Mark 16:17-18

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: **In My name** they will **cast out demons**; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

- I. Know our spiritual **weapons**.
 2. The **Blood** of Christ.

Revelation 12:11 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.

- I. Know our spiritual **weapons**.
3. The **Word** of God.

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore **put on the full armor** of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

- I. Know our spiritual **weapons**.
4. The keys of **binding** and **loosing**.

Matthew 16:19 And I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you **bind on earth will be bound in heaven**, and whatever you **loose on earth will be loosed in heaven**.

Matthew 18:18-20

- II. The true **knowledge** of God.

John 17:3 Now this is **eternal life**: that they may **know You, the only true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.

The true knowledge of God evidenced in:

Life that is **More** and **Abundantly** - John 10:10b

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Freedom from Bondages | Vibrant walk with God | Victorious Living | Able to handle SAF |
| Over-comer of sin, the world and the evil one | | Increasing Wisdom and Revelation | |
| 1 Thessalonians 5:23 | | 3 John 2 | |

The **True Knowledge of God** is the **PROMISED LAND**:

- A. The **path** of life
B. The **presence** of joy
C. The **pleasures** at God's right hand

Psalms 16:11 You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Ephesians 1:3 2 Peter 1:3-4

John 8:32 2 Corinthians 3:17

- III. Understanding **strongholds**.

1. **Definition of Strongholds**:

They are **mindsets, thought-patterns, ideas, attitudes** and **beliefs** that are **Contrary** to the **True Knowledge of God**.

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2 Corinthians 10:5 ... **strongholds**... casting down **arguments** and **every high thing** that exalts itself against the knowledge of God ...

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

A. **Arguments / imaginations** - "logizomi"

James 3:15 Such "**wisdom**" does not come down from heaven but is **earthly / natural**, unspiritual, of the devil.

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

B. Every **pretension** / every **high thing** - "hypsoma"

2 Corinthians 4:4 The **god of this age has blinded the minds** of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Acts 26:18 to **open their eyes**, in order to **turn them from darkness to light**, and from the power of Satan to God ...

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

- ✓ Foothold - Ground - Doorway

I John 5:18 We know that whoever is **born of God** does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and **the wicked one does not touch/harm him**.

Ephesians 4:27 and do not give the devil a **foothold**.

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

A. **Consequences** of Generational Iniquities

Exodus 20:5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the **sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me** ...

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

A. **Consequences** of Generational Iniquities

- e.g. 1 - **Sickness and Diseases**
- e.g. 2 - **Sexual and Marital Problems**
- e.g. 3 - **Financial Problems**

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

A. **Consequences** of Generational Iniquities

e.g. 4 - Character Flaws - constant anger

e.g. 5 - Addiction - to substance /
negative behaviour

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

B. The **fractured-wounded** soul

1 Thessalonians 5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your **whole spirit, soul** and **body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

B. The **fractured-wounded** soul

Our past:

i. Unhealed **hurts**

ii. Unresolved **issues**

iii. Unmet **needs**

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

Our past:

i. Unhealed **hurts**:

*Something bad that should not happen **occurred** in the person's life.*

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

Our past:

ii. Unresolved **issues**:

*When the mind of the person at the point of time of the incident was **incapable** of processing the experience in a positive manner.*

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

Our past:

iii. Unmet **needs**:

*Something good that should have happened did **not** occur so.*

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

- C. All personal **habitual sins**

Matthew 6:14-15

14 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

- C. All personal **habitual sins**

Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

- C. All personal **habitual sins**

Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the **works of the flesh** are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revellies, and the like ...

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

- D. All sins directly involving the **evil one**

Exodus 20:4-5

4 You shall not make for yourself a **carved image** – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; **5** you shall **not bow down to them nor serve them** ...

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

- D. All sins directly involving the **evil one**

Deuteronomy 18:10-11

10 Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices **divination or sorcery**, **interprets omens, engages in witchcraft**, **11** or casts **Spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead**.

III. Understanding **strongholds**.

2. **How are strongholds established?**

- D. All sins directly involving the **evil one**

Isaiah 47:13-14

13 ... Let your **astrologers** come forward, those **stargazers** who make predictions month by month ... **14** Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame ...

IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.
- Deliverance - Freedom From Strongholds / Demons

James 4:6-10

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." **7** Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you ...

IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.
- Deliverance - Freedom From Strongholds / Demons

James 4:6-10

... Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **9** Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.
- Deliverance - Freedom From Strongholds / Demons

1. I must **humble** myself before God.

1 John 1:9 If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.
- Deliverance - Freedom From Strongholds / Demons

1. I must **humble** myself before God.

2 Corinthians 7:1 ... let us **purify ourselves** from **everything** that **contaminates body and spirit**, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.
- Deliverance - Freedom From Strongholds / Demons

1. I must **humble** myself before God.

Numbers 33:52 ... **destroy** all their engraved stones, **destroy** all their molded images, and **demolish** all their high places; of reverence for God.

IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.
- Deliverance - Freedom From Strongholds / Demons

2. I must **submit** myself to God.

1 Corinthians 12:3 ... no one can say, "**Jesus is Lord**," except by the Holy Spirit.

IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.

- Deliverance - Freedom From Strongholds / Demons

3. After (1) and (2), I can now **resist** the evil one.

This involves:

- A. My **will - choice**
- B. My faith in the **Word** of God
- C. My exercise of the **authority** and **power** God gave me.

IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.

- Deliverance - Freedom From Strongholds / Demons

4. I must draw **near** to God.

- A. Partake / stand on His **Word**
- B. **Pray / Connect** with God continually
- C. Give **thanks** to God
- D. **Praise** and **Worship** God

IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.

- Deliverance - Freedom From Strongholds / Demons

5. I must not be **double**-minded.

James 1:8 he is a **double-minded man**,
unstable in all his ways.

IV. Tearing down **strongholds**.

- Deliverance - Freedom From Strongholds / Demons

6. Continually **submit** myself to God.

James 4:10 **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord**,
and He will **lift you up**.

Romans 8:6 ... to be spiritually minded is **life and peace** ...

V. Taking captive every **thought** in obedience to Christ.V. Taking captive every **thought** in obedience to Christ.

- 1. 3 **sources** of all thoughts.
- 2. In obedience to Christ is to conform to the **true knowledge** of God.

CONCLUSION - Tearing Down Strongholds

Joshua 6:26 Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying,
“**Cursed** be the man before the Lord who rises up and
builds this city Jericho ...

CONCLUSION - Tearing Down Strongholds

Do you want to be free from
the Strongholds that block
the True Knowledge of God
- the Blessings of God in your life?