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New Season New Warfare

- 1. Understand the Warfare
- 2. Mercy, Grace & Favour
- 3. Spiritual Vigilance & Consecration

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New Season - BBTC & the Church in Singapore

• 2018 - Year of Prayer

2019 - Year of Proclamation

• 2020 - Year of Personal Discipleship

Goals For BBTC-ians

Pray daily (make mention) for Family and CG members, etc.
 Share Christ, to bring at least one person to the Lord each year.
 Bring at least one person to BBTC each year.

No Condemnation; No Comparison; No Competition but Encouragement

Do not see this as another event or activity Leverage this for own discipleship journey **Understand the Warfare - 5 Basic Fronts:** I. <u>Schemes</u> of the evil one. II. Giving Space - Ground to the evil one to work against us. III. Demonic Strongholds in our lives. IV. Shakings in the demonic world around us. V. Failing to Surrender to the Lordship of Christ.

Understand the Warfare - 5 Basic Fronts: I. <u>Schemes</u> of the evil one.



2 Corinthians 2:11 lest <u>Satan</u> should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of <u>his devices - schemes</u>.



I. <u>Schemes</u> of the evil one.

1. As accuser.

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the <u>accuser</u> of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

1 John 1:9

Schemes of the evil one.
 As deceiver.

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

John 8:32







John 8:44 ... he was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

I. <u>Schemes</u> of the evil one.
4. As <u>condemner</u>.

Romans 8:33-34

33 Who shall bring a <u>charge against</u> <u>God's elect</u>? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is he who **condemns**? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.





I. <u>Schemes</u> of the evil one.

5. As <u>devourer</u> looking for ground in our lives to oppress us.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.



I. <u>Schemes</u> of the evil one.

- 1. As <u>accuser</u>.
- 2. As <u>deceiver</u>.
- **3.** As <u>liar</u> and <u>murderer</u>.
- 4. As <u>condemner</u>.
- 5. As <u>devourer</u>.

John 10:10a The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

Understand the Warfare - 5 Basic Fronts:

II. Giving <u>Space</u> - Ground to the evil one to work against us.

Ephesians 4:27 nor give place-groundfoothold-doorway to the devil.

The Example of Saul - Space for Enemies to Harass 1 Samuel 18:8, 10a

8 Then <u>Saul was very angry</u>, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"

10 And it happened on the next day that the **distressing spirit** from God **came upon Saul** ...

The Example of Saul -**Space for Enemies** to Harass **Ephesians 4:26-27** 26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place-ground-

foothold to the devil.

The Example of Solomon

- Space for Enemies to Harass - 1 Kings 11:4-6 4 For it was so, when **Solomon** was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not fully follow the Lord, as did his father David.



The Example of Solomon - Space for Enemies to Harass 1 Kings 11:14 Now the Lord raised up an <u>adversary against Solomon</u>, <u>Hadad the Edomite</u>; he was a descendant of the king in Edom.

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The Example of Solomon - Space for Enemies to Harass 1 Kings 11:23, 25-26

23 And God raised up another adversary against him, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who had fled from his lord, Hadadezer king of Zobah. **25** He was an adversary of Israel all the days of Solomon (besides the trouble that Hadad caused); and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria. 26 Then Solomon's servant, Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite from Zereda, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king.



Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Ephesians 4:30 - For Believers And <u>do not grieve the Holy Spirit</u> of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

When do we grieve the Holy Spirit? Ephesians 4:25-32 - 5:5:



John 14:30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the <u>ruler of this world</u> is coming, and <u>he has nothing</u> in Me.

> Disciplines Baggage-declutter RTF for Breakthroughs

Understand the Warfare - 5 Basic Fronts:

III. Demonic <u>Strongholds</u> in our lives.

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1. Definition of Strongholds:

They are <u>mind-sets</u>, <u>thought-patterns</u>, <u>ideas</u>, <u>attitudes</u> and <u>beliefs</u> that are <u>Contrary</u> to the True Knowledge of God.

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

 III. Demonic <u>Strongholds</u> in our lives.
 2. Understanding strongholds.
 A. <u>Arguments / Imaginations</u> - "logizomi"

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

> Good Christian vs Godly Christian Religion vs Relationship Thinking Patterns of the world vs Word & Spirit Revelation Earthly Wisdom vs Heavenly Wisdom

2. 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.

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

Romans 12:2a And do not be conformed to this world ...

III. Demonic <u>Strongholds</u> in our lives.
3. How are strongholds established?
A. <u>Consequences</u> 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, <u>punishing</u> the children for the <u>sin of the fathers to the third and fourth</u> <u>generation of those who hate me</u>... III. Demonic <u>Strongholds</u> in our lives.
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Galatians 3:13-14 13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. John 3:16 III. Demonic <u>Strongholds</u> in our lives.
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e.g. 1 - Certain <u>Sickness & Diseases</u>
e.g. 2 - <u>Sexual & Marital Problems</u>
e.g. 3 - <u>Financial Problems</u>
e.g. 4 - <u>Character Flaws</u> [constant anger]
e.g. 5 - <u>Addictions</u> [to substance / negative behaviour]

3. How are strongholds established?B. The <u>fractured-wounded</u> soul.

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

we may hurt others to the degree of our unhealed wounded-ness

- **3.** How are strongholds established?
 - B. The fractured-wounded soul.
 Our past:
 (1) Unhealed hurts
 (2) Unresolved issues
 (3) Unmet needs

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3. How are strongholds established?
C. All personal habitual sins.

Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the <u>works of the flesh</u> 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, revelries, <u>and the like</u>...

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. Demonic <u>Strongholds</u> in our lives.
3. How are strongholds established?
D. All sins directly involving the <u>evil one</u>.

Exodus 20:4-5

4 You shall not make for yourself a <u>carved image</u> 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 <u>not bow down to them</u> <u>nor serve them</u> ...


3. How are strongholds established?D. All sins directly involving the <u>evil one</u>.

Deuteronomy 18:10-11 10 Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices <u>divination or sorcery</u>, <u>interprets omens</u>, <u>engages in witchcraft</u>, 11 <u>or casts Spells</u>, <u>or who is a medium or</u> <u>spiritist or who consults the dead</u>.

How are strongholds established? All sins directly involving the evil one.

Isaiah 47:13-14
13 ... Let your <u>astrologers</u> come forward, those <u>stargazers</u> 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 ...

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Matthew 12:43-45 43 When an <u>unclean spirit</u> goes out of a man,

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1. When the believer makes a significant decision towards God e.g.

To Grow SpirituallyTo Deal with SinsTo Make Changes in life towards GodlinessStop flirting with
PornographyDetermine to be a
True Worshipper

IV. <u>Shakings</u> in the demonic world around us. This happens in about 2 Basic Situations:
2. When the believer brings the <u>Kingdom of God</u> into lives and situations e.g.

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

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."

Matthew 11:12 And from the <u>days of John the Baptist until now</u> the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

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Mission Trips	Sharing the Gospel			ig the Gospel
Responding to LGBT B Activists		Fringing Sight to the Spiritual Blind		
Contending with Demonic Forces in Family			Setting Free those in Bondage	
Reaching out to a Key Person in a Family / Tribe			Ministering to the Broken-hearted	
Preaching the Gospel to Pre-believers				Casting out Demons

Acts 26:18 to open their eyes, in order to <u>turn them</u> <u>from darkness to light</u>, and <u>from the power of Satan</u> <u>to God</u>, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

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V. Failing to <u>Surrender</u> to the Lordship of Christ.
 Empty = The house is empty

Not occupied Not under possession Not under ownership

It is either under the Lord or under the spirit of the world/wicked one

James 3:15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is <u>earthly</u>, <u>sensual (soulical)</u>, <u>demonic</u>.

1 John 5:19b the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.



When we are not under the Lordship of Christ, we are under the sway of the evil one.

V. Failing to <u>Surrender</u> to the Lordship of Christ.
 Surrender to the Lordship of Christ involves:
 1. <u>Submission</u>

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.



Surrender to the Lordship of Christ involves:2. Servitude

Luke 6:46-48

46 But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and **does** them, I will show you whom he is like: **48** He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

Surrender to the Lordship of Christ involves:2. <u>Servitude</u>

Acts 27:23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve.

1 Kings 17:1b As the Lord God of Israel lives, <u>before whom</u> I stand.

BOTTOM-LINE

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him [the evil one]:

- by the **blood** of the Lamb
- by the word of their testimony
- and they did <u>not</u> love their lives to the death. (surrender)