

Signs and Wonders #7

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Elements of Our Spiritual DNA

- The Kingdom - It's supernatural, or.....it's nothing at all!
- Relationship with the Father - The Cure for mankind
- Grace - Can't separate the Kingdom and Father from Grace
- Family & Relationships - In the Kingdom - Relationship x 3
- Equipping the Saints - The Church will never be the Church until....
- Signs and Wonders - Signs shall follow....
- The Poor - Incredible potential in the poor in every community

Last Week:

- Matthew 16 - Jesus - *"I will build My Church...."*
- The gates of hell will not prevail against the Church
- But, it has to be the Church He builds (*not the man made one!*)
- Only happens if God has the heart/ear of leaders
- If He doesn't have BOTH the True Church will never exist in its purest form
- As simple as that sounds - Not as common as you'd think
- Authority over all the power of the devil

The Weapons of our Warfare

- **2 Corinthians 10:3-6** - *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled."*
- Weapons - mighty in God - sophisticated weapons
 - The enemy's weapons are no match for yours'
 - But, just having them is not enough - - You must use them!
- **Pulling down strongholds (*a hold that is strong!*)**
 - Pulling them down for others,and for yourself!
 - Areas where the enemy has gained a toe-hold

- Where you have been betrayed, wounded, weaknesses, habitual sin
- We all have areas where we are weak - Those are the areas that we must be totally dependent on the Father
- **Ephesians 6:10** - *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might”*
- **2 Corinthians 12:9** - *““My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”*
- There are areas where you may NEVER be strong!
- **Casting down arguments (*imagination* - KJV)**
 - Your imagination can be a great asset....or a great liability!
 - You must bring it into check
 - Get it working for you, not against you
- **Every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God**
 - Gospel is too simple for the intellectual
 - Not logical
 - The wise (*in the eyes of the world*) see Kingdom people as weak-minded
 - **Matthew 11:25** - *“I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.”*
 - Pure heart and childlike faith
 - **1 Corinthians 1:27** - *“God uses the simple things of the world to confound the mighty”*
 - The gospel is ultra simple = Trust Jesus!
- **Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**
 - Importance of your thought life
 - Self-talk
 - Get in control
 - Your thoughts greatly affect your words!
 - Your words set the course of your life
 - Clean up your confession
 - Negative talk empowers the enemy
 - It shows him your areas of vulnerability
 - He knows how to push just the right buttons

- He attempts to give you just the right (*wrong*) thought and then let you do the damage to your own self!
- Be aware - He's good at it!
- **Jack Taylor** - *"The best thing the enemy has going for him is that God's people will believe a lie"*
- He hates you more than you can imagine
- Especially if you're deepening in your relationship with the Father, ...and your relationships with others
- Bring those negative, could thoughts into captivity!
- Stop right there and commit to NOT entertain them!
- You have sophisticated weapons - You must use them!