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# The Gospel of Grace — Made Willing in the Day of His Power

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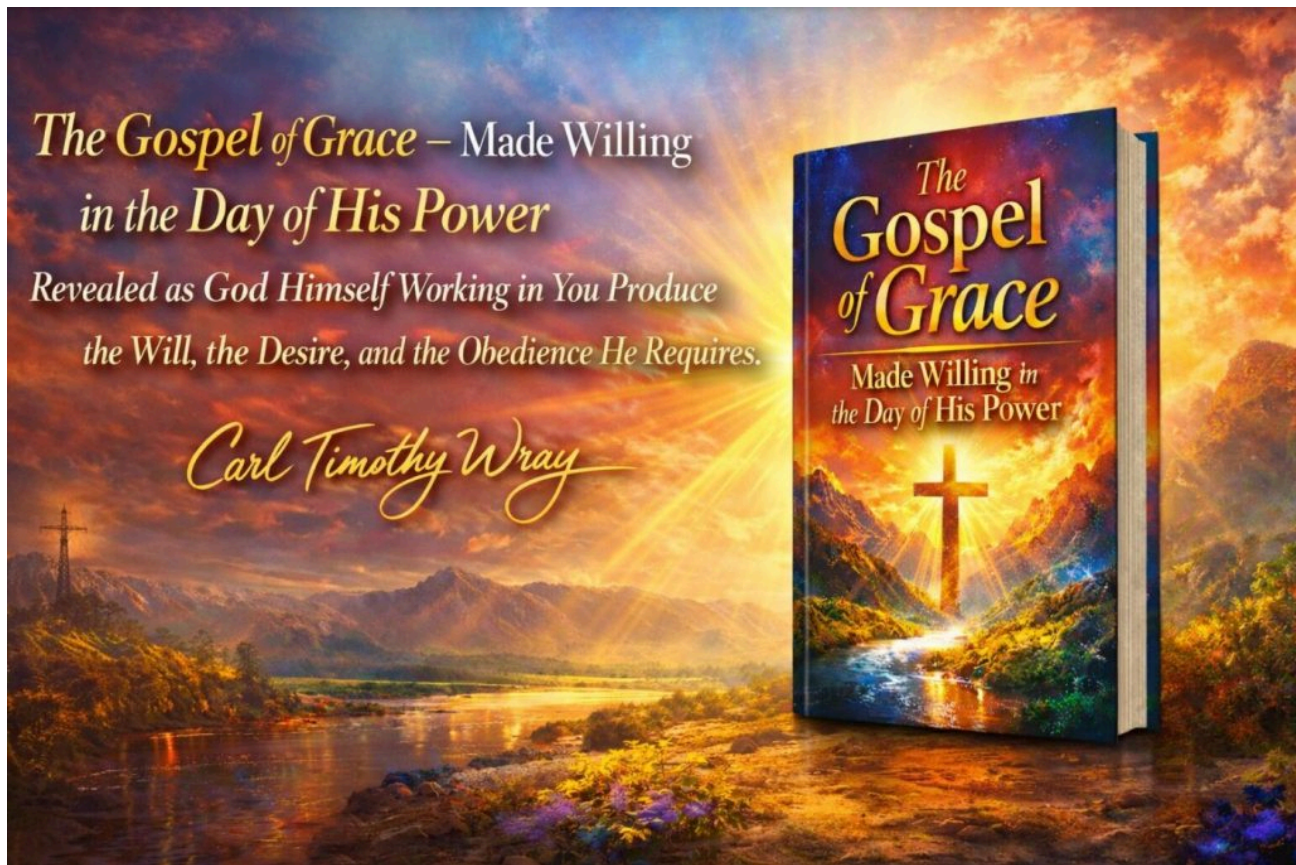


**The Gospel of Grace — Made Willing in the Day of His Power** reveals one of the most misunderstood truths in the church today: that God does not require human willingness as a condition for grace, but produces willingness through His own power working within the believer. Rooted in Psalm 110:3 and fully supported throughout the New Testament, this book unveils how God transforms the soul, breaks strongholds, and aligns the will through the active operation of His Spirit. If you've ever struggled with the tension between grace and responsibility, this book will show you how the Gospel of Grace resolves it completely—revealing that God



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## The Gospel of Grace: INTRODUCTION

There is a subtle phrase that has quietly shaped the thinking of the church for generations:

“Yes, God saves by grace... **but He still needs a willing vessel.**”

At first glance, it sounds reasonable. It sounds balanced. It sounds like it protects responsibility while honoring grace.

But hidden inside that “but” is a shift—a shift that moves the starting point of transformation away from God and places it back on man.



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Yet the Scripture declares something entirely different.

Psalm 110:3 says:

“Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power.”

Not willing before His power.

Not willing so His power can come.

But **made willing in the day of His power.**

This changes everything.

Willingness is not the requirement that qualifies a man for God’s work—it is the result of God’s work in a man.

This truth runs like a thread through the entire New Testament:

Philippians 2:13

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”

Colossians 1:29

“...His working, which worketh in me mightily.”

God does not stand outside the man, waiting for him to become willing.

God enters the man—and begins to **work.**

He works in the spirit—bringing new life.

He works in the soul—renewing the mind.

He works in the will—aligning desire.



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the heart—breaking resistance.

Until the man who once resisted...  
becomes the man who now desires.

This is the journey most believers experience—but few understand.

A man is born again and suddenly finds within himself a hunger for God, yet at the same time discovers a war in his soul—old desires, old patterns, and strongholds that resist the very thing his spirit now loves.

Confusion sets in.

“Why do I still struggle?”

“If I’m truly changed, why is there still conflict?”

“Do I just need to try harder to be willing?”

This book answers those questions.

You will discover:

- why the battle exists
- where it exists
- and most importantly—**who is responsible for resolving it**

This is not a message of passivity.  
This is not a message of human effort.

This is a message of **divine operation**.

The same God who saved you...  
is the God who is working in you.

The same God who gave you life...  
is the God who is shaping your will.



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The same God who called you...  
is the God who will bring you into alignment.

This is the Gospel of Grace in its fullness:

God does not require what He has not already purposed to produce.

As you read, you will begin to see the process clearly:

- the new birth
- the war within
- the strongholds in the soul
- the Word as fire and hammer
- the Potter shaping the clay
- the fire testing the works
- and the emergence of a willing heart

Not by force.

Not by fear.

Not by striving.

But by the **power of God working within you.**

Welcome to the journey.

## **CHAPTER 1 — The Lie Hidden in the Church**

***“Grace... But You Must Be Willing”***

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### **The Subtle Addition That Changes Everything**



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... phrase that has quietly shaped the thinking of the church for generations:

“Yes, God saves by grace... **but He still needs a willing vessel.**”

It sounds harmless.

It sounds balanced.

It sounds like wisdom.

But that one word—**“but”**—introduces mixture.

It takes a Gospel that begins with God...

and subtly shifts the starting point back to man.



## A Little Leaven Changes the Whole Lump

Galatians 5:9

*“A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.”*

Grace does not need help.

Grace does not need balance.

Grace is not strengthened by adding human contribution—  
it is **corrupted** by it.

The moment we say:

“God works... **but you must be willing first**”

We have introduced **another source** into the Gospel.



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## Grace and Works Cannot Be Mixed

Romans 11:6

| *"If by grace, then is it no more of works..."*

This is not a small distinction—it is absolute.

- If willingness originates in man → it becomes **works**
- If willingness is produced by God → it remains **grace**

There is no middle ground.



## Begun in the Spirit... Finished in the Flesh?

Galatians 3:3

| *"Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"*

This is the exact trap many fall into:

- They believe God saves them
- But then believe **they must carry the rest**

So the mindset becomes:

| "God gave me life... now I must produce willingness."

That is not completion.



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return to the flesh.

## The Doctrine of Men vs. the Power of God

Matthew 15:9

*"In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."*

Religious systems love control.

And nothing gives man more control than this idea:

*"God needs your willingness."*

Because now:

- man becomes the deciding factor
- effort becomes the hidden engine
- and grace becomes conditional

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## What Scripture Actually Declares

The Word does not say:

*"God is waiting for a willing vessel."*

It says:

Psalm 110:3



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*...le shall be willing in the day of thy power."*

That is not a suggestion.

That is a **declaration of cause and effect**.

- His power comes
  - Willingness is produced
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## **The Shift That Must Happen**

We must move from this:

✗ "God works **if** I am willing"

To this:

✓ "God works **until** I become willing"

That is the difference between:

- mixture and purity
  - striving and rest
  - religion and revelation
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## **Why This Lie Is So Dangerous**

Because it does three things:

### 1. It creates pride



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es condemnation

- “I must not be willing enough”

### 3. It hides the true work of God

- the inner transformation He performs
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## The Truth That Sets You Free

The Gospel of Grace declares:

| God does not require what He has not already purposed to produce.

If He requires:

- willingness
- obedience
- alignment

Then He Himself is:

- the source
  - the worker
  - the finisher
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## The Foundation for Everything That Follows

If you miss this, you will:

- fight the wrong battle
- trust the wrong source
- and carry a burden God never gave you



But if you see it:

👉 Everything begins to make sense

- the struggle
  - the process
  - the correction
  - the transformation
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## ⚡ ONE LINE TO CARRY FORWARD

The “but” in grace is the birthplace of striving—  
but the truth of grace is that God works until the will aligns.

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## 🔥 CALL TO ACTION

Ask yourself honestly:

- Where have I added “but” to grace?
- Where have I made willingness my responsibility instead of God’s work?
- Where have I been striving to produce what only God can create?

Lay it down.

Let this truth take root:

**God is not waiting on your willingness—He is working in you to produce it.**

## ⚡ CHAPTER 2 — Made Willing in the Day of His



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### *The Divine Cause Behind Human Willingness*

## The King on the Throne

Psalm 110:1

*“The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.”*

Before you ever get to “made willing,” you must see **who is speaking** and **from where**.

This is not:

- a struggling God
- a hoping God
- a negotiating God

This is a **reigning Christ**.

- ☞ Seated.
- ☞ Enthroned.
- ☞ Acting from authority.

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## The Declaration That Ends the Debate

Psalm 110:3

*“Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power...”*

Read it clearly.



- Not *might be willing*
- Not *should be willing*
- Not *if they choose to be willing*

## ☞ **Shall be willing**

That is not instruction.

That is **decree**.

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## ⚙️ **Cause and Effect — Heaven's Order**

This verse establishes a divine order:

**His Power → Your Willingness**

Not:

**Your Willingness → His Power**

This flips the entire religious system.

Religion says:

|"Become willing so God can move."

Truth says:

|"God moves, and willingness is born."



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What Is "The Day of His Power"?

This is not just a 24-hour period.

It is a **moment of divine intervention**—  
when God steps into a man's life and begins to **operate**.

You've seen it:

- when truth suddenly breaks through
- when desire shifts without effort
- when something you once resisted... you now embrace

☞ That is **the day of His power**.

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## ⚡ **The Power Is Not External—It Is Internal**

Philippians 2:13

| *"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do..."*

Notice where the power works:

☞ **In you**

Not around you.

Not merely upon you.

But **within you**.

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## **Miracle of the Will Being Changed**

Willingness is not:

- self-generated
- self-sustained
- self-initiated

It is the result of **divine influence at the deepest level of the soul.**

God does not:

- argue with your will
- wait for your will

☞ He **works on your will.**

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## **The Soul Meets the Power**

The spirit is made new instantly.

But the soul—

- your thoughts
- your desires
- your motives

☞ meets the **power of God over time**

And when that power touches the soul:

- resistance weakens
- alignment begins



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## This Explains Everything You've Experienced

Why did:

- Jonah finally go?
- Nebuchadnezzar finally bow?
- Paul suddenly turn?

Not because they:

- woke up willing

👉 but because **power met them**

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## The Death of Human Boasting

If willingness comes from God's power:

Then no man can say:

- "I was more willing than others"
- "I chose better"

Because:

👉 **God produced the will itself**

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## Potter's Power at Work

The potter doesn't say:

“Clay, become willing to be shaped.”

He applies:

- pressure
- movement
- influence

Until the clay **yields**.

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## **The Hidden Glory of This Truth**

This truth removes:

- pressure from you
- pride from you
- despair from you

And places everything back where it belongs:

 **in the hands of God**

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## **ONE LINE TO CARRY FORWARD**

Willingness is not your offering to God—  
it is God's work within you.

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## CALL TO ACTION

Ask yourself:

- Where have I been trying to make myself willing?
- Where have I been waiting to feel ready before trusting God?
- Where have I mistaken struggle for failure instead of process?

Let this truth settle:

The same God who calls you...  
is the God who will make you willing.



## A New Beginning That Changes Everything

2 Corinthians 5:17

*“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*

When a man is born again, something radical happens:

- ☞ He does not become improved...
- ☞ He becomes **new**.

This is not:

- behavior modification
- moral reform
- gradual change



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# The Spirit Is Instantly Changed

1 Peter 1:23

| *"Being born again... by the word of God..."*

At the moment of new birth:

- your spirit is made alive
- your nature is changed
- your source is replaced

You go from:

- death → life
- darkness → light
- separation → union

👉 Instantly.



# A New Tree Has Been Planted

Matthew 7:18

| *"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit..."*

This is not symbolic—it is **definitive**.

- A bad tree cannot produce good fruit
- A good tree cannot produce bad fruit



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So when God makes you new:

👉 He changes the **tree**, not just the fruit

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## 🔪 Then Why the Conflict?

Because something else came with you.

Not in your spirit...

👉 but in your **soul**

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## 🧠 The Soul: The Battlefield of Alignment

Your soul includes:

- your mind
- your will
- your emotions
- your desires

And when you were born again:

👉 Your soul did **not** get erased

It came into the new life carrying:

- old patterns
  - old desires
  - old ways of thinking
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# The Soul Must Be Renewed

Ephesians 4:23

*“Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.”*

Romans 12:2

*“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”*

This is not instant.

This is **process**.

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## Two Realities at Once

After new birth, a man lives in two simultaneous realities:

### 1. Spirit (New)

- righteous
- alive
- desires God

### 2. Soul (Being Transformed)

- learning
- resisting
- being reshaped



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where the tension comes from

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# The War Within Explained

Galatians 5:17

| *"The flesh lusteth against the Spirit..."*

This is not:

- two natures in your spirit

This is:

☞ **the soul (flesh patterns) resisting the new life within**



## Strongholds Live in the Soul

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Strongholds are:

- entrenched thinking
- repeated patterns
- learned desires

They are not:

- your identity
- your new nature

☞ They are **leftovers of the old system**



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## The Key Revelation

The born-again man does not have:

✗ a broken spirit problem

He has:

☞ a **soul alignment process**

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## This Explains Your Experience

Why do you:

- love God deeply...
- yet feel resistance?
- desire righteousness...
- yet feel conflict?

Because:

- ☞ Your spirit is new
  - ☞ Your soul is catching up
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## The Beginning of the Transformation

God does not:



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your soul

He:

- **renews it**
- **teaches it**
- **reshapes it**

Until:

👉 your soul agrees with your spirit

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## **The Shift That Changes Everything**

Stop asking:

| "What's wrong with me?"

Start seeing:

| **"God is working on my soul."**

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## **ONE LINE TO CARRY FORWARD**

| You were instantly made new in your spirit—  
but your soul is being brought into agreement with it.

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## **CALL TO ACTION**

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- Have I confused my struggle with my identity?
- Have I thought my conflict meant I wasn't truly changed?
- Have I been trying to fix what God is in the process of renewing?

Let this truth settle:

Your spirit is not the problem—  
your soul is the place God is working.

## CHAPTER 4 — The War Within

### *Why a New Creature Still Feels the Fight*

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## The Question Every Believer Asks

"If I'm truly born again...  
why do I still feel this battle?"

- I love God... yet something resists
- I want righteousness... yet something pulls the other way
- I've changed... yet I still struggle

This tension confuses many.

Some think:

- they're not really saved

Others think:

- they must try harder



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is simpler—and deeper:

☞ **You're experiencing the war between two influences, not two identities.**

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## ⚔️ **The Battlefield Defined**

Galatians 5:17

| *"The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh..."*

This is not:

- spirit vs. spirit
- new nature vs. old nature inside your spirit

This is:

☞ **Spirit vs. flesh patterns operating in the soul**

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## 🧠 **What Is "the Flesh" Really?**

The flesh is not just the body.

It is:

- learned behavior
- trained desires
- ingrained reactions
- habitual thinking



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**old system still operating in the soul**

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## The Spirit's Desire Is Clear

Your born-again spirit:

- desires righteousness
- loves truth
- responds to God

There is no confusion there.

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## But the Soul Has Momentum

Your soul has been:

- trained by years of living
- shaped by experiences
- wired into patterns

So when the Spirit introduces:

- truth
- life
- righteousness

👉 the soul doesn't instantly agree

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## This Creates the Tension

You feel:



- desire pulling one way

- habit pulling another
- truth confronting error
- life confronting old patterns

☞ That's the war

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## Paul Lived It Too

Romans 7:22-23

| *"I delight in the law of God after the inward man... but I see another law..."*

Notice:

- "inward man" → aligned with God
- "another law" → operating in the members

☞ Same conflict you feel

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## This Is Not Hypocrisy—It's Process

Many think:

| "If I were real, I wouldn't feel this."

That's not true.

☞ The presence of conflict proves:



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it is alive

- and confronting what is not aligned
- 

## The Mind Is the War Zone

Romans 8:7

| *"The carnal mind is enmity against God..."*

This is why:

- thoughts must be renewed
- perspectives must change
- desires must be reshaped

👉 The war is **fought in the mind**

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## Strongholds Fight to Stay

Strongholds don't leave quietly.

They:

- argue
- resist
- justify themselves

They say:



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ust who you are"  
ever change"

But that's not truth.

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## **The Spirit Is Not Passive**

The Spirit doesn't observe the war...

☞ He **engages it**

- He convicts
  - He exposes
  - He presses truth
  - He brings light
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## **God Is Working Inside the Conflict**

Philippians 2:13

| *"God works in you both to will and to do..."*

That means:

☞ Even in the struggle—God is active

- reshaping desire
  - weakening resistance
  - shifting your will
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## **War Has a Purpose**

The conflict is not random.

It is:

👉 **the process of alignment**

God is:

- bringing the soul into agreement with the spirit
  - removing what doesn't belong
  - establishing what does
- 

## **The Turning Point**

At first:

- you feel the war constantly

Over time:

- resistance weakens
- desire shifts
- alignment increases

Until eventually:

👉 what was once a struggle  
becomes your nature in expression

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**ONE LINE TO CARRY FORWARD**

The war within is not proof you're failing—  
it's proof God is working.

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## CALL TO ACTION

Ask yourself:

- Have I mistaken conflict for failure?
- Have I been condemning myself for what God is confronting?
- Have I tried to fix what God is in the process of transforming?

Shift your view:

The battle you feel is not your identity—  
it is the place God is bringing into alignment.

## CHAPTER 5 — Strongholds: The Hard Places in the Soul

### ***Where Resistance Lives and God Goes to Work***

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#### What Is a Stronghold?

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

*"...the pulling down of strong holds; casting down imaginations..."*

A stronghold is not just a habit.



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- a **fortified pattern of thinking**
- a **belief system that feels like truth**
- a **cycle of desire that keeps repeating**

👉 It is a **place in the soul that has been reinforced over time**

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## **Where Strongholds Live**

Not in your spirit.

👉 In your **soul**:

- mind
- will
- emotions
- desires

These are areas that have been:

- trained
- conditioned
- repeated

Until they feel **natural**

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## **Why They Feel So Strong**

Because they've been:



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d for years

- emotionally reinforced

- justified internally
- accepted as identity

So when truth comes:

- ☞ it doesn't meet empty ground
- ☞ it meets **resistance**

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## Strongholds Speak

They don't stay silent.

They say:

- "This is just who you are"
- "You'll never change"
- "This is normal"
- "This isn't that serious"

☞ They defend themselves

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## The Root of a Stronghold

Hebrews 3:12-13

At the root, you'll find:

- unbelief
- deception



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A stronghold is:

☞ a lie that has been believed long enough to feel like truth

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## Strongholds and the Heart

Mark 7:21-23

Jesus shows:

- evil flows from within
- desires originate in the heart

That means:

- ☞ The issue is not external
  - ☞ It is internal
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## Why Behavior Modification Fails

You can:

- change actions
- adjust habits
- restrain behavior

But if the stronghold remains:



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Because:

☞ the **root is still intact**

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## **God Does Not Manage Strongholds—He Destroys Them**

2 Corinthians 10:4

| *“...mighty through God to the pulling down...”*

Not:

- controlling them
- coping with them
- managing them

☞ **Pulling them down**

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## **This Is Where the Real Battle Happens**

Not:

- on the outside

But:

☞ **inside the thinking and believing of the soul**

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## Strongholds Resist the Truth

When truth comes, strongholds:

- argue
- resist
- reinterpret truth
- try to stay in control

They don't surrender easily.

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## This Is Why the Process Feels Intense

Because:

- identity is tied to the stronghold
- emotion is tied to the stronghold
- memory is tied to the stronghold

So when God deals with it:

👉 it feels like something is being shaken

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## The Potter's Pressure Meets the Hard Place

God knows exactly:

- where the resistance is
- where the lie is rooted
- where pressure is needed



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👉 And He applies it

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## ⚡ The Beginning of Freedom

Freedom begins when:

👉 the lie is exposed

Because once you see:

- “This is not truth”

👉 the stronghold begins to weaken

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## 🔑 The Key Revelation

A stronghold is not who you are—  
it is something God is removing.

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## 🔥 What God Is Doing Right Now

Even in your struggle:

- exposing lies
- challenging thinking
- reshaping desire
- weakening resistance



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👉 HE IS **working on the stronghold**

## ONE LINE TO CARRY FORWARD

Strongholds are strong—but they are not sovereign.

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## CALL TO ACTION

Ask yourself:

- What thought patterns feel unchangeable?
- What desires feel stronger than truth?
- What have I accepted as “just me” that God is confronting?

Now shift your view:

This is not my identity—  
this is a stronghold God is dismantling.

## CHAPTER 6 — The Word: Fire and Hammer

### *How God Breaks the Hard Places in the Soul*

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## The Nature of the Word

Jeremiah 23:29

*“Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”*



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God does not describe His Word as:

- advice
- suggestion
- information

He describes it as:

👉 **Fire**

👉 **Hammer**

That means:

- it acts
  - it applies force
  - it produces change
- 

## **The Word Meets the Hard Place**

Strongholds are not removed by:

- time
- effort
- willpower

They are confronted by:

👉 **the Word of God**

And when the Word meets a stronghold:

👉 something has to give



# Fire: The Revealing and Purifying Power

Fire does two things:

## 1. It Reveals

- exposes hidden things
- brings truth into light
- uncovers what was buried

## 2. It Purifies

- burns what cannot remain
  - separates truth from mixture
  - removes what is not of God
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## The Word Is Not Passive

Hebrews 4:12

| *“The word of God is quick, and powerful...”*

That word “powerful” means:

 **active, effectual, working**

The Word is:

- alive
- moving



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# The Word Reaches the Deepest Places

Hebrews 4:12

| *"...piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit..."*

The Word goes where:

- logic cannot go
- effort cannot reach
- behavior cannot fix

👉 It reaches the **root**

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## The Hammer: The Breaking Force

After the fire reveals...

👉 the hammer breaks

The hammer:

- shatters lies
  - fractures resistance
  - breaks hardened thinking
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## The Rock Does Not Break Itself

A word will not:



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- dissolve on its own
- fade away naturally

👉 It must be **struck**

And God does the striking through:

👉 His Word

## 🔪 Why It Feels Like Pressure

Because:

- the Word confronts what you've believed
- the Word challenges what feels natural
- the Word presses against resistance

So it feels like:

- tension
- pressure
- discomfort

## 🔥 But the Fire Is Not Against You

It is against:

- the lie
- the deception



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- ☞ The Word is not destroying you
  - ☞ It is **freeing you**
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## **The Process of Breaking**

The sequence often looks like this:

1. Truth is heard
  2. Resistance rises
  3. Pressure increases
  4. The lie cracks
  5. Freedom begins
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## **The Moment of Breaking**

There comes a point where:

- ☞ what once felt immovable
- ☞ suddenly loses its grip

And you realize:

- “That no longer controls me”
  - “That no longer defines me”
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## **This Is How the Mind Is Renewed**

| *“...the washing of water by the word...”*

The Word:

- washes
  - cleanses
  - reshapes thinking
- 

## **The Key Revelation**

| The Word does not ask permission—  
it brings transformation.

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## **What God Is Doing Through the Word**

He is:

- exposing every lie
  - breaking every stronghold
  - reshaping every wrong pattern
  - aligning your soul with truth
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## **ONE LINE TO CARRY FORWARD**

| When the soul gets hard, God sends the fire and brings the hammer.

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Ask yourself:

- Where is the Word confronting me right now?
- What truth have I resisted?
- What area feels like pressure instead of peace?

Now see it differently:

This is not pressure to destroy you—  
this is the Word working to free you.

## ⚙️ **CHAPTER 7 — The Energeia of God**

### ***God Working in You Mightily***

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## ⚡ **The Hidden Engine of Transformation**

There is a word that unlocks everything you've been seeing:

👉 **Energeia** — the active, effectual working of God

This is not:

- inspiration
- suggestion
- external help

This is:

👉 **God Himself operating inside the man**



## The Scripture That Reveals It

Colossians 1:29

| *“...according to His working, which worketh in me mightily.”*

Look closely:

- “working”
- “worketh”
- “mightily”

👉 This is not passive language

This is **divine activity in motion**

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## Not Effort — Operation

Paul does not say:

- “I tried harder”
- “I disciplined myself more”

He says:

👉 **Something is working in me**

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## The Source of Willingness



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“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do...”

This is the key:

- God works → you will
- God works → you act

☞ Both the desire and the action come from Him

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## This Explains the Inner Change

Have you ever:

- suddenly wanted what you used to resist?
- lost desire for something you once loved?
- felt a shift you didn't produce?

That is:

☞ **Energieia — God working inside you**

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## The Continuous Operation

This is not a one-time event.

It is:

- ongoing



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God is:

- working daily
  - shaping continuously
  - aligning over time
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## **Energieia Meets Resistance**

When God works:

- strongholds are challenged
- lies are exposed
- resistance is confronted

This is why:

- ☞ the process can feel intense
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## **The Word Carries the Power**

Hebrews 4:12

| *“The word of God is... powerful...”*

That word “powerful” means:

- ☞ **active, effective, working**



not just spoken—

👉 It performs

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## The Potter's Hand Is Energeia

When the potter shapes the clay:

- the movement
- the pressure
- the formation

👉 That is the **working**

God is not watching your life—

👉 He is **actively shaping it**

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## ⚡ The Shift From Religion to Reality

Religion says:

| "Try to change yourself."

Truth says:

| **"God is changing you from within."**

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## Why This Ends Striving

If God is the one working:

Then you are not:

- the source
- the engine
- the power

☞ You are the **vessel being worked in**

## **The Key Revelation**

The Christian life is not sustained by your effort—  
it is produced by God’s operation within you.

## **The Confidence This Brings**

Because if:

☞ God is working

Then:

- the process is real
- the change is certain
- the outcome is being formed

## **ONE LINE TO CARRY FORWARD**



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not trying to become—

you are being worked into what God has already purposed.

## CALL TO ACTION

Ask yourself:

- Where have I been trying to produce what God is already working?
- Where have I mistaken effort for transformation?
- Where have I not recognized God’s hand in my process?

Now shift your view:

| God is not waiting on me—  
 | He is working in me.

## CHAPTER 8 — The Potter and the Process

### *How God Forms the Soul Until the Will Aligns*

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## Come Down to the Potter’s House

Jeremiah 18

| *“Arise, and go down to the potter’s house... and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.”*

This is not a picture of instant change.

It is a picture of:

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- repetition

- intention

☞ a process unfolding in the hands of the Potter

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## The Wheel Is Always Turning

The clay is not static.

It is:

- spinning
- being repositioned
- being worked again and again

The potter does not rush the wheel.

He allows:

- time
- pressure
- contact

☞ until the form begins to respond

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## “Marred in the Hand”

| *“The vessel... was marred in the hand of the potter...”*



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anges everything.

The flaw:

- did not happen outside His control
- did not remove the clay from His hand

☞ It was **marred in His hand**

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## **The Potter Is Not Surprised by the Clay**

When something surfaces in your life:

- a resistance
- a stronghold
- a desire that doesn't align

God does not react with shock.

☞ He already knew what was in the clay.

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## **The Divine Response: He Works It Again**

| *"...so he made it again another vessel..."*

Not:

- discarded
- abandoned
- rejected



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The Potter does not look for better clay...

☞ He **works the clay He has**

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## The Authority Belongs to the Potter

Isaiah 64:8

| *"We are the clay, and thou our potter..."*

Romans 9:20-21

The clay does not define:

- timing
- pressure
- outcome

☞ The Potter does

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## ⚡ The Clay Does Not Lead—It Yields

The clay does not say:

- "I'm ready now"
- "Press here, not there"
- "This is too much"



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ed by the hand that holds it

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## Pressure Is Not Punishment—It Is Formation

The Potter uses:

- pressure to center
- pressure to shape
- pressure to align

Without pressure:

👉 there is no vessel

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## Precision, Not Randomness

The Potter knows exactly:

- where to press
- how deep to go
- when to ease
- when to increase

👉 Every movement has purpose

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## The Process Is Progressive

Formation does not happen in a moment.

It unfolds through:



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- correction

- adjustment

☞ until the clay begins to take the shape

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## **Why It Takes Time**

Because the soul contains:

- layers of thinking
- entrenched desires
- long-standing patterns

☞ These must be worked through—not skipped

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## **The Goal Is Alignment, Not Appearance**

God is not trying to make you look right.

He is forming:

☞ **agreement between your soul and His will**

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## **The Confidence of Being in His Hand**

If you are in His hand:

- you are not abandoned
- you are not forgotten
- you are not outside the process



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not forgotten

☞ you are being formed

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## ⚡ When the Clay Begins to Yield

At first:

- the clay resists
- the shape fights the hand

But over time:

- ☞ the clay softens
  - ☞ the form responds
  - ☞ the will aligns
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## 🔑 The Key Revelation

The Potter does not expect the clay to be willing—  
He works it until it yields.

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## 🏁 The Outcome Is Certain

Because the process does not depend on:

- the strength of the clay
- the consistency of the clay



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is on the skill of the Potter

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## ONE LINE TO CARRY FORWARD

You are not trying to become the vessel—  
you are being formed into it.

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## CALL TO ACTION

Ask yourself:

- Where have I resisted the shaping?
- Where have I misunderstood pressure as rejection?
- Where have I tried to control what God is forming?

Now shift your view:

I am not failing—  
I am being formed in the hands of the Potter.

## CHAPTER 9 — The Fire That Tests the Works

### *What Remains and What Goes Up in Smoke*

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## The Day the Fire Comes

1 Corinthians 3:13-15

*"...every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire..."*



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oment in every believer's journey where:

- ☞ what has been built
- ☞ what has been produced
- ☞ what has been formed

is brought into the light of **God's fire**.

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## **The Fire Does Not Test the Man**

Read it carefully.

It does not say:

- the man is burned
- the identity is tested

It says:

- ☞ **the work is tested**
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## **Two Kinds of Building**

1 Corinthians 3:12

*"gold, silver, precious stones..."*

*"wood, hay, stubble..."*

These represent:



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**Comes From God**

- Spirit-produced

- truth-formed
- eternal in nature

## What Comes From the Flesh

- self-effort
  - wrong motive
  - soulish construction
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## The Nature of Fire

Fire does not argue.

Fire does not negotiate.

👉 Fire reveals by **consuming**

- what is eternal → remains
  - what is temporary → burns
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## When the Fire Touches the Works

- flesh-built effort → disappears
- self-produced righteousness → collapses
- outward form without substance → vanishes

👉 it goes up in smoke

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Because what looked:

- strong
- spiritual
- impressive

was actually:

👉 **built from the wrong source**

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## 🔥 **The Loss Is Real—But It Is Not Destruction**

1 Corinthians 3:15

*"If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved..."*

This is critical.

- the work is lost
  - the man is not
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## ⚖️ **The Separation Between Identity and Output**

God separates:

- who you are
- from what you produced



- 👉 Your identity is secure
  - 👉 Your works are tested
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## 🔥 The Purpose of the Fire

The fire is not:

- punishment
- rejection
- condemnation

It is:

- 👉 purification and revelation
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## 🏺 Fire and the Potter Work Together

The Potter forms...

The fire reveals the quality of the forming.

Together they:

- 👉 remove what is false
  - 👉 establish what is true
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## 📌 This Is Where Grace Shines Brightest



because even when:

- everything burns
- everything is lost

☞ the man is still held by God

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## Why This Matters for Your Journey

It means:

- you can stop building out of fear
  - you can stop striving to produce
  - you can trust the source
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## The Only Thing That Survives


What remains is:

☞ what God Himself worked in you

- His truth
  - His nature
  - His work
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## This Connects to Everything You've Seen

- God works in you
- God shapes the soul

 EN produces willingness

Now:

☞ God tests what came out of that process

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## The Key Revelation

The fire does not determine who you are—  
it reveals what came from God and what did not.

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## The Freedom in This Truth

You don't have to:

- fear the fire
- avoid the fire

Because:

☞ the fire is working **for you**, not against you

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## ONE LINE TO CARRY FORWARD

When the fire comes, the flesh burns—  
but what God has worked in you remains.

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### LINE TO ACTION

Ask yourself:

- What am I building from—flesh or Spirit?
- What would remain if the fire touched it today?
- Am I trusting my effort, or God's working?

Now shift your focus:

| Let God build in you what only He can preserve.

## **CHAPTER 10 — Overcomers, Firstfruits, and Full Alignment**

### ***What They Overcame and How God Brought Them Through***

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#### **The Harvest Still Has Distinction**

From Genesis to Revelation, God shows:

- ☞ there is **one field**
- ☞ but not all mature at the same time

Some come into early maturity—**firstfruits**  
Others are still in process

James 1:18

| *"...that we should be a kind of firstfruits..."*



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| *"...these were redeemed... being the firstfruits..."*

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## **Overcomers — The Result of God's Finished Work in the Soul**

Revelation 2–3

| *"To him that overcometh..."*

An overcomer is not:

- a man who never struggled
- a man who had no resistance

👉 He is the man in whom **God finished what He started**

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## **What Did They Overcome?**

Now we define it clearly—step by step.

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## **1. They Overcame Satan — The Adversary**

Revelation 12:11

| *"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb..."*

“Resist the devil, and he will flee...”

This is the first layer:

- accusation
- deception
- opposition

👉 The adversary loses his grip where truth is established

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## 2. They Overcame the Spirit of This World

1 John 5:4

“This is the victory that overcometh the world...”

1 John 2:15-16

The world system brings:

- lust
- pride
- identity outside of God

👉 The overcomer is no longer governed by the system of this age

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## 3. They Overcame the Flesh

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“They that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh...”

Galatians 5:17

The flesh produces:

- resistance
- opposing desires
- misalignment

☞ The overcomer walks in the Spirit, not the pull of the flesh

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## 4. They Overcame Strongholds in the Soul

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Strongholds are:

- lies believed
- patterns reinforced
- thinking hardened

☞ These are broken down by the Word and the working of God

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## This Was Not Human Effort

None of this happened because:



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ed harder

disciplined themselves enough

- they became strong in themselves

It happened because:

👉 **God worked in them**

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## ⚙️ **The Source of All Overcoming**

Philippians 2:13

| *"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do..."*

Colossians 1:29

| *"...His working, which worketh in me mightily."*

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## 🏺 **The Process Produced the Overcomer**

They went through:

- the new birth
- the war within
- the confrontation of strongholds
- the fire and hammer of the Word
- the shaping of the Potter

👉 Until alignment was reached

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## The Soul Came Into Agreement

What was once:

- conflict
- resistance
- struggle

Became:

☞ agreement

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## ⚡ The Will Was Made Willing

We return to the beginning:

Psalm 110:3

| *"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power..."*

This is the outcome:

☞ willingness produced by God's power

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## Not All Mature at the Same Time

1 Corinthians 3:14-15



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- build with what remains
- Others:
- experience loss

👉 But the process continues

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## The Key Distinction

The overcomer is not:

- a different class of salvation

👉 but a different **stage of transformation**

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## The Final State

The overcomer becomes:

- aligned
- established
- stable

Because:

👉 the work has matured

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The overcomer is the man in whom God has overcome everything that once resisted Him.

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## FINAL CALL TO ACTION

Ask yourself:

- Where is God working in me right now?
- What is being overcome in my life?
- Am I resisting—or recognizing the process?

Now settle this truth:

Overcoming is not what you achieve—  
it is what God accomplishes in you.

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## FINAL WORD

They overcame:

- Satan
- the world
- the flesh
- the strongholds

Not by striving—

 but by the power of God working within them.

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