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In 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 it says, *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.)"* 

We learn that our battle is not with people. It is with our spiritual enemy, Satan, who has that person bound in a stronghold, using them against us. A stronghold can be many things from being a liar, a thief, a profane person, a deviate person, a person bound in alcohol, idolatry, sexual sins among other things.

So, what is our greatest weapon of defense against these strongholds? *It is the Word of God*. Now, that sounds simple, but God's word is defined in Hebrews 4:12 where it says, *"For the word of God is quick [alive], and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* 

God's word is our greatest defense. When we pray for a situation, the best way to pray is to pray out loud the promises found in the word. We speak those promises over ourselves and over others, and it is sent out. Isaiah 55:11 says, *"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."* 

God's spoken word out of our mouths will go forth and accomplish great things. It is our defense. We can always count on it accomplishing God's plan. Speak the promises of God over yourself. Speak life and not death. Then believe what you have spoken will be performed, in the name of Jesus.