

Ephesians 6:12-17

# Breaking Bad



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Today: Breaking Satanic Strongholds

Week 2: Breaking Babylon

Week 3: Breaking Religion

Week 4: Breaking Relationship Strongholds



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# The Rip



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Why can't I  
Seem to get anywhere?



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Jesus was on alert and for Satanic influences

Matthew 16:23 "But he turned and said to Peter,  
"Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to  
me. For you are not setting your mind on the  
things of God, but on the things of man."



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# Peter learned his lessons

1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."



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Ephesians 6:11-12 "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the *spiritual* forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Pneumatikos

*non-carnal, a spirit, or supernatural, - spiritual.*



Spirit: pneuma

*a current of air, that is, breath (blast)  
or a breeze;  
by analogy or figuratively a spirit,*

“we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against ...the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”



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Ephesians 2: -2, "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience."



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Ephesians 2:3 “among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 6:12 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood...”



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*We are fighting against the wind (spirits).*



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Spiritual Forces of evil are against anyone  
who is a child of God

1Thessalonians 2:18 “because we wanted  
to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—  
but *Satan hindered us.*”



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Romans 15:20-22 "and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand." **This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.**



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Daniel 10:12-13 "Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia..."



Mark 4:36-5:2, “And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.”



Mark 1:22-24 "And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God."



## Possible Symptoms

**Body- Physical**: Chronic sickness, struggles, temptations, addictions, weakness, sleeplessness, lack of resources, persecution, etc

**Soul- mind, will, emotions**: confusion, anxiety, depressions, insecurity, despair, discouragement, doubt, peacelessness

**Spirit- heart**: Pride, unforgiveness, fear, insubmission, Unclean-ness, Bitterness, etc



# Be Aero-dynamic Christians



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## *#1 Trim down what sticks out*

Ephesians 4:27 "and give no opportunity  
(foothold) to the devil."

1Thessalonians 5:22 "Abstain from every form  
of evil."



# Be Aero-dynamic Christians

## #2 Resist and Renounce

1 Peter 5:8-9, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world."



# Be Aero-dynamic Christians

## *#3 Repent and Submit*

James 4:7-10 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep."



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**#4 Proclaim Your Rights in Christ**

1Peter 5:9 "Resist him, **firm in your faith**"



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the belt of **truth**,  
the breastplate of **righteousness**,  
the **gospel of peace**.  
the shield of **faith**,  
the helmet of **salvation**,  
the **word of God**,



2Corinthians 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ."



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As a child of God seated with Christ in the  
heavenlies, and in the name and authority  
of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command Satan  
and all evil spirits to release me in order  
that I can be free to know and choose to  
do with will of God.



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I commit myself to do the will of God, and I submit my body to my heavenly Father as a living sacrifice, an instrument of righteousness. I refuse to be intimidated by Satan's lies, or to give in to any physical harassment. I am a child of God and the evil one cannot touch me.



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