

Confronting Chaos  
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Is chaos a formidable foe for you?

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, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete. 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

In the rush of the chaos life gives us, we can forget about the weapons that God gives us. Since our struggle is beyond what we can physically overcome, our Lord steps in with what we need. It should be a reminder that this is one more way God is with His people and has not cast us to the wolves of Satan.

Here are three considerations as we tackle the task of confronting the chaos in this life:

(1) The relentlessness of chaos means the secular and physical world affects the spiritual part of us.

Life can leave us feeling bruised and battered. These footholds of pain and hurt affect us spiritually, so we must seek power greater than ourselves. What we have are limitations but remember, we worship an unlimited God. What God gives to us transcends where we are at in this world. What strongholds seem unstoppable? What strongholds seem too formidable? What seems too great for us is nothing in the sight of God.

(2) It's time to shatter the lies of chaos.

Chaos isn't just external; it seeps into our minds, manifesting as doubts, fears, and false beliefs. God proclaims that we have the power to destroy every argument and lofty opinion raised against Him. This isn't just about winning debates - it's about tearing down mental strongholds that keep us imprisoned in chaos.

Let the Word of God cut through the deceit, distortion, and dissension of chaos. Every time you confront a lie with God's truth, you're defending yourself and reclaiming something taken by the enemy.

(3) Being willing to listen and learn is a great weapon against chaos.

Disobedience is a hallmark of sin. When we allow our disobedience to rule our thoughts, arguments, and opinions, we fall into the trap to which so many others remain tethered.

It's not just God who seeks obedience, we also should be seeking obedience - from ourselves. When we are willing to listen and learn, it is a submission to the clarity of Christ, and it helps us see through the fog of this life. Listening and learning help overcome the anarchy raging within us, and it helps to force order upon the chaos.

Chaos may be formidable, but it can't stand up against the God of order. God doesn't want us to simply survive it all, but He lives that we might have more.