
TRANSFORMATIVE CHRISTIANITY

Part 7 – God’s Mighty Weapons for Transformation

FOR THE
WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE

ARE NOT CARNAL, BUT MIGHTY THROUGH GOD TO THE PULLING DOWN OF STRONG HOLDS

2 CORINTHIANS 10:4

CALLED TO DUTY

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

2 Corinthians 10:1 - NLT

Now I, Paul, appeal to you with the gentleness and kindness of Christ—though I realize you think I am timid in person and bold only when I write from far away.

2 Corinthians 10:2

Well, I am begging you now so that when I come I won't have to be bold with those who think we act from human motives.

2 Corinthians 10:3

We are human, but we don't
wage war as humans do.

2 Corinthians 10:4

**We use God's mighty weapons,
not worldly weapons, to knock
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reasoning and to destroy false
arguments.**

2 Corinthians 10:5

We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

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And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient.



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Background of the Church at Corinth

- **It is believed that Paul originally helped plant the church at Corinth.**
- **Later when Paul went to Ephesus, false “Christian” teachers began causing divisions in the church by attacking Paul’s life experiences, style, and teachings in order to destroy people’s confidence in him and in the gospel.**

- **While in Ephesus, Paul received an oral report about some of the serious problems going on in the Corinthian church: tolerating sexual immorality, the divisions and competing factions in the church, food offered to idols, confusion regarding spiritual gifts, etc.**

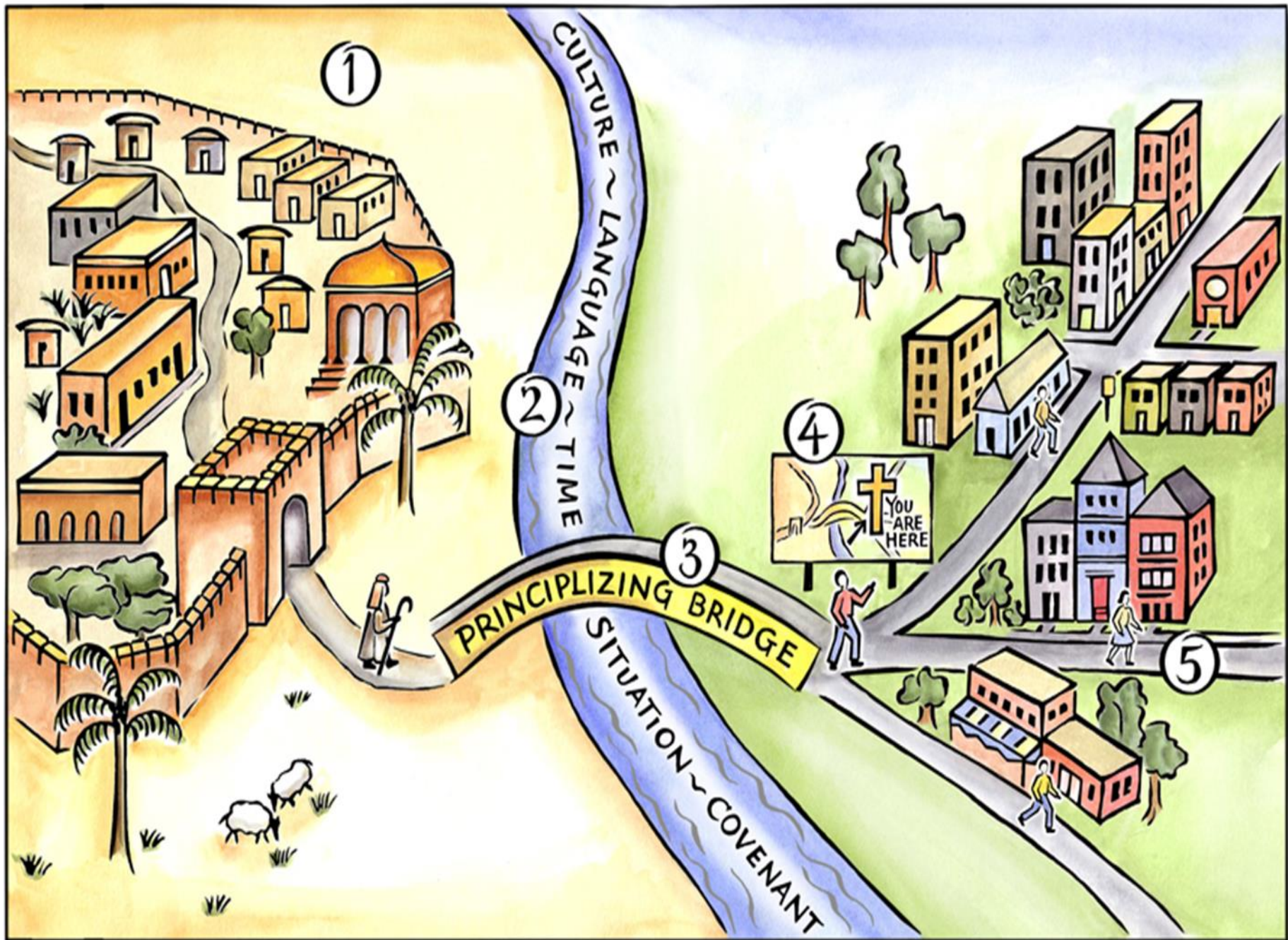
- **After receiving the oral report, Paul was visited by a committee from Corinth who gave him much more information about what was going on and they gave him a list of questions the church wanted Paul to answer.**

- **Paul then wrote a letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians) to address all of the issues.**
- **The letter was not well received by the Corinthians because of the false “apostles” in Corinth and their teachings.**

- **Paul then visited Corinth. Paul described the visit as a “painful one,” because the false apostles led the congregation to disown him and his authority.**
- **After returning to Ephesus, Paul then wrote a “severe letter” to the Corinthians which no longer exists today.**

- **Paul later left Ephesus to go to Troas and then Macedonia.**
- **Titus later tracked down Paul in Macedonia and let him know that most of the congregation at Corinth had repented, returned to the gospel, and accepted Paul's authority over them.**

- **Paul then wrote another letter to the church (2 Corinthians) expressing his relief about their repentance in response to the severe letter. This letter was aimed at encouraging the majority who had repented and leading the unrepentant minority to change their minds.**



God is at War Transforming the...

- **Dry bones in our lives.**
- **Misguided worldviews that we believe are Christian or biblical.**
- **3 bad soils in our hearts.**
- **Erroneous thoughts and beliefs.**
- **Generational sins and strongholds we live with.**

What Type of People Suffer from these Things?

- Those whom God loves unconditionally
- Those who love God
- Those who have God's favor
- Those who have God's blessing
- Those who are truly saved

Principle #1

Every believer and follower of Christ lives in a spiritual war zone behind enemy lines. Choosing to fight or not fight in the war isn't an option. The only option you have is to partner with the Kingdom of God or to partner with the kingdom of darkness.

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Application #1

Like Paul, we are required to speak God's truth to our family members, friends, co-workers, church members, strangers, and enemies; but we are to do so with the divinely powerful weapons of God's unconditional love!

Principle #2

When you are actively armed with the divinely powerful weapons of God's love, you will demonstrate authentic kindness, compassion, patience, peace, long-suffering, joy, forgiveness, and courage while sharing God's truths.

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Application #2

Using God's weapons to speak the truth will often cause others to mistake kindness for weakness. This will lead others to insult, criticize, gossip, and judge you unfairly.

Principle #3

We are partners in God's spiritual war for the proclamation and preservation of His truth. We are in constant battle for the salvation of sinners and for the sanctification of the saints.

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Principle #4

God's divine weapons for transformation are only available to those who have an intimate relationship with Him and who allow God to continuously transform them, more and more, into Christlikeness.

Application #3

God's divine truths are not simply rules that one must follow. God's genuine truths are evidenced by an ever growing relationship with Him, faith, and character, which is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Principle #5

God wants to love the Hell out of you, so that you can love the Hell out of others.

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And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

1 Timothy 2:2

Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.



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