



“And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem... the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, “You shall not come here.” Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion which is the City of David... And David dwelt in the stronghold; *and* therefore, they called it the City of David.” 1 Chronicles 11:4-7

Think about this... God does not intend for your enemies to live in the strongholds of your life! He intends for you to conquer those areas and to live at peace in those same areas as a testimony to His goodness and faithfulness. The LORD delights in taking the worst and making the best. It is His plan to occupy the areas of personality that have been ravaged by sin and foul habits and bring forth good fruit – tongues given to foul language now offering pure and holy praise to His name – strongholds of addiction broken and now that time, energy and money once used to purchase drugs or alcohol now used to build up others – strongholds of depression now bursting forth in joy and liberty – condemnation now turned to confidence before God – deep loneliness now finding avenues of service and rich fulfillment in serving of others!

Chances are your key to ministry may lay hidden in the strongholds of your life. The City of David was built around the stronghold of Jebus. Upon these platforms of past shame and bondage He fully intends to build anew. “And they shall build the old waste places, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.” (Isaiah 61:4)

Selah!