

Identity Theft

This is Just the Way I Am

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Introduction:

- Pastor Dave makes them cry
- Free Bird

**A _____ believed as truth
will affect you as if it were _____**

You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

My Strongholds:

- _____ stronghold
- _____ stronghold
- _____ stronghold
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- _____ stronghold

3 steps to Spiritual Growth and Change:

1. _____ discipline

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. **2 Corinthians 10:5**

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. **Philippians 4:8**

2. _____ discipline (rising above our feelings)

The tongue has the power of life and death. **Proverbs 18:21**

May the words from my mouth and the thoughts from my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my defender. **Psalms 19:14**

3. _____ / _____ with God

That's what I'm working for. I work hard with all of Christ's strength. His strength works powerfully in me. **Col. 1:29**

A significant change in my life?

Next Steps:

- Re-read today's Bible verses this week
- Admit that I use the excuse of "*This is just the way I am*" for my strongholds
- Confess my stronghold of _____
- I commit to working out the "3 steps" for change in my life, starting this week
- I need to focus on Step #__ in my life