

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“The Battle for Your Mind”**

**“Peace of Mind: Winning the Battle for Your Mind” – Pt. 3**

Luke 4:16-21; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 and Selected

**Whoever controls the mind wins the battle!**

*“Take every thought captive to obey Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5b*

*“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”*

2 Corinthians 11:3

### **To Win the Battle for My Mind...**

#### **1. I must understand the type of war I’m fighting!**

*“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.” Vs. 3*

*“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.”*

Ephesians 6:12

#### **2. I must train using God’s ancient weapons of war!**

*“For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.” Vs. 4*

### **3. I must battle against the strongholds in my life!**

*"We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God." Vs. 5a*

#### **Lord, help me to...**

- **Learn to think like Jesus.**

*"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ." 1 Corinthians 2:16*

- **Choose your ways rather than the ways of this world.**

*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2a*

- **Reject double-minded thinking as I walk with you.**

See James 1:5-8 and 4:8

- **Use the Bible to combat the strategies of the enemy.**

*"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" John 8:31-32*

*"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36*

### **4. I must take captive my thoughts to free my mind!**

*"...and take every thought captive to obey Christ." Vs. 5b*

*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philipians 4:8*