

"Think Like Jesus" #6

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 *"The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For 'who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?' But we have the mind of Christ."*

Review:

- Like Jesus, you have the *indwelling Spirit of God* to empower your life.
- Like Jesus, you can *view your life from the Father's perspective*.
- Like Jesus, you are blessed with the assurance... *the Father is working all things together for your good and His glory"*
- Like Jesus, you can *think about the lost and help them find their way to God*.
- Like Jesus, you can *think about the sick and seek to heal them."*

Today, I want to turn your attention to a powerful verse...

Psalms 139:17 *"How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!"*

I. Think Like Jesus

- Principle #5: *"Jesus thought about His friends, His disciples, and sought to encourage and comfort them."*
- Did you know Jesus thinks about you. He remembers you.
 - **Psalms 139:17** *"How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!"*
 - Matthew 6, *"Do not worry... your Heavenly Father already... knows the things you have need of before you ask Him."*
- In other words, *"Your Heavenly Father is always thinking about you, to help you, deliver you, answer you, bless you, heal you, comfort you, encourage you at your deepest level of need."*
- Isaiah the prophet wrote, *"Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely, they may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands."* **Isaiah 49:15-17**

Example: A Woman Named Hannah

- He wants to comfort and encourage you like He did Hannah.
- Remember when Jesus said this... ***"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"*** **Matthew 23:37**
- His good thoughts toward you exceed anything you can image...
 - **Psalms 40:5** *"Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."*
- Jesus knew this wonderful thing about the Father, and He thought about it all the time.
- Jesus wants you to understand this too and press through.
- Jesus sent the Holy Spirit as the supplier of the comfort of God to you.
 - **John 14:16** *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever."*
- If you and I are going to think like Jesus, we must think of the Father this way... *He is Good, Loving, Kind, Benevolent, Intimate, and wants to comfort us at our deepest level of need!*
- The Father has always been this way! This is His Divine nature!

- **Jeremiah 29:11** *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”*
- Jesus thinks about you and me, His friends & wants us to think about our Heavenly Father
- The Lord’s thoughts are so deep toward you that He planned good things for your life since, before you were born!

Example: The Prophet Jeremiah

- Jeremiah 1:5 *“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”*
- *“Jesus thinks about His friends and seeks to encourage and disciple them.”*

Example: Simon Peter

- **Luke 22:31-32** *“And the Lord said, ‘Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.’”*
- One of the greatest reasons the Lord comforts and encourages You, is just not for your benefit, but like Peter, *you are destined to encourage and strengthen the brethren.*
- **Hebrews 10:24-25** *“Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

Did you know your presence in the assembly today is a powerful way to stir up faith in the friends of God?

- When God answers you with healing, financial blessing, loved ones saved... and you share it with us... it breaths life and comfort into all of us, the friends of God!

Concluding Thoughts:

- Jesus is thinking about you, and I mindful of you, He hears you.
- He is going before you, preparing open doors, answers, breakthroughs!

Declaration:

Heavenly Father, thank you that I am empowered to think like Jesus! Thank you, Jesus, for making me a friend of Almighty God! Thank you for teaching me that the Father is always thinking of me! Thank you that He is willing and able to comfort me at my deepest level of need. Thank you that I can shift my mindset from being a victim to a victor. Thank you for comforting and encouraging me! Thank you for opening my eyes to see that I can comfort and encourage others in the House of the Lord and in the community. In Jesus mighty Name I pray, Amen!