

## “Think Like Jesus”

***“1 Corinthians 2:6-16 “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.”***

### Intro:

- When I say the words. “Think Like Jesus” I’m not talking about something unattainable, hyper-spiritual, or having to do with human perfection.
- As a Child of God, you are forgiven, you are a new creation in Christ, with a new, higher way of thinking, seeing your life.
- It’s God’s true and living way, God’s true revelation that was not available to you, God’s new insights that is flowing, God’s wisdom that is now being imparted to you through the Word and the Spirit of God.
- You are no longer imprisoned by the old, carnal, sinful, and futile way of thinking that your fallen nature imposes on you.
- The Bible declares, you have the mind of Christ!

So, my first response to that is... Yes!

- I believe it!
- I receive it!
- I will grow in it!
- I will produce the bounty of the mind of Christ... which is... the fruit, blessing, and favor of Jesus.

### Today’s Lesson:

- I want to give you another one of the greatest principles I’ve learned over 40 years, to Think Like Jesus and prevail in fulfilling my calling and destiny in Christ.
- I know it will transform your thought life too, and propel you to think more like Jesus, and live like Jesus too.

### Think Like Jesus:

- Principle #2: “Jesus Knew The Father Was Working All Things Together For His Good And The Father’s Glory”
- Declare it with me... *“The Father is working all things together for my good and His glory!”*
- This was the assurance Jesus had in all things.
- Even the harshest of circumstances.
- You and I must re-mind ourselves when facing unfavorable, unpleasant, uncomfortable seasons or trials, that... *“The Father is working all things together for my good and His glory!”*
- You are going to come out better, more blessed, wiser, and with more love than you had before.
- The mind of Christ in you is not growing bitter in tests of faith, but the mind of Christ will help you grow brighter, better, more blessed as you overcome.
- How do I know that? *“The Father is working all things together for my good and His glory!”*
- Jesus knew this truth and the Spirit of God constantly assured Him of His power to help Him soar above the storms He faced.

Example:

***John 12:23-27 “Jesus answered them, saying, ‘The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If***

**anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.’”**

- When you understand your purpose and walk in it, you will hear the Father speaking assurance to you consistently.
- Jesus understood His purpose in life, and He knew that the Father was going to make His crucifixion and death turn into a resurrection and eternal life!
- He knew He would face rejection, the pain would be temporary, but fruit and victory would be everlasting!
- This is the mind of Christ that is working in you right now! *“The Father is working all things together for my good and His glory”*
- Your temporary setbacks will turn into permanent setups for God to promote you, bless you, and glorify His Name!
- Your pain, trials, valleys are temporary, but the fruit and victory He is producing is everlasting.

Here’s the passage of Scripture I’ve clung to in trial and God has never failed to bring me through better and full of more praise and love for Him! ***Romans 8:26-30 “The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”***

- The old mind set says, *“God has abandoned me”!*
- The mind of Christ says, *“The Father is with me and is working all things together for my good and His glory.”*
- The Spirit of God is bringing this wonderful truth to you constantly.
- The Question is... Are you confessing it, declaring it, worshipping, praising and walking patiently in faith while you’re going through the valley?
- Work on developing your confession, prayers, and faith in the trial!
- Instead of worrying, put effort into speaking what the Father says about you, how He sees you, and how He is working in all things
- To think like Jesus, you must put energy into converting your old futile thought into the fruit thoughts of Christ that the Spirit imparts.

The Apostle Peter’s encouragement: ***1 Peter 1:13 “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”***

What is Peter saying?

- *“The Father is working all things together for my good and His glory”.*
- The Father is for you! Do not fret! Do not fear. Do not give up!
- Soon, you will see breakthrough!
- Keep your heart and mind steady, unshakable, faithful!
- The battle belongs to the Lord, and He has never lost a battle.

The Hebrew writer says...***Hebrews 8:10 “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”***

- The Father's covenant with you and me is to tenderly write His words in our mind and heart through the Spirit. Why? To remind us... *"He is with me, and He is working all things together my good and His glory"*
- We must do our part and remind ourselves of these principles...
- Last week: *"Heaven is open to me. The Spirit is empowering me. The Father approves of me."*
- This week: *"The Father is working all things together for my good and His glory!"*

### **Concluding Thoughts:**

- ***In Ephesians 4:17 we see that Believers are to put on the "Helmet of Salvation" as an important part of the armor of God.***
- The Helmet of Salvation is just not for protection, it is for transformation of your thought life.
- You and I must engrain this in our thought process everyday...*"The Father approves of me, is with me, for me, leading me, and will never leave me, He will always lead me. The Father is working all things together for my good and His glory!"*
- This morning, take your thought life to a whole new level!
- Begin to see yourself the way the Father sees you.
- Open your thoughts to the thoughts of Christ toward you.
- Open your eyes and ears to see and hear the truth.
- You are not alienated from God, you are filled, surrounded with God!
- You have the mind of Christ, the thoughts of Christ!

### **Declaration:**

- Heavenly Father, Thank you for the power of the new birth!
- Thank you for saving me, transforming me, and filling me with power.
- I no longer will live my life by my old futile thoughts and sinful nature.
- I will live my life according to how you see me, and your Divine Nature.
- You are working so many good things in my life!
- Keep reminding me, that you are faithful to word all things for my good.
- My mind is not darkened, my mind is redeemed.
- Thank you that I have your thoughts, your words, Spirit inside me.
- I have the mind of Christ, the revelation of Christ, the light of Christ.
- Thank you for transforming my thought life and transforming my everyday life.
- I will never be the same! In Jesus Name! Amen!