

"Think Like Jesus" #5

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 thought life.
- Like Jesus, you can view your life from the Father's perspective.
 - "Heaven is open to me. The Spirit is empowering me. The Father approves of me."
- Like Jesus, you too are blessed with the assurance the Father is working all things together for your good and the Father's glory"
- Like Jesus, you too can think about the lost and seek them out and help them find their way to God.

Today, I want to turn your attention to one of my favorite verses in the bible that describes Jesus, His mindset and His ministry.

Acts 10:38 *"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."*

Think Like Jesus Principle #4: *"Jesus thought about the sick and oppressed around Him and sought to heal them."*

Notice the revelation and insight about Jesus in this verse...

1. He was anointed by God the Father with the Holy Spirit and with power.
 - **Acts 10:38** *"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power..."*
 - Jesus knew He was anointed by God the Father with the Holy Spirit and with power. It was always at the forefront of His mind.
 - You too must begin to think of yourself as clothed with resurrection power from on High!
 - When you refresh your mind this way every day...
 - *"I am anointed by the Holy Spirit today to heal the sick and liberate the oppressed"* you will bring so much light to others, and pleasure to your Heavenly Father!
2. He took positive action with what God the Father had given Him.
 - **Acts 10:38** *"... who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil..."*
 - Watch what God does when you go about doing good things in the power and anointing of God!
 - The "Prayer of Faith" is a *prayer of confidence* in God to do what He says...!
 - The devil and his oppression is no match for the child of God.

- Jesus took positive action with the anointing God the Father had given Him, and so should you!
3. He anchored Himself in the promise that God the Father would always be with Him.
- **Acts 10:38** “... **for God was with Him.**”
 - Knowing the Father is with you wherever you go, and with whomever you meet is an empower thought.
 - Speak the truth!
 - *The Father is with me! He will never leave me!*
 - *The Father approves of me! He anoints me!*
 - This was the way Jesus thought!

This is one of the primary reasons ***we exist as a church, to bring the healing ministry of Jesus to our community.***

- **Mark 16: 18** “***They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.***”
- The story of Publius...
- For you and I to ***think like Jesus*** all you and I need to do is... “*Think about the sick and oppressed around you and seek them out to bring God’s healing power to them.*”

Concluding Thoughts:

- Jesus was anointed with power by the Holy Spirit and so are you
- Jesus took positive action and went about doing good and healing others, and so can you.
- Jesus knew the Father was always with Him wherever encountered the sick, and so do you!
- Story of Woman in First Church I pastored...
- Is there a Publius in your life that you pray for today, tomorrow
- Think Like Jesus! Look around. Take a few minutes with them.
- Think Like Jesus and seek out the sick and oppressed and bring God’s love, power, and answers to them.

Declaration:

“Heavenly Father, thank you that I am empowered to think like Jesus. Thank you that I can shift my mindset from being self-focused to more outward focused. I will pray for your leading in my life, your compassion, your love for the lost, the sick, oppressed to manifest more in my thought life! You are opening my eyes to see the harvest and the hurting around me. Thank you that I can think like Jesus does about the lost, sick, oppressed I will become more and more fruitful in your ministry to others. In Jesus mighty Name I pray, Amen!”