

## Alien Invasion

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- Increased Experiences
- Increased Capacity – defined as – the ability or power to receive or contain impressions, knowledge, etc. (mental ability) – or – actual or potential ability to perform, yield, or withstand (greater function)
- John 16:13 ... He will tell you about the future.  
    “Let the whole impact the parts,  
    let not the parts invade the whole”

### The Whole Impacting the Parts

- Matthew 12:33–35
  - The mouth speaks out of the abundance of the heart (treasury)
  - Produces good things
- Hebrews 3:12 ...Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God.
- 2 Corinthians 10:5 ...we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,
- The parts attempting to invade the whole
- Distracting thoughts – not even evil
- Parts invading the whole – experience anxiety, fear, feelings of inadequacy – or just plain interrupted time.
- Psalm 27:8 When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You, “Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.”

### Nighttime Invasion

- The whole of me needs rest
  - Wake up
  - Invasive thoughts
- Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) — 3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!
  - Thoughts fixed on the Lord
  - How do you do this?
- Colossians 3:1–2 ...set your sights on the realities of heaven, ... Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

- Isaiah 55:9–11
  - God’s thoughts and ways higher than ours
  - God sends out his Word to produce his will
- So heavenly minded – no earthly good
- So heavenly minded – so earthly good

### Alien Invasion – the good kind

- 1 Peter 2:11–12
  - you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.
  - they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.
  - Out of the good treasury of a good heart – producing good things
- Colossians 4:6 Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.
- Proverbs 12:18 Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.
- Proverbs 15:28 The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking; the mouth of the wicked overflows with evil words.
- Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.
  - Increased capacity for de-escalation
  - Alien invasion of harsh words
  - Or alien invasion of a gently answer
- 1 Peter 3:15 ... if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.
- 2 Corinthians 5:20–21 ...
  - We are Christ’s ambassadors
  - God is making his appeal through us.
  - We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”
- 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.