

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. Do you accept all your thoughts as true? Do you condemn yourself on negative thoughts you have?
2. How have these two lies impacted you personally?
 - a. My worth is determined by how I perform
 - b. I must have everyone's love and approval
3. What truth do you need to meditate on this week?

Fight to the Finish – God's Power for Every Battle

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"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

I. DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU THINK

"... and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:5b (NIV)

"... he (Satan) has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44 (NLT)

- The voice you believe will determine your actions

"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." 2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV)

STRONGHOLD LIES

- My worth is determined by how I perform.
- I must have everyone's love and approval.

II. CHOOSE TO BELIEVE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT YOU

“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God....”

2 Corinthians 10:5a (NIV)

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32 (ESV)

WHO GOD SAYS I AM

- I am His masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10 NLT)
- I am His chosen (Ephesians 1:3-4 NIV)
- I am righteous and forgiven (2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV)
- I am completely loved (1 John 3:1 NIV)
- I am strong and courageous (Philippians 4:13 NIV)
- I am more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37 NIV)

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 (NIV)

1. READ GOD’S WORD

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

2. MEDITATE ON GOD’S WORD

“(Blessed is the one) whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.” Psalm 1:2-3 (NIV)

3. CONFESS THE TRUTH

“... and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5b (NIV)

“By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.” Hebrews 11:3 (CEB)