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Luke 8:35 (NKJV) – *Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, **sitting** at the feet of Jesus, **clothed** and **in his right mind**. And they were afraid.*

I. Introduction /Review

A. Previous Weeks Lessons

1. Four important scriptures

1 Corinthians 2:16 (NKJV) – *For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But **we have the mind of Christ**.*

1 Peter 4:1 (NKJV) – *Therefore, since Christ suffered ^[a]for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves also with the same mind**, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin*

Philippians 2:5 (NKJV) – *Let **this mind be in you** which was also in Christ Jesus*

Colossians 3:2 (NKJV) – *Set **your mind** on things above, not on things on the earth*

2. Last Week’s Session – *The Focused Mind*

II. The Deceived Mind

A. There are many tactics used by the enemy against our minds, however the #1 tool used by Satan is deception.

B. Deception = to caused someone to believe something that is not true or right.

C. Deception is in direct contrast to truth

D. The Word of God declares the power of truth

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1. **John 8:32 (NKJV)** – *And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*
2. In John 16:13, the Holy Spirit is referred to as the Spirit of Truth.
3. John 17:17, Jesus said the Word of God is truth.
4. Ephesians 6:14, Paul said we should put on the belt of truth.
5. John 1:14 – John said Jesus was full of grace and truth.
6. Truth Def = what is true/what is reality/simply real.

E. A Mind void of truth cannot be “The Right Mind!”

A mind void of truth is a mind that is given to deception.

F. The Word of God has much to say about deception.

1. **Matthew 24:4 (NKJV)** – *And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you.”*
2. **Mark 13:22 (NKJV)** – *For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the ^[a]elect.*
3. **2 Peter 2:1-2 (NLT)** – ¹*But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves. ²Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered*

There are false teacher/teaching false doctrine.

Many will listen to the words of these teachers being deceived.

The truth will be slandered/damaged/hindered.

The outcome = sudden destruction.

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4. **There are many warnings in scripture about deception.**
These warnings come through prophets, Jesus and every early church leader.
5. **There are many warnings to the unsaved, but the majority are to those who have been saved. It is possible to be saved and still fall prey to the deception of the enemy. Satan is a chief deceiver/deception is his #1 weapon.**

III. How do we guard against a deceived mind?

We must know how to guard out mind. The Bible clearly reveals that deception will be on the increase in the last days. Matthew 24 – see to it that no one deceives you!

A. How does Satan take advantage through deception?

2 Thessalonians 2:8-10 (NLT) – ⁸*Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming.* ⁹*This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles.* ¹⁰*He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them*

1. A refusal to accept and love the truth is an open door for deception

- a. We need a desire for truth/ to know what is right and accurate.
- b. We need to love the truth / celebrate it.
- c. Satan wouldn't have been able to deceive them if they had a heart to accept and love the truth.

2. A refusal of truth opens the door to increased deception

Romans 1:18-19 (AMP) – ¹⁸*For [God does not overlook sin and] the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who in their wickedness suppress and stifle*

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the truth, ¹⁹*because that which is known about God is evident within them [in their inner consciousness], for God made it evident to them.*

- a. **Suppress and stifle truth** = to prevent the development of; TO Restrain truth – to curb or stop it. To suffocate it.
- b. **That which is known about God is evident to them.**
They are ignoring what is evident or true – while intentionally chocking it to death.

Romans 1:21-25 (AMP) – ²¹*For even though ^[a]they knew God [as the Creator], they did not ^[b]honor Him as God or give thanks [for His wondrous creation]. On the contrary, they became worthless in their thinking [godless, with pointless reasonings, and silly speculations], and their foolish heart was darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory and majesty and excellence of the immortal God for ^[c]an image [worthless idols] in the shape of mortal man and birds and four-footed animals and reptiles. ²⁴Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their own hearts to [sexual] impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them [abandoning them to the degrading power of sin], ²⁵**because [by choice] they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!**
*Amen.**

- c. Although they knew the truth about God they did not honor truth (what they knew to be true)
- d. They became worthless in their thinking/their minds transitioned to a worse state/progressive wrong mind.
When we refuse truth/Deception takes over our mind/Our mind regresses to a lower degree of deception and torment.
- e. Because they refused truth, God GAVE THEM OVER to deception and sin. Because they exchanged TRUTH for a LIE.
*The consequences of a deceived mind are great.
The harvest of a deceived mind is tragic.*
- f. Convinced of lie? Who convinced you? Yourself?

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- g. **James 1:22 (NKJV)** – *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*
A doer of the Word is someone who hears is for the purpose of receiving TRUTH and acting on the truth they have received.

IV. Keys to winning the battle with deception

A. Know the Truth!

B. Value and esteem the truth!

C. Hold on to the Truth!

1. To hold on to the truth means that I guard against anything that speaks in contrast to the truth.
2. **Colossians 2:8 (NLT)** – *Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.*

Colossians 2:8 (CEV) – *Don't let anyone fool you by using senseless arguments. These arguments may sound wise, but they are only human teachings. They come from the powers of this world and not from Christ.*

Colossians 2:8 (GWT) – *Be careful not to let anyone rob you [of this faith] through a shallow and misleading philosophy. Such a person follows human traditions and the world's way of doing things rather than following Christ*

3. It is not enough to have truth/ we must hold on to it!
The very fact that Paul spent this much time warning believers of this issue of deception is proof that is a REAL THREAT!
A threat that will ROB and STEAL from you!

D. I Will not be deceived!