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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

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 Lesson – *The Deceived Mind*

A Deceived Mind is a mind that is in contrast with a mind of truth

a. Scriptures from last week

John 8:32 (NKJV) – *And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*

John 16:13 – The Spirit of Truth

John 17:17 – The Word of God is Truth

b. If we are going to win the battle against deception, we must know the truth

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II. Arming your Mind with Truth.

A. **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*

1. **Arm** = arms used in warfare

To Arm is to furnish with weapons.

The weapons necessary to engage in the fight.

The weapons necessary to WIN the war.

In Context: We must ARM ourselves with the same mind/means that we must ARM our mind for the battle of the mind.

2. The Battle is Coming/The Battleground is the MIND.

3. We are to ARM ourselves with the same mind that is seen in Christ.

B. Jesus Exemplified a Mind of truth!

1. **John 14:6 (NKJV)** – *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

2. Jesus would often use phrases; “I tell you the truth” or “Truly I say unto you”.

It was impossible for Jesus to speak anything other than truth.

Whenever Jesus spoke/Truth was revealed!

righteousness/prayer/giving/love/sin

C. Jesus Exemplified a Mind full of the Word of God

1. Jesus only spoke the Words of His Father

John 12:49-50 (NKJV) – ⁴⁹*For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. ⁵⁰And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.*

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2. Jesus spoke the Word of God/because the Word of God is Truth
3. We are to ARM ourselves with the same mind and attitude of Jesus.
A mind and an attitude of TRUTH/A mind that is armed with TRUTH/the words of the Father/The Word of God

D. The Prayer of Jesus for His Church

John 17:9-18 (NLT) – ⁹“My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. ¹⁰All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. ¹¹Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; ^[b]now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ¹²During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. ^[c]I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold. ¹³“Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. ¹⁴**I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.** ¹⁵I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to **keep them safe from the evil one.** ¹⁶They do not belong to this world any more than I do. ¹⁷**Make them holy by your truth;** teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.

KJV = Sanctify

John 17:16-17 (AMP) – ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth [set them apart for Your purposes, make them holy]; Your word is truth.

1. Jesus is praying for believers that will have to live in this world after He is gone.
2. Jesus reveals
The World Hates them (The world hates us)

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*They are not of this world (We are not of this world)
If the world doesn't hate us...
If the world doesn't see us as different than they are...
Something is missing in our Christian Example.*

3. Jesus Prays for the Father to *Make us holy/sanctify us/set us apart*
4. How? *Sanctify them by your Word/ Your Word is TRUTH*

E. The Word of God which is TRUTH makes us distinctly different from those of this world

1. We think different
2. We act/react different
3. We respond different
4. We live different
5. DIFFERENT DEF = Not as others/unlike others In nature
*Our nature is different/We have been born again.
If our nature isn't different/then have we been born again?*
6. According to scripture, although born again, I need to renew my mind.

Romans 12:2 (KJV) – *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God,*

7. **John 17:18-19 (NKJV)** – ¹⁸*As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth*

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- a. How did Jesus sanctify himself? By heeding every Word of the Father. The Father's word made him different from anyone else in this world.
- b. How are we supposed to live in this world? By heeding the Father's word. The Father's word will make us different from anyone else living by this world's system.
- c. Live by the Word/Allow the Word to set you apart, make you different from those around you.
- d. When the World Says:
 - There is no hope – Speak hope*
 - That sin is acceptable – Speak what the word says.*
 - Failure – Speak success promises*
 - Defeat – Speak victory*
 - Death – Speak life.*
- e. Always ALLOW the Word of God to direct your life.
 - Be willing to allow the Word of God to direct your decisions.*
 - Be willing to allow the Word of God to correct your mistakes.*
 - Be willing to allow the Word of God to challenge your thinking.*
 - Be willing to allow the Word of God to be the TRUTH in every situation.*
- f. Never side with the majority that doesn't accept the Word of God As Truth!
 - If they challenge what God says, I can't be adjoined to them.*
 - If they promote things that is in contrast to what He says...*
 - If their agenda is built on things that He is against...*
 - If their goal to is destroy the Truth of God's Word...*
 - I must stand in direct opposition!*
 - Remember, Jesus said the world will hate you!*
- g. The Test
 - The favor or disfavor of the World is the real test regarding how powerful the truth is working in your life!*

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If the World favors you – Truth may be missing in your life

If the world hates you – It is the truth manifested in you that they hate.

III. Closing Thoughts

A. A right mind is a mind of Truth

B. Truth will produce a right harvest for us.

Philippians 4:8 (ESV) – *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things*

First – Make sure what you are thinking is TRUE

Proverbs 30:5 (ESV) – *Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
The Word of God/TRUTH is my shield!*