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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. The Man in the Tombs

1. His Bondage
2. His Deliverance
3. **QUESTION: Did the demon possession lead him into the wrong mindset or did his wrong mindset open the doors to the demons?**

Did demonic torment cause the wrong mindset or did the wrong mindset lead to demonic torment?

*ANSWER: Most likely the man had given opportunity for the demonic torment due to a **WRONG MINDSET**. He had a responsibility to keep his mind **RIGHT** and refuse the **WRONG!***

B. God's will for us to have a right mind.

1. It is God's will for us to have a right mind, however we must cooperate with him by doing our part.

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**.*

2. Our part is summed up in three words: Arm, Let and Set

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*

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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*

This is our cooperation/our part that is necessary for us to maintain the right mind.

C. Last Week – The Warfare

The Battle is Real/The Soulful Attack in the Mind is Intense!

1. Satan takes advantage through the mind.
2. Why? Everything is connected to the mind.
3. He takes advantage of people with the goal of:
 - a. Keeping them from God's best.
 - b. Distorting their perception of God.

II. Today: Engage in the Battle

A. Our Weapons of War

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NKJV) – *⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not [^a]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ*

1. **The weapons of our Warfare are not carnal!**

2 Corinthians 10:4 (ESV) – *For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.*

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2 Corinthians 10:4 (BSB) – *The weapons of our warfare are not the weapons of the world. Instead, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*

2 Corinthians 10:4 (GWT) – *The weapons we use in our fight are not made by humans. Rather, they are powerful weapons from God. With them we destroy people's defenses, that is, their arguments*

2. **Our weapons are for pulling down strongholds.**

Strongholds = Areas of the mind that are held captive by Satan

3. **This is not a natural battle that requires natural man-made weapons. This is a spiritual battle that requires spiritual weapons.**

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) – *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places*

Ephesians 6:12 (CEV) – *We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and powers in the spiritual world.*

4. **Our Responsibility**

a. **Cast down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.**

b. **Arguments –**

KJV – Imaginations

YLT– Reasonings

Reasonings definition = The act or process of drawing conclusions from facts or evidence.

c. **These arguments/reasonings exalt themselves against the knowledge of God.**

Knowledge of God = Accurate, true, biblical knowledge of God
What we know to be absolutely TRUE about God.

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- d. **These reasonings/arguments are not in harmony with God.**
They do not agree with God/They oppose God/Direct opposition
- e. **Because they do not agree with God, they are of a WRONG MINDSET**
- f. **Our Warfare is to:**
 - Identify these thoughts
Filter your thoughts – God’s thought, Personal thought or Satan’s thought? Who is the source?
 - Take these thoughts captive
What thoughts? Any thought that doesn’t agree with what the bible says about God and/or what the Bible says about us.
 - This is real spiritual warfare
Filtering your thoughts and taking the Word of God as your weapon and driving out every thought that doesn’t agree with God’s way of thinking.

C. Timothy and the spirit of fear

1. **2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)** – *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind*
 - a. **Timothy had a spirit of fear**
 - b. **Other versions – timidity/cowardice**
 - c. **Basic Message = God did not send the fear that is ruling your life Timothy.**
2. **If God did not send the spirit of fear, who did?**
If God didn’t send the fear, then the fear must belong to timothy or Satan.
3. **Paul is saying to Timothy, this thing that is ruling you in your mind did not come from God – so deal with it!**
 - a. **You have the authority!**
 - b. **You have the power!**
 - c. **You have the ability!**
 - d. **Deal with it/Cast it out/Drive it out/Stand against it/Refuse it!**
 - e. **Replace Fear/ with Courage from the Word of God!**

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III. Closing/Personal Examples

A. Fear paralysis: *My fear experience standing on a fire tower*

B. Depression

1. I had to recognize where these thoughts were coming from.
2. I had to realize that these thoughts were coming to steal/kill/destroy.
3. I had to cast them out/ take them captive.
4. I had to replace these thoughts with the RIGHT THINKING of the Word of God. *This was warfare!*
5. I had to be intentional about it/Every day/Every moment of every day, depression was not welcome to return.
6. If you don't take your thoughts captive, they will take you captive – and never let go!

C. Once you Identify specific thoughts that are from your enemy, cast them out! (WARFARE – Engage in the Fight)

1. Depression you are not welcome here.
2. Fear – you are not welcome here!
3. Anxiety – you are not welcome here!
4. Inferiority – you are not welcome here!
5. Lust – you are not welcome here!
6. Perversion – you are not welcome here!
7. Deception – you are not welcome here!
8. Offense – you are not welcome here!
9. Bitterness/Unforgiveness – you are not welcome here!
10. Failure/defeat – you are not welcome here!
11. Unworthiness – you are not welcome here!

D. You are not welcome here, without a fight!

1. If a thought doesn't harmonize/agree with what we know about God/CAST IT OUT!
2. If a thought doesn't agree with who God says we are/CAST IT OUT!
3. If a thought doesn't agree with what God says we can have/CAST IT OUT!

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4. If a thought doesn't agree with God/it must not be of God/ it must be from another source/me or Satan/ CAST IT OUT!
5. To Recognize the source of thoughts/ is a significant part of the victory/ WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?