



The following is the summary of the Sunday sermon that is sent to the body at Steadfast in an email called "The Weekly"

The Battle For The True You - Part 1

Knowing who you are in Christ is essential! That is why Satan's lies always attack our identity in Christ. He wants to get your eyes off Jesus, steal from you, deceive you, and destroy you. Jesus says this about Satan in John 8:44, "He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies."

Some of the lies he tells us are:

- I am a bad person, unworthy of love
- No one would love me if they really knew me
- Because of my past I will never be able to be all that God wants me to become
- I am the sum total of my past mistakes
- I am defined by the constant health challenges I face
- I am who others say I am
- I am who I think I am
- It's not worth it to truly forgive those who hurt me
- Life is hopeless
- I am what I do
- I am what I have
- This is the way life is going to be, things are never going to get better
- Live in fear: Fear of your future, fear for your marriage, fear for your kids, fear for your parents, fear for your job, fear for your life, fear for your salvation
- God's holding out on you, you can do better without Him, and there will be no consequences
- Satan is too powerful for me, I am defeated

All of these lies start in our minds! Knowing this, we must follow the advice of these verses:

2 Corinthians 10:5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, gird (prepare, discipline) your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

It is imperative in the midst of the battle that our eyes are firmly fixed on Jesus Christ and the truth of His Word.

The **TRUTH** is:

- You are not the sum total of your past mistakes
 - You are not the sum total of all your successes in life
 - You are not defined by the health challenges you constantly have to face
 - You are not who you think you are
 - You are not who your friends say you are
 - You are not what social media says about you
 - You are not what your boss says, teachers say, coaches say
- You are who Christ says you are! He is who defines you!

How you see yourself matters. God is most glorified when you are living according to who He says you are because that is ***THE TRUE YOU!***

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