Calming My Anxious Thoughts Winning the War in Your Mind – Part 6 New Song Community Church September 25, 2022

Text: Philippians 4:6-9 (NLT)

A. Two parts of the brain connected to our emotions.

- 1. The Amygdala the Fight or Flight control on your mind.
- 2. The Prefrontal Cortex.

B. The Spiritual side of controlling our thoughts.

1. God's promise of peace.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

- 2. Not only does prayer touch the heart of God, but prayer changes the chemistry of your brain.
- 3. The "Amygdala Hijack".

C. Worry.

1. Is the sin of thinking that God's provision is insufficient.

Romans 8:5-6 (NLT)

- 2. Don't let my sinful nature control my mind, let the spirit of God direct my thinking.
- 3. Let the logical part of my brain choose what is Spiritual.
- 4. Cast our cares upon God.

D. God's solution to what worries us.

1. Do everything I can do: not just trusting God...taking the appropriate action.

- 2. Give what I can't do to God.
- 3. Trust God no matter what happens.

E. Identify the Truth that applies to your situation.

- 1. Jesus is first in my life. I exist to serve and glorify Him.
- 2. I am disciplined. Christ in me is stronger than wrong desires in me.
- 3. I am growing closer to Jesus every day. Because of Christ.
- 4. My family is closer, my body is stronger, faith deeper, leadership sharper.
- 5. I am creative, innovative, driven, focused and blessed beyond measure because the Holy Spirit dwells within me.

F. Declare what's true about you. Write it / Think it / Confess it / Believe it

- 1. You are not a hostage to your unhealthy thoughts. The weapons you fight with are not the weapons of this world.
- 2. You have divine power to demolish strongholds. To demolish every pretension that sets itself up against knowledge of God.
- 3. Worry is not your master. You trust in God. His peace guards your heart, guards your mind, and guards your soul in Christ Jesus.
- 4. You are not slave to your habits.
- 5. You are not a prisoner to addiction.
- 6. You have been rescued from the power darkness brought into kingdom of God's light.

Next steps: Today I am:

- 1. Committing my life to Christ.
- 2. Choosing to walk in the truth.