



**Series:** Winning The War In Your Mind

**Sermon:** Part 1: Believing The Lies

**Date:** Sunday, September 17th, 2023

Do we like where our thoughts are taking us?

*“Our lives do follow the direction of our greatest thoughts.” (Pastor Craig Groeschel, Life.Church)*

Faulty thinking is where our thought patterns do not match up with reality.

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7)

### **Winning The War In Our Mind**

**1. The battle for our life is won or lost in our \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Our thoughts will control us, so we have to \_\_\_\_\_ our thoughts**

*Scripture Referenced: Romans 7:15-24*

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)*

The opposite of being conformed to the pattern of this world is being \_\_\_\_\_ by the renewing of your mind through Jesus.

*For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)*

*I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead... (Ephesians 1:19-20)*

The greatest power ever unleashed on this Earth was when God raised Jesus from the \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the Heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:10-12)*

**Thought Inventory:**

**1. Are your daily thoughts usually characterized by worry or are your thoughts peaceful?**

Worried 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Peaceful

**2. Do your thoughts drift toward the negative or the positive?**

Negative 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Positive

**3. Are your thoughts more towards things that are worldly and temporary or are they about things that are eternal which lasts forever?**

Worldly 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Eternal

*...we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5)  
Then you will know The Truth, and The Truth will set you free. (John 8:32)*

**Bottom Line:** *The opposite of being conformed to the pattern of this world is being transformed by the renewing of your mind through Jesus.*

**Next Steps For The Upcoming Week:**

1. Carve out time this week where you can reflect with God honestly about where you fall with the thought inventory above.
  - a. Consider asking someone close to you that you trust to answer these inventory questions about you.
2. Identify: What is the biggest mental stronghold that is holding you back?

*Songs used in service: Battle Belongs (Phil Wickham), Build My Life (Pat Barrett), Walking Free (Micah Tyler), The Change In Me (Casting Crowns), Goodness of God (Rhett Walker)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email (so we can follow up):** \_\_\_\_\_

**What can we be praying for you about?**