

**(Week 7 Take Captive Every Thought**

**MV:** *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 Cor 10:5)*



**Where do you want to be? 5 yrs? 10? In life? Business? Family? Etc.**

**Where do you want to be in your soul?**

**But you must win the battle for your \_\_\_\_\_!**

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*"There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight." (Num 13:33)*

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and discipline. (2 Tim 1:7)*

*But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner. (1 Cor 14:40)*

*for God is not [a God] of confusion but of peace... (1Co 14:33)*

**Our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ reflect our hearts!**

*For as a man thinks in his heart, so he is. (Proverbs 23:7)*

**We must step into our identity IN CHRIST first, foremost, always**

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*No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. (1 Cor 10:13)*

**Do you believe you can live in victory? Or is God lying?**

*"...it is impossible for God to lie...(Heb 6:18)*

*"if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown himself. (2 Tim 2:13)*

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)*

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ IS OVER; THE \_\_\_\_\_ ARE NOT!**

*But thanks be to God! He gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)*

*Jesus said, "It is finished." (John 19:30)*

**Beachhead**

**Power of Prayer**

*For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to*

*demolish strongholds. 5 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 Cor 10:3-5)*

### **Ephesians 6:10-18; The weapons we fight with have divine power—what are they?**

**The power comes from \_\_\_\_\_. The victory comes from \_\_\_\_\_. You must agree with \_\_\_\_\_. Only you can \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus doesn't do your job for you!**

**SEE THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, **holy and dearly loved**, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Col 3:12)*

**NOT \_\_\_\_\_ BUT YOURS**

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (Mat 28:18)*

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)*

**If you don't take thoughts captive, they WILL take you captive!**

**DJ OF YOUR \_\_\_\_\_**

*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. (Rom 12:2)*

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psa 119:11)*

*"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (Joshua 1:7-8)*

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. (Col 3:16)*

*Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matt 4:4)*

*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Heb 4:12)*

*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)*

*The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. (Psalm 19:7)*

**When Jesus was tempted by Satan, how did He defeat him?**

*The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost--also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!" (Num 11:4-6)*

**Compare that attitude with this...**

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable**--if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy**--think about such things. (Phil 4:8)*

**Monday.** My God knows my name. (Isaiah 43:1)

**Tuesday.** My God goes before me. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

**Wednesday.** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

**Thursday.** My present suffering pales in comparison to my future glory. (Romans 8:18)

**Friday.** No weapon formed against me will prosper. (Isaiah 54:17)

**Saturday.** I am a child of God. (Romans 8:16)

**Sunday.** The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in me. (Ephesians 1:18-20)

*No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Joshua 1:5)*

***Therefore**, since we are **surrounded** by such **a great cloud of witnesses**, let us throw off everything that hinders and the **sin that so easily entangles**. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **2 fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb 12:1-2)*

**WRITE ABOUT IT AND TALK ABOUT IT**

1. Where do you want to be spiritually in 5 years? What must you do to get there?
2. How successful are you at taking your own thoughts captive? Explain.
3. What do you need to do to become the "DJ of your thoughts?"
4. What's your plan for scripture memory?
5. Memorize 2 Cor. 10:5

**PRAY ABOUT IT:** Ask God to help you become the DJ of your thoughts.