

The Battlefield of Obedience: Our Thought Life

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 1</i></p> <p>I've heard her say it many times. "I can't help what I think!" Some believe their mind is in control.</p> <p>What do you think? Is your mind in control of you? If so, how?</p> <p>Is there something you can do to change that?</p> <p>Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-6</p> <p>Did Paul know something we don't? Thoughts are just thoughts and I believe we can learn to control them... bring them captive to the obedience of Christ.</p> <p>Give it a try today. When you recognize a thought contrary to God and His Word, take it captive and throw it out. Decide to change you mind or direction of thinking.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 4</i></p> <p>Read Luke 5:1-11</p> <p>What did Jesus ask Simon to do?</p> <p>How did Simon respond?</p> <p>Sometimes our knowledge and experience can get in the way of our obedience. Jesus asks us to do something and we respond, "Been there, done that."</p> <p>Can you remember a time when your response was like Peter's?</p> <p>What do you think Peter's attitude was at this point?</p> <p>In spite of his attitude, knowledge, and experience Peter chose to obey.</p> <p>What was the result?</p> <p>What might be the result of your own obedience, even when you just don't have the want to?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 2</i></p> <p>Read 2Corinthians 10:4-6 again today.</p> <p>Circle the actions Paul is calling believers to in this verse.</p> <p>Destroy, take, and punish are not passive words. These two words have an underlying tone of force.</p> <p>Our thought life is a battlefield. One we must never be passive about.</p> <p>What circumstance or time of day seems to be a free-for-all when it comes to your thoughts?</p> <p>Determine today to declare a battle in this area. Ask God to reveal to you His power and strength, trust Him to teach you how to stand your ground when it comes to your thoughts.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 5</i></p> <p>Read Exodus 3:1-14</p> <p>What was Moses' response to God's instructions?</p> <p>Read Esther 4:1-14</p> <p>What was Esther's response to her uncle's pleas?</p> <p>Excuses, excuses... we all have them.</p> <p>When it comes to obeying God, what excuses do you find yourself making?</p> <p>Go about your day making no excuses. "For you have come to your royal position for such a time as this." God is calling you because He has placed you in the right time and circumstance, with the right gifts to carry out His will and way.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 3</i></p> <p>The saying "old habits die hard" is especially true when it comes to negative thoughts. You might call it "stinkin' thinkin'!"</p> <p>Read Philippians 4:8</p> <p>Make a list. On one side list the things this verse tells us to think about. Next to each word on your list write something that pertains directly to your life.</p> <p>For example: true—God loves me; lovely—spring flowers</p> <p>Use your list today to lead your thoughts.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Want to learn more?</i></p> <p>Sister Talk: Going Deeper is an extension of Sister Talk: Resuscitate Your Faith. You can find more on The Battlefield of Obedience by going to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SisterTalkFaith.com</p> <p>Scroll to the bottom and search Week 4/Day 2 Obey to review more information on battling our mind to obey.</p> <p>Sign up to receive blog posts by e-mail and each day's lesson will come straight to your inbox.</p> <p>Follow us on Instagram for encouragement along the journey at sistertalkfaith.</p>