



TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Battle For The Mind

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Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'" **Genesis 3:1-15 (NIV)**

- 1) Who is God?
- 2) Who are you?
- 3) What is the purpose of our life?

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 (NIV)**



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Assignment...

- 1) What is the thought or feeling that I am experiencing?
- 2) What is the lie?
- 3) What is the truth?

Reflection Questions:

If the Enemy's primary strategy is to get people to believe lies about God, about themselves and others, and about what really matters in this life:

- 1) What are lies you see people believe about God? What lies do you believe about God?
- 2) What are lies you see people believe about themselves? What lies do you believe about yourself?
- 3) What lies do people believe about what matters in this life (meaning and purpose)? What lies do you believe about what matters in life?
- 4) What would be the truth of Scripture to combat the lies you identified above (specific verses if you have them)?
- 5) How have you observed believing lies bringing challenge to your life? What are the costs of believing lies?
- 6) What are the avenues and methods that the Enemy uses to put lies into your mind? Where do his lies come from? Where do our thoughts come from?
- 7) How can you protect your mind and soul from these avenues and methods? How do we filter the messages our minds are exposed to?

READ 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

8) What would it look like practically to live a life that takes every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ? How do we learn to 'think about what we think about'.

9) Why is it important to process truth and lies in the context of a community of people seeking to be ALL IN followers of Jesus? What does God want to provide for us in the community of believers?