

Don't Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table

Sunday, August 21st - Tim Fisher, Lead Pastor

Week 3: The Battle of Our Mind

Psalm 23:1-6 - *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. **He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.** 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

James 1:14-15 - *14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.*

You have the power to change your mind

"Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

How to Win the Battle of Your Mind

Strategy 1: Identify the thought and restrict access (Identify it)

Romans 12:2 - *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

Strategy 2: Speak to the thought in Jesus' name (Bind it)

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - *3 We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. 4 We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.*

Either you bind the thought or the thought binds you

Strategy 3: Claim the truth (Claim it)

Matthew 4:4 - *But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

Monday: *I have called you by name. You are mine! - Isaiah 43:1*

Tuesday: *The Lord will personally go ahead of you. - Deuteronomy 31:8*

Wednesday: *I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. - Philippians 4:13*

Thursday: *What we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal. - Romans 8:18*

Friday: *No weapon turned against you will succeed. - Isaiah 54:17*

Saturday: *We are God's children. - Romans 8:16*

Sunday: *You will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us. - Ephesians 1:19*

Strategy 4: Walk in the truth (Walk in it)

What is fighting for a seat at your table?

Daily Bible Reading

Monday: James 1:1-18; Tuesday: Romans 12:1-21; Wednesday: Matthew 4:1-11; Thursday: Romans 8:18-39;

Friday: 2 Corinthians 10:1-5