

2. Walking in Freedom and Liberty

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Sub-title: Liberation through Renewal of our Mind

- Last Sunday we began our 40 Day Campaign
 - 6 consecutive Sunday messages & 6 weekly Small Group meetings
 - 40 days of daily Scripture Declaration & Memorisation (liberty truths)
- All resulting in new levels of freedom & liberty in our lives
 - Freedom from bondages, fears & curses
 - Free to fully serve the Lord & one another (1 Peter 2:16, Gal. 5:13)

Last week's main points:

1. Jesus Christ came to set the captives free
2. He came to proclaim liberty to captives, to set at liberty those who are oppressed & to proclaimed *the Acceptable Year of the Lord*
3. Jesus came for the specific purpose of setting people free

Luke 4:16–19 (NKJV) *So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”*

- When Jesus announced the Acceptable Year of Lord, in His mind, He announced the O.T. Jubilee, a period of total Freedom & Liberty

1. Renew your mind, transform your life

Romans 12:1–2 (NASB95) *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And **do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

- Three pieces of instructions:

- Present your bodies a living sacrifice
 - Do not be conformed to this world
 - But be transformed by the renewing of your mind
- Many bondages in people's lives stem from their own un-renewed mind:
 - Wrong thinking
 - Bad / sad memories (hurts, rejection, abuse, etc.)
 - Strongholds (of the mind) [lies, faulty philosophies, isms, etc.]

2. We are three-part beings

- a. We are a (human) spirit (made in God's image & likeness. Gen.1:26)
- b. We have a soul (mind, will & emotions)
- c. We live inside a physical body

- (Our mind is part of our soul)
- At the point of our born again experience, we receive a brand-new spirit

2 Corinthians 5:17–18 (ESV) *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God ...*

- ... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...
- Question: Which part of our being has become a new creation?
- Answer: Our spirit!
- .. the old (spirit) has gone ...(NIV)
- ...the new (spirit) has come (Ezek. 11:19 I will put a new spirit within them)
- Vs. 18 All this is from God ...
- In our (new) born again spirit, we are made perfect
- But our mind is still the same as before salvation & needs to be renewed

Ephesians 4:23 (AMP) *And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude].*

- NIV. ... be made new in the attitude of your mind ...
- Receiving a new spirit at the point of our conversion is a one-time event
- But the renewing of our mind is a constant process

Romans 12:2 (WUESTNT) *And stop assuming an outward expression that does not come from within you and is not representative of what you are in your inner being but is patterned after this age; but **change your outward***

expression to one that comes from within and is representative of your inner being, by the renewing of your mind ...

3. The Mind, Battlefield of the Ages

- In the world today, there is a battle for the minds and hearts of people
- Because, the mind controls the whole person
- Whoever controls the mind of a person, controls the whole person
- (Wherever the mind goes consistently, the person will eventually follow)
- Once we become born again, our spiritual battle is in the mind
- A person can be born again yet still be controlled by their unrenewed mind
- However, as the mind is being renewed by the truth of God's Word, the person is changed, transformed & liberated

Romans 12:2 (NCV) *Do not be shaped by this world; instead **be changed within by a new way of thinking.** Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.*

- Renewing the mind could also be called "Reprogramming the mind"
- Out with the old, in with the new

4. The Word of God is the Power to renew the Minds of Believers

Hebrews 4:12 (AMP) *For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is **sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit,** and of joints and marrow [**of the deepest parts of our nature**], **exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.***

- The preaching of God's Word teaches our mind how to think properly
- Our own declarations of God's Word "wash" & "reprogram our mind"
- The word of God (spoken) reaches the deepest parts of our nature (mind)
- Renewing our mind establishes the "mind of Christ" in our own mind

1 Corinthians 2:16 (AMP) *For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But **we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.***

5. Casting down arguments and bringing every thought captive

2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (NIV) *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.*

- In this context, Paul is speaking about using the weapon of preaching the Word of God to demolish strongholds (of the mind) [societal]
- He says: ...
 - We have divine power to demolish strongholds
 - We demolish arguments and every pretension
 - We take captive every thought to make it obey Christ
- Every believer themselves is the most effective preacher to attack the strongholds in their own mind by declaring God's Word out loud
- The Word of God, spoken repeatedly & consistently with our own voice demolishes strongholds in our mind & flattens every high argument that exalts itself against the knowledge of God

6. HOW TO RENEW THE MIND & INITIATE A NEW WAY OF THINKING

1. Acknowledge that there is a problem with your old way of thinking
2. Only God's Word has the power to bring about a permanent new way of thinking
3. Speak God's Word & apply it to our mind & heart continuously until it has effected a permanent change in your way of thinking
4. Meditation in God's Word is God's ordained method of impressing His Word on our mind and heart consistently until it has the desired effect
5. Our mind can be considered thoroughly renewed in specific areas once there is a new response to a previously difficult situation

Philippians 4:8 (NIV) *Finally, brothers, 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.***

- Evidently, we can choose to think in a certain way

Philippians 3:13 (NKJV) *Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind** and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,*

- We must learn to forget certain things