

Clubhouse Notes

Taking Thoughts Captive Series (The Why)

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Q: WHY should you take every thought captive?

A: You are in a war and your enemy uses thoughts as a weapon of warfare

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

You are in a war. Period. If you are a believer in Christ you are automatically in a war.

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8

Now, don't get it twisted. He can't be everywhere at every time. However, he is the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience (Ephesians 2:2).

So how does he use thoughts to devour us?

"For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin." Romans 7:15-25 NASB1995

:: Sin runs underground to keep from being identified in verse 15. Satan gives you a thought in your mind and disguises it to seem as if it's your thoughts (by speaking to you in first-person singular pronouns - I, me, my, myself, etc.)

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Romans 7:20

Sin in the Greek:

Hamartia is a noun

Hamartano is a verb

As a NOUN: "Sin shall not be master over you" Romans 6:14

As a VERB: "Shall we sin ...?" Romans 6:15

In Romans 5-8 sin appears 41 times, once as a verb, 40 times as a noun.

If you interpret the word sin in Romans 5-8 as a verb, you'll never understand these chapters, and they are vital to walking in victory.

Hamartia (sin as a noun) - this governing principle is personified (represented as a person). It governs (controls) and it has a persona (the characteristics of a person).

When sin (the persona) feeds up to your mind first-person pronouns (I, me, my) you'll think that it's you and that your old man is still alive. But he died in Romans 6.

Your mind no longer generates sinful thoughts (1 John 3:9; 5:18), it receives sinful thoughts from the power of sin and your will puts them into action.

This is why it's important to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ as in 2 Corinthians 10:5.

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