

# LOGF NOTES 11.05.17

Freedom: What Are You Thinking?

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Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**As our minds come into agreement with God's mind...we experience His will in our lives!**

Thoughts/Beliefs → create perceptions → desires → choices/actions → experiences → impact

Truth leads to Freedom leads to Fullness of Life.

Deception leads to Bondage leads to diminished living...death.

What are you thinking?

Is it right thinking? Is it true? Do your thoughts agree with God's thoughts/word?

Remember: bondage comes from our soul...our mind, will and emotions.

**Our mind needs to be renewed.**

**Our will needs to be submitted.**

**Our emotions need to be healed.**

**Take captive every thought to the obedience of Christ**

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 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.

**Process of Freedom**

Repent: change your mind

Renounce: destroy false thought

Replace: establish truth

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith. **Take hold of the eternal life** to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

There is freedom and healing from sin in Jesus

1 Peter 2:24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

James 1:13-15 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

### **Progression of sin:**

An evil desire → a thought that entertains the evil → an action → a pattern → death

A seed → agreed thought → growth of sin → death

A seed → reception of that seed → growth → birth

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:6-7 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

Romans 6: 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

### **Life Group Discussion:**

1. Do you agree with the statement: "If you want to change your life, change your mind."?
2. Have someone share a victory they've experienced of capturing and changing a thought that led to freedom in their life.
3. What thoughts do you need to capture (In other words, what thoughts have been running wild?)
4. How do we implement the model of repent, renounce and replace?
5. Does anyone have an example from their own life?
6. Take a few minutes to pray together. Follow the model discussed to gain some freedom: repent, renounce, replace.

### **Memory Verse:**

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