

# WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

GOD'S PATIENCE AND KINDNESS LEADS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE. ROMANS 2:4

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## Taking Every Thought Captive

*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 10:4-5 NIV*

*We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 MSG*

*...fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ...*

Wow. Every loose thought, emotion and impulse.

Have any of those? I know I do.

Loose thoughts, emotions and impulses. Just rolling around. Waiting to be acted upon. Waiting to take root.

So...what do we do?

We can ignore them...for a bit. Pretend they aren't there.

We can try swishing them away. *Think positive*, we say.

Or, we can do as Paul does and take them captive.

We can actually take hold of our thoughts, emotions and impulses and, as Paul says, make them obedient to Christ!

Why? Because the weapons of our warfare - these God-tools we've been given - they are not of this world. They are not just positive thinking or some vain philosophy to make us feel better! They are actually divinely-given, divinely-powered weapons of spiritual warfare!

God has given you, and God has given me, the tools we need to live godly, purposeful, joy-filled lives in Him!

Oh my friends, we've been given the weapons of Heavenly warfare! Let's take them up! Let's put them into practice!

Have a thought, a pretension, a loose emotion or impulse that has set itself up against God and who you are in Him?

Take it captive! Don't let it stay and don't let it linger.

Your debt has been paid. Your life has been ransomed. You are the beloved child of Papa God, and He is making you into the very image of Christ Himself!

*By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the One who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence. 1 Peter 1:3 NLT*

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1 NLT*

*For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Ephesians 6:10-18 NLT*

## Dates & Times to Remember

### **Community Prayer Walk**

Our next Community Prayer Walk is this Saturday, May 9!

Contact Dawn for more info.

May 9 / 9:45am