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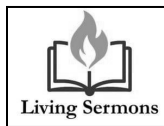
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Foreword

What if some of the thoughts you call your own are actually shaping your life—and you have never stopped to ask where they came from?

This question lies at the heart of this powerful message.

*The preacher does not present the renewing of the mind as a minor adjustment. He describes it as a complete renovation—a tearing down of old structures and the rebuilding of the way we think through the Word of God. The central truth is simple but deeply challenging: **what you continually think about will eventually shape you.***

Throughout these pages, you will encounter a strong emphasis on the thoughts of God. His thoughts are presented as deep, precious, life-giving, and capable of transforming the person who receives and meditates upon them. The message challenges the believer not merely to hear God's Word, but to think on it, meditate on it, and allow it to reshape the way he sees God, himself, his circumstances, and the future.

One of the most compelling lessons in this message is the need to discern the source of our thoughts. Not every thought deserves a place in our minds. Some thoughts must be rejected because they lead toward fear, unbelief, defeat, and confusion. Others must be embraced because they come from God and lead us toward faith, hope, obedience, and purpose.

*The preacher also draws attention to a truth that can easily be overlooked: **meditation produces visible results.** What is repeatedly considered, pondered, and embraced eventually begins to appear in a person's life. The hidden work of thought becomes visible through character, decisions, conduct, and spiritual growth.*

This is why the message returns again and again to the Word of God.

The Scriptures are not merely historical records or religious information. They reveal the thoughts and ways of God. As believers immerse themselves in His Word, their thinking begins to change. As their thinking changes, their lives begin to change.

The journey presented in this message is therefore not simply about acquiring more knowledge. It is about becoming a different person through the renewing power of God's thoughts.

As Chief Editor, our goal in preparing this transcript for publication has been to preserve the preacher's voice, emphasis, illustrations, exhortations, and spiritual flow while removing the distractions that naturally occur in a live spoken message. We have carefully polished the transcript for readability without turning it into a different message.

We encourage you, therefore, not to rush through these pages.

Pause, Think, Meditate.

*Ask yourself: **What thoughts have been shaping me? Where did they come from? What thoughts have I allowed to remain that God never intended me to think? And what would happen if I gave myself completely to the thoughts of God?***

Perhaps the greatest challenge of this message is also its greatest invitation:

Let the Word of God renew your mind until His thoughts begin to shape your life.

— Wisdom Epsi

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The message you are about to read was originally ministered in a live congregational setting. As such, it carries the weight, urgency, and atmosphere of that sacred gathering. Minor grammatical and structural adjustments have been made solely to enhance readability, without altering the substance, intent, or power of the original delivery.

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Main Message

Begins Here



Introduction

If you didn't bring a Bible with you this evening, the ushers have extra Bibles. Hold up your hand real high, and they'll get one to you.

Turn with us. Let your eyes rest on these words with us. Before we go further, let's pray and come into agreement.

The Lord, you know, what you get tonight is not just all dependent on me. I'm not the Teacher. He's the Teacher—the Spirit of God.

So close your eyes. Let's agree in prayer.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we come together asking You for utterance, asking You to give every one of us eyes that see, ears that hear, hearts that are open and receptive. Let there come, Lord, divine revelation of truth that makes free, direction, answers to questions, and direction in our life right now. Just what we need. You know what we need, and we ask You for it. And we believe we receive it, and we thank You for it in advance.

Before we read the first verse, we thank You. It'll be good. We'll get it. We'll hear from You, and we'll come up to another place. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thank You, Lord. Amen

Amen means, "So be it."

CHAPTER ONE

Be Ye Transformed

Romans 12:1:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

And verse 2:

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Please read verse 2 with me out loud:

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

I want us to begin this evening a new series entitled **Transformed**. Can we be transformed? Right here it says so.

No. What did He tell us not to be? Conformed. Don't be conformed to the world.

Why would the Lord tell you, "Don't be conformed to that"?

Because there's a danger that you will be if you don't make an effort not to be.

But instead of being conformed to this world, what did He say to be?

Transformed.

How many like the idea of being transformed?

Hallelujah!

Conformed doesn't even sound good, does it? Who wants to be conformed?

No. Who wants to be transformed?

And how is it that we can be and will be transformed?

By the renewing of our mind.

Glory to God!

And what is the result of this being transformed? Read the rest of the verse.

"That you may prove."

"Prove" has to do with proving and testing and discerning and identifying. What's the word I'm looking for? Identifying what the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God is. Is anybody in here interested in the will of God?

Finding the will of God? Knowing the will of God? Doing the will of God?

Knowing the Will of God

I became convinced in my early teens, as a teenager, that if I could find out the will of God, I had it made. And now, just a few years later—what are you laughing about? I know it's true. I know it's true.

Well, because I had already determined that if I found the will of God, I was going to do it. And I just knew if I do the will of God, I'd be okay.

Thank You, Lord.

The Lord would take care of me. He'd provide for me. It would work out, right?

Do you believe the same thing?

And isn't it sad that there's so many Christians that seem bewildered about the will of God?

Don't they?

I mean, I have talked to people so many times—ministers included—wondering if this is the will of God, wondering if that's the will of God, looking for the will of God.

"Do you think this is the will of God?"

"Is it the will of God to do this?"

"Maybe this is not the will of God."

"I thought this was the will of God."

"I guess not."

"This ought not be."

That's right.

Our Father God is not hiding His will from us. He's not making it hard to understand or receive.

I mean, if He hadn't wanted us to know His will, He'd never have given us this Book, and He never would have given us the Author of the Book to live in us twenty-four seven to help us get it.

He's done everything that we would ever need to get it.

So why then so much problem? So much ignorance? So much confusion about it?

Right here is the problem:

If our thinking was already okay, our minds would not need to be renewed.

Our Minds Need to Be Renewed

Do you? Do I? Do we need to change our thinking?

Yes.

That's weak.

Do we? Do our minds need to be renewed?

Renewed.

That word "renew" means renovate.

Like what we did when we moved in here. We tore out all the walls, took out all the chairs, and ripped up part of the floor.

How many know there's something that needs to come into your mind and rip some stuff out?

Oh, there needs to be some demolition in your mind and my mind.

Of what?

Of stuff we got from this world.

That's right.

Conformity.

We should not think like everybody else on the planet. If we do, we're acting like unsaved people.

Let me read some other verses—excuse me, other translations of this verse.

The New Living Translation says:

"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."

Amen.

Is it that simple?

It's awesome that if the way we think is changed, it'll change us into a different person.

Is that true?

Transformed!

Then you'll learn to know God's will for you.

Anybody interested in this at all?

Glory to God!

I think we ought to get excited about this verse right now, because we have found how to become a different person.

Amen.

To become a better person.

And we have found how to discern and know the will of God.

It's right here.

Would you agree that's very important?

"You'll learn to know God's will for you," which is good and pleasing and perfect.

I think some people have tried to find the will of God in the wrong way. Keep asking other people. Wanting everybody to pray for them. The Bible didn't say you'd be transformed by fasting.

That's right. That's good.

Did you hear me?

People have tried numerous other things. "Well, I'm going to pray all night, and all day, and three days."

Well, praying is good. But what will change you into a different person and cause you to find the will of God?

Changing the way you think. A lot of folk would rather do anything except that. They'll climb a mountain. They'll swim a lake. They'll fast for forty days. They'll pray for nine days straight, and they'll read the New Testament three times.

But no, if you don't change the way you think, if your mind's not renewed, then you're not going to be changed as a person, and the will of God is going to be hazy and difficult for you.

Light Will Come

I want you to believe God with me. You know how we do, don't you?

Are we close to finishing up tonight?

We're going to believe God. We're going to get light, and the Lord is going to show us how to renew our minds.

And we're not just going to be talking about it. It's going to be happening while we're being taught about it.

It's going to be changing us. And I believe this verse is true.

We will be able to come to a place where we'll be able to discern and know what the will of God is.

We'll know.

And we'll be transformed.

And people will say, "Boy, they've changed. They're like a different person. They have changed. What happened to them?"

Got transformed.

That's right.

I've been transformed.

CHAPTER TWO

The Pressure to Conform

The Scripture says that the—Let me see. Today's English Version.

Let's read that one. There's so many of these are good, but for time's sake, Today's English Version says:

"Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world."

Have you ever heard the term **peer pressure**?

Yes.

You hear this all the time, especially concerning kids and school and teenagers and everything else.

Well, I've got a flash for you: it didn't stop with high school and college.

There is a pressure to conform.

Yeah.

To not rock the boat. To be like everybody else.

If they're using these new words, you use the new words.

If they dress like this, you dress like that.

If they do this, you do this.

There is a continuous pressure to conform.

You know, that's how they make parts for cars and a whole bunch of stuff anymore.

They'll just take a piece of metal, and they've got these machines. They've got all this pressure, and they'll just squeeze it. And when they get through, there's a fender there.

They conformed that metal to that shape.

Thank You, Lord.

I'm getting revelation.

And that is what the Lord is wanting you to let Him do.

He wants to be formed in you in the likeness and image of Christ.

But it's up to us what we let form us.

Yes, it is.

Are y'all with me?

Yes.

And how we choose what we let form us is by choosing what we think on.

That's absolutely right.

Thoughts Are Transforming

How we think. Thoughts are transforming. They haven't been esteemed like they should be. You know, we've been camping on the subject of words, and we've talked about that far too many times. People don't esteem words. They don't value what a word is.

Well, what is a word?

A word is a thought capsule.

Yes.

Think about it.

If somebody spoke to you something in another language that you did not understand, what would you get from it?

Nothing.

And yet their words mean as much to them as your words mean to you in your language.

But you didn't get anything out of it. It didn't mean anything to you.

Why?

Because it failed to convey that thought to you.

So what are words?

Words are thought containers.

Thought capsules.

And what's going on right now?

A lot of us are on the same page, and a lot of folks are getting things before I even say it.

Why?

Because it's not just my thoughts. The Source of the thoughts I'm getting is in you, right?
Just like in me.

Glory to God!

That's why some things you get and understand before I have a chance to finish the sentence. God's thoughts. Hallelujah!

God's Thoughts

This thing has grown on me immensely just in the last few moments. Go to Genesis. I'm going to go back and start at the front.

Genesis 6:5.

God made the earth.

God's thoughts are revealed in His creation. We take a lot of it for granted because we've already seen it. But what does God think about? And what kind of thoughts does He have?

He thinks flowers and trees and mountains and oceans.

He thinks babies. He thinks life.

Amen.

God's Thoughts Become Our Thoughts

You didn't come up with that. I didn't come up with that. Adam and Eve didn't come up with that.

That was God's thought.

Hallelujah!

I think when we get to the place He's prepared for us, when we see heaven and Paradise,
I think some of it will be familiar to us.

God, some things are like some things down here, minus the curse and the death,
because He's the One who came up with this.

Right?

We see His taste. We see His thoughts. We see His ways in the earth.

But after man fell, you know, in the beginning God came down and communed with
Adam and Eve in the cool of the day.

What were they communing over? How were they communing?

They were sharing His thoughts.

Thank You, Lord.

Aren't they? How else do you commune?

God comes down.

Adam says, "Come on, let's go."

That's God.

They come around.

"Hi, God."

"Hey, Adam."

"Hey, Eve."

And so what did they do? What did they talk about?

His thoughts.

They shared His thoughts.

Hallelujah!

And it was beautiful beyond description. It was amazing. It was glorious. It was perfect.
It was pure.

Glory to God!

Amazing. Awesome.

You'd have to talk in tongues and not tell.

Hallelujah!

That's right.

But after they fell—how did they fall?

Satan introduced other thoughts, didn't he?

"You will not surely die."

A lying thought. A deceiving thought.

And they received it, and they thought it, and they acted on it, and they sinned.

And it changed them.

You know what it did?

It conformed them into the origin of that thought.

That's right.

They stopped being just like the Lord, and they began to be like the devil.

Whoever's thoughts you receive, you become like.

And after generations of this going on, it got worse and worse and worse and worse until the whole earth was filled with ungodly, devilish thoughts and thinking.

And Genesis describes it:

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

That's when the destruction came. Now, think about how powerful for evil a wrong thought is.

It brought the whole creation to this point—the point of total destruction.

Thoughts are not insignificant.

This is one of the first areas our mind needs to be renewed in: the importance, the significance of every thought.

Yes.

Thank You, Lord.

Thoughts Are Not Insignificant

There's no such thing as thinking on something and it doesn't matter and it has no effect.

"And as long as I don't do it, it's no big deal."

That is a lie.

I said, that is a lie.

Whatever you yield to, to think on—

Well, I'm getting ahead of myself.

Notice, "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart."

He used that phrase, and this word "imagination" helps describe to us—helps define, I should say—what a thought is.

What is a thought?

Have you ever thought about it?

What is a thought?

Let's characterize it. Let's define it.

What is it?

Let me tell you what it's not. It's not material, is it?

It's not physical. Well, if it's not material, what is it?

See, people try to—they've created this world called "mental."

What's mental?

What is mental?

The Bible talks about in Romans—we'll get to this eventually—being carnally minded and spiritually minded. It doesn't give a third category.

Thoughts are, if they're not physical, if they're not material, they're spirit.

And they come from different sources, different places, but they're not physical.

They're spirit.

CHAPTER THREE

A Thought Is a Forming

What is a thought?

If you look at this word "imagination," it literally means in the Hebrew a forming—a forming or a shaping.

And it is the same idea in Genesis 2:7 when it says:

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Before God formed, shaped man from the dust of the ground, where did man exist?

Where was man before God formed him out of the ground?

Where did that forming come from?

Before God formed it in the earth, it was formed in Him.

Right?

An idea, a thought, is a shape. It is a form. And it is a spiritual force that can shape something out of the spirit into the physical. Get the picture of a potter forming a vase.

He's at the wheel. There's no vase, and yet there is. "Where's the vase?"

Come on. Are y'all with me on this?

Well, the vase doesn't exist.

"Yes, it does."

Yes, it does.

The fact that the vase is created and developed and is beautiful proves it existed there.

Its existence here proves it existed there.

If it hadn't existed there, it could never have come here.

That's right.

Oh, are y'all with me, saints?

And it wasn't formed when he put his hands on the clay. It was formed in the thought. It was shaped. It was formed.

Somebody say, "Glory to God!"

Glory to God!

Thoughts are not insignificant.

Thoughts are not to be trivialized.

Every thought comes from somewhere, and every thought is endeavoring to form something and shape something.

The Power of Thoughts

Every thought.

There are evil thoughts. There are destructive thoughts. Thoughts of death. Thoughts of failure. Thoughts of poverty.

But there are thoughts of prosperity.

Yeah!

There are thoughts of holiness. There are thoughts of life and freedom and deliverance.

Somebody say, "Glory to God!"

Glory!

I want you to think a moment about the power of these things.

There are thoughts that you can begin to think, and immediately it'll raise your heart rate. It'll raise your blood pressure. It'll make you perspire.

And all you did was think about this.

Does it have power?

Yes.

There are other thoughts—you begin to think about them, and you start to calm down.

That's right.

Begin to relax.

Some thoughts, just the thought of it thrills you.

You begin to think on it, and it just thrills you. You can't help but smile.

And all you're doing is thinking.

I thought.

I think.

Glory to God! Glory to God!

I saw it just a few minutes ago.

I came in here, and y'all were all fine, and you know you're okay.

But then I began to share with you God's thought:

Though your beginning was small, your latter end would greatly increase.

I saw that thought come up in you, and you began to smile.

You began to go, "Yeah, yeah, that's right!"

Ain't nobody put money in your hand.

No.

What did that for you?

Oh, but friend, that thought has the power to come into this realm and shape it and form it in your life.

Hallelujah!

But I tell you what—the devil would sow a bad seed into you as well.

There are thoughts that'll absolutely pull the joy right out of you.

Thoughts that will terrify you.

And if you lay on your bed at night and think on them and ponder them, it'll rob you of your peace. It'll rob you of your joy. It'll put all your systems into overdrive.

If you think on them year after year, it'll make you old before your time.

It'll absolutely strip you of your potential, prevent you from being what you should be and having what you could have.

Somebody say, "Thoughts!"

Thoughts!

You Have Become What You Have Thought

You and I are today what we have become, not what we have to be.

Right?

People say, "Well, this is the way I am. You just have to accept me."

Well, you know, a lot of times you shouldn't accept the way you are.

"Try to get me to accept it."

Right? Come on.

"Well, if you love me, you just have to love me the way I am."

Uh-uh.

No, sir. No, ma'am.

I can love you without loving the way you are.

That's right.

"You have to accept me the way I am."

No, I don't.

Nor do you.

You can be transformed.

That's right.

I can be transformed.

Yes.

You and I are the way we are—we've become this way over a period of time.

Think about the stuff you've done.

Any skills that you've developed—there was a time when that was a thought.

That's right.

Hallelujah!

The places, the associations, the relationships.

Married folks, there was a time when you just saw them across a way and thought, "I'd like to meet them."

That's right.

Come on.

"I'd really like to meet them and get to know them."

It was just a thought.

Turned into a relationship, turned into a covenant, turned into a family.

Hallelujah!

It was a thought.

"I think I'd like working at that."

"I think I'd like to learn how to play that instrument."

There was a time when you didn't know one chord, one note, nothing about it.

And you had a thought:

"I think I'd like to learn how to ride a motorcycle."

Don't Be a Cookie-Cutter Copy

Look in Proverbs, please.

Thank You, Lord.

Somebody say, "Thank You, Lord!"

Thank You, Lord!

Thank You, Lord.

Thank You, Lord.

Thank You, Lord for Your holy Word.

Thank You, Lord.

Proverbs 23.

Glory! Glory to God!

What a glorious thought.

What a wonderful thought.

Don't be conformed to this world.

Don't let this world make you like itself.

Don't become a cookie-cutter copy of everything else and everybody else that you know—people that don't believe in God and don't know God.

You are destined to be different.

Thank You, Lord.

You're supposed to go upstream.

Yeah.

You're supposed to be up when they're down.

Say yes when they say no.

Are you listening?

They say, "It can't."

You say, "It can."

When they say, "I won't," you say, "I will."

Hallelujah!

But we must realize how dangerous it is.

These thoughts that are all around us—they're all around us.

I mean, everything's permeated with them.

Thoughts of fear. Thoughts of selfishness. Thoughts of deception.

It's everywhere.

That's why it's good to have a place where we can come in here, shut the door, and say,
"World, stay out. We're only going to think on what He said."

Thank You, Lord.

And yet, we're not to hide and put our light under a bushel.

We're supposed to go out and shine.

But you need to read your chapter, and you need to be getting His thoughts and reminding yourself of them on a regular basis, because there's so much around you trying to press you, trying to conform you, and make you like the whole unsaved world.

Say out loud:

I refuse to be conformed to this world!

I refuse to be conformed to this world!

I'm in this world. I'm in this world. I am not of this world. I am not of this world.

I refuse to be conformed to this world!

Make up your mind:

"I'm not. I'm not going to be like this."

But what's happening with you?

"I'm being transformed."

CHAPTER FOUR

Definition of Transformed

What is transformed?

It's the word that we get our understanding of **metamorphosis**.

Just like a caterpillar to a butterfly.

It is an internal, cellular—It is a complete change. The original words bear that out. It is an entire—other translations bring out the complete renewing of your mind.

Entire renewing.

Our thinking does need to be changed.

It didn't just need to be modified slightly, right?

The Word needs to come in there and tell—tear out some stuff. Tear down the walls and pull up the floors and the carpet.

Come on, are y'all listening to me?

And then open the fire hole and blow it out, and then get the sandblaster and come by.

Come on, are y'all listening to me?

We need some major, stripped-down renovation.

Now, see, that didn't happen when you got born again.

There's people looking at me like, "No, it didn't."

You became a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Your spirit became new, right?

Not your mind.

That has confused a lot of people, because they knew something happened to them, but then next week they were struggling with some of the same thoughts they had before they got saved.

And they thought, "Well, the devil comes and tells you we didn't even get saved. Look at you."

No, that's not true.

It wasn't your mind that was recreated.

It was your spirit.

Amen.

And now, as soon as you get born again, it's your job to do what you're supposed to do with your mind—to let Him renew it all.

We have a responsibility to do something with our minds and get it renewed.

Can you say, "Glory to God"?

Glory to God!

As He Thinks in His Heart

In Proverbs—did you have that place, sir?

Proverbs 23:7.

Well, let me back up and read some more of this verse.

Verse 6:

"Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats."

Verse 7:

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee."

His actions and his words are not what he is.

What is he?

He is what he thinks.

He's saying some things that are not representing him properly.

Oh, yeah.

Come on in.

"Yeah, eat, drink. Help yourself."

But he's thinking begrudgingly.

And so he's not what he's saying and how he's acting.

He is what he thinks.

Your thoughts—

Somebody say, "Our thoughts."

Our thoughts.

Our thoughts.

Our thoughts are transforming.

Let the Scripture say it first.

First Timothy—turn there, please.

First Timothy.

Y'all don't quit me now, huh?

Y'all hooked, okay?

I'm preaching by revelation.

It's different than just reading notes.

We're getting revelation as we go.

It's happening.

God—Glory to God!

And what that means is pretty much every other phrase, I don't know what I'm going to say next, but I'm believing, and it comes.

Thank You, Lord.

And our minds are the recipients of His thoughts.

Do you want to know what He thinks?

Anybody want to know?

Want to know His thoughts?

Yes.

Thank You, Lord.

We're not quite ready to go to Timothy.

Go to Psalms.

We need to build up some more before we get over there.

A Thought Can Become a Ministry

Psalm 92.

There was a time this church was a thought.

Yes, y'all.

There was a time Phyllis and my ministry was a thought.

Amen.

It was a thought.

I remember we were back—we must have been eighteen years old—in our little mobile home. We paid \$3,700 for it.

And doing what we knew to do, we got a hold of some Word.

Hallelujah!

Heard things like, "Redeemed from the curse of the law."

Glory to God!

Hadn't got over things like, "By His stripes you were healed."

Thank You, Lord.

"Call those things which be not as though they were."

Beloved, "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

And we began to grow. We began to develop.

And we got some materials from the Copelands, and we got some materials from Brother Hagin, and they began to send us their monthly publication.

Well, there was a publication of the graduating class of that year, and they were all dressed in red on the front.

And I picked up that little magazine in our little mobile home, and I looked at it.

And just for a moment, a thought came across my mind:

"Wouldn't that be great?"

"Wouldn't that be great to be a part of a group like that, and to have that kind of training and that kind of Word put into you, and that kind of preparation, and to have that kind of an active part in the Kingdom of God?"

Amen.

That thought came across my mind:

"Wouldn't it be wonderful to be a part of that?"

And it lasted all of about fifteen seconds.

And then I thought, "Nah. No. I mean, I'm a country boy, doing this, doing that. And I didn't have enough money to get out there to the school."

I must let go.

And where did that thought come from?

Anybody know where that thought came from?

Help me out.

But then what shot that thought down?

It was another thought.

"What about that?"

"Nah, you're just—that's just wishful thinking, man. That ain't reality. You need to come back to earth, boy."

Where'd that thought come from?

And can you see that both of those thoughts are trying to shape me?

Can you see that?

Yes.

One of them is trying to shape me and tell me, "You could be used of God. You could have a part in the end-time harvest. You could be in the ministry."

And another one's telling me, "No, you can't. You don't have anything. You don't know anybody. You can't do anything."

Both of those thoughts have shaping power.

Come on!

I'm so thankful the Lord didn't give up on me just because I let that shoot His thoughts down.

Thank God He knew how ignorant I was.

He knew I was clueless as to what was even going on.

Hallelujah!

And He brought it back to me.

And He brought it back to me.

And He brought it back to me.

I wasn't getting into the thought at all, but He got this thought across to me about believing God and going out to their camp meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

That was the biggest step of faith we had ever taken.

I mean, we didn't have a car that'd make it out there. We must have lacked the gas and a place to stay and all.

Like, we didn't have it.

But the Lord had gotten enough faith in us through His words and His wonderful thoughts that we believed He could do a miracle.

Something would happen, and we could go.

And we believed, and we stood, and we said it, and we confessed, and we praised God.

And we stood and we believed.

And I won't go into all the detail, but it worked out perfectly.

I got time off. Phyllis got time off.

Somebody loaned us their almost-new car.

God—We had a little bit of money. We didn't know if we had enough.

But as we were driving down the road to go to the meeting, she starts pulling out money people gave her.

I started pulling out money people gave me.

We had plenty of money.

Glory to God!

Plenty of money to go, to stay, to eat, to come back for the whole week.

Praise God!

Glory to God!

And while we were there, He dealt with us to take the tour out on the campus there at Rhema.

And while we were walking around on the campus, that thought He'd been trying to get to me for a year and a half, two years, came up in me strong.

Hallelujah!

And this time, I didn't knock it down.

Come on, are y'all listening to me?

And Phyllis and I talked about it, and I'm not saying we didn't wrestle with it a little bit more, but we eventually embraced that thought.

And we followed that thought.

Has that thought shaped us?

Hallelujah!

Has that thought formed us?

I can tell you, I was there, and now I'm here.

We're different people.

Very different people.

And there was a time when it was a thought, and I thought, "Yeah, okay," and pitched it over in the corner and went about my business.

Should we pay attention?

Yes!

To the thoughts the Lord gives us and not let other things overpower them and overshadow them and knock them down.

God's Thoughts Will Excite You

Let me give you an identifier—one of many—of God's thoughts.

When God gives you a thought, it'll excite you.

Hallelujah!

I said, it'll excite you.

Because it's wonderful. It's glorious.

It's only after the initial excitement, and you get in your head and start trying to figure out how to do it—

Yeah, that's right.

Yeah.

—that you realize you don't know how, and you can't, as far as you can tell.

And then, if you let the other thoughts in, you're in trouble.

Right?

Why won't God tell me and show me how He's going to do it?

Because then it wouldn't require any faith.

That's right.

He wants to give you a thought.

Yeah.

Do you know that's why Abraham was His friend?

Got to hang with God.

Amen.

Why?

Because He's the kind of guy God could take outside and say, "Look up in the sky. Look up in the sky."

Hallelujah!

"See all them stars?"

"Abraham?"

"Yes, sir."

"It's a lot of stars."

"Sure are. Pretty."

"How many stars is that, Abraham?"

"Oh, Lord, I don't know. Can't even see all of them."

"How would I know how many?"

He said, "That's how many kids you're going to have."

He didn't have any.

Didn't have one.

Looked like he couldn't have one.

So you know what he says?

"Yes, sir. Great."

Okay.

You know, he struggled with it. You know the whole story.

But Romans tells us how he wound up:

He was fully persuaded that what God had said, He was able to perform it.

He embraced that thought with not one clue as to how God could do it.

And that pleases God.

Oh, that pleases the Father!

If He'll bring you a thought and you'll get excited and not have one clue of how it could ever happen, but you still receive it and you just cling to it, and you go:

"Well, yes, God could do it."

"How?"

"I don't know how."

"I don't have to know how."

He knows how.

He knows how.

Thank You, Lord.

He knows how.

Somebody say, "He knows how."

He knows how!

He knows how.

Does He?

Yes, He does.

He knows how.

His thoughts will excite you.

His thoughts will thrill you.

His thoughts are exhilarating.

His thoughts—you'll laugh and cry and don't know what to do with yourself.

His thoughts.

Amen.

How Deep Are His Thoughts?

Psalm 92:5:

"O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep."

How deep are His thoughts?

Look into the night sky.

Look across the Pacific, as far as your little eyes can see—which ain't far.

His thoughts are so vast.

They're so wide.

They're so high. They're so deep. Thank You, Lord.

And here's the amazing thing: He's created us with the capability to think on them.

Thank You, Father.

Glory to God!

Paul prayed for the saints at Colossae that they'd be able to comprehend the height, the width, the depth of the love of God that passeth understanding.

Why?

He has created us with the capacity to embrace His thoughts and think His thoughts.

That is huge.

And we're not operating in the fullness of it at all.

But it ain't over.

Right?

This is just the beginning.

I was talking with Phyllis the other day. We're riding down the road, and, you know, preachers preach, and I said, "You know, you and I have really changed in the last thirty years."

We think different. We're able to comprehend some things we had no clue of thirty years ago.

What about ten thousand years from now?

Because we're going to be around.

What about three hundred thousand years from now?

We won't be the same as we are now.

Come on, now.

Think about how many would say, "The Word has changed me," and you're talking about what? Ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty years?

Well, that's a flash.

What about from where you are now, you just keep going, hallelujah, and embracing His thoughts?

How many have read Scriptures that didn't mean a thing to you twenty years ago, and now you wept and cried and shouted over that verse?

Why?

Because the verse is not what was lacking. It was your ability to comprehend His thought.

That's right.

Hallelujah!

Thank You.

Well, how about your ability to comprehend His thought expanding for the next million years?

What will you be able to grasp?

And what will that do to you?

What kind of being will that make you?

A son of God.

"And it doth not yet appear what we shall be," but when we see Him, we will be like Him.

And we'll commune.

We're not just going to be sitting around on a cloud playing a harp, right?

I guess if you want to sit on a cloud and play a harp, maybe it'd be okay, but that is not all you will be doing throughout the ages.

And does anybody want to know what's out there?

Me too.

God's out there.

Amen!

Hallelujah!

Aren't you glad you're not an ignorant unbeliever, limiting yourself to your little senses and little knowledge, and so arrogant that if you don't understand it, it can't exist?

That's pitiful, isn't it?

It's bad to be dumb, but it's bad to be ignorant and not know you're ignorant.

I mean, that's really bad.

What do they need?

They need to receive His thoughts, don't they?

And let His thoughts transform them into something else.

His thoughts are very deep.

Say out loud:

Lord, Your thoughts are very deep.

Lord, Your thoughts are very deep.

How Precious Are His Thoughts

Psalm 139.

And the more you ponder His thoughts, the more you think on them, the further you see into them.

And the more it thrills you, the more it blesses you and excites you.

What if you don't think on them at all?

What if God's not in your thoughts ever?

Then you'll lead a very shallow life, won't you?

Should we think about Him in the morning?

Should we think about Him all through the day?

Should we think about Him when we lay our head on the pillow at night?

When we get out of bed in the morning?

And should we think about Him all the time?

Can you think about Him while you're doing other stuff?

Yes, you can.

Yes, you can.

Everything that you see can remind you of Him.

Yes.

If it's bad, you can remember His grace and how that all things are possible.

If it's good, you can remember that every good and perfect gift came from Him.

There is no beautiful thing but what came out of Him.

Psalm 139:17:

"How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!"

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand.

What's more in number than the sand?

God's thoughts.

And I am still with You.

His thoughts.

Oh, I can sense the Spirit of God pushing against the veil of the flesh.

He has thoughts for you.

God, He wants these thoughts—He desires these thoughts—to get through to you and me.

Thank You, Jesus!

Oh, the devil fights them.

He wants us to be negative. He wants us to be defeated, unbelieving, worried all the time, fretting, yielding to his thoughts, and experiencing death.

God has a thought.

How many know one thought from God would just show you how to walk right out of your situation?

That's right.

Maybe you've been embroiled in it for years.

Maybe you see no way out and no answers and no hope.

One thought from the Almighty.

Come on!

One thought from Him who made the heavens and the earth.

His thoughts are light.

His thoughts are life.

And one thought from Him, and you just go:

"Well, of course."

"Sure. I'll just do that in the morning."

Yeah.

And it'll just start unfolding and just start working.

Just what it took the devil to mess up ten years to do, how many know God could fix in a day?

In a day!

Blessed!

That's right.

But we've got to be open to His thoughts and closed—

You know, at some point we're getting to Second Corinthians where He said we've got to take every thought captive to the obedience.

Somebody say, "**Every thought!**"

Every thought!

Then, is every thought significant?

Does every thought matter?

Every thought.

Every thought.

Say it.

Every thought!

Say it again.

Every thought!

Because these thoughts are spiritual, and these thoughts are from somewhere.

And if they're not from God, we got no business thinking them.

And they're trying to form us.

Everything About You Came as a Thought

Everything about you.

Everything about me.

The way I carry myself.

The way—uh, my Southern drawl, come on—the phrases I use, the way I see.

Everything about you came as a thought.

It was a thought.

You saw it. You thought it. You emulated it.

You saw it.

You thought it.

You were conformed to it.

Well, no matter where we came from or what we've been, now we are the sons of God.

That's right.

Glory to God!

You are the sons of the Most High God.

Thank You, Lord!

And He has thoughts.

He said, "I know the thoughts I think about you," didn't He?

"I know the thoughts I think."

What kind of thoughts?

Anybody remember?

Good.

Good thoughts.

Thoughts that will give you an expected end.

Thoughts that will produce something in you so that you wind up a different way.

People think, "Well, I need money. I need healing. I need this."

You need a thought.

Yeah.

You need His thought on the matter.

If you got that, everything else comes with that.

Everything Begins as a Thought

This planet you and I are sitting on this evening—before it existed, where was it?

Every tree.

Every animal.

This chair.

Before it was a chair, that was in somebody's mind.

Thank You, Lord!

The car you drove over here in—we take it for granted, but there was a time when that didn't exist.

And yet it did exist.

Yeah.

And before that thought wound up in some engineer's mind, it was in God.

Right?

Hallelujah!

Every good thing, every perfect thing, every complete thing, everything that works and helps and is good—it came from Him.

Everything.

Everything that kills, steals, and destroys—it came from the devil.

Right?

It came from the destroyer.

But before it existed here, it was in him.

And how did he get it here?

How would there ever become such a thing as a space shuttle, a jet that streaks across the air at the speed of sound?

How did it?

How do these—They were in a person before they were on paper, that's right, or in the computer, or in steel, or in wood.

But before they were in that person, they were in the Creator.

Hallelujah!

Come on.

Yeah.

Aren't we thankful for everything the Lord's given us?

I know people are using technology and machines and everything else for evil, but they weren't intended for that.

That's right.

They were intended for good.

The internet was not built to hurt people.

It was built to get the Gospel out.

That's right.

Hallelujah!

And you could use it for some other thing—good things—but that's the main thing going on.

Somebody say, "Glory to God!"

Glory to God!

Glory to God!

My Mind Is Being Renewed

Go back to Timothy.

Hold your place in Psalms and go to Timothy.

We're going to go from 1 Timothy 4 to Psalm 1, the first Psalm.

Thank You, Lord.

Don't be conformed to this world.

That's not my words.

That's not just Paul's words.

How many believe that's the Spirit of God speaking?

That's God talking directly to us.

What did He tell us?

Don't be conformed to this world.

Right?

You be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

How Will It Come?

And how will it come?

A thought will come.

Phyllis and I were, you know, about this time of the year, earlier winter time, over in a condo here in Branson, praying about the will of God.

This church was a thought.

No money to speak of.

Certainly not enough to do that.

Didn't know anybody here.

But we had a thought from the Almighty.

Hallelujah!

Just a matter of months ago, at a church in Sarasota, it's a thought.

That's a piece of land.

Now it's a building.

It ain't a church.

It will be.

Hallelujah!

And it won't just be a building.

It'll be full of people like you and me.

Glory to God!

And they'll be glad to hear about God's thoughts. They'll be excited, and their life will change.

Praise God!

And they'll quit just living for the here and now.

Right?

And they'll quit just being only aware of this life. Their mind will open up, and their spirit will open up, and they'll love God.

They'll praise Him.

They'll serve Him.

And in a few days, this will be over with, and we'll all shout together.

We will do it throughout the ages.

And God will share His thoughts with us.

And after we grow up for another hundred thousand years, He'll be able to share some things with us that we couldn't have even related to right now.

Do you think we'll be mesmerized?

Do you think we'll be in awe?

Do you think we will praise and worship Him?

And here's the neat thing:

We could do it for nine days straight and not get tired.

We could just shout to the top of our voice for a month and not be tired and feel better.

"What's with them?"

"Oh, man, they've been shouting like that for ten years."

"Let's go join them."

"Why?"

"God showed them something."

Yeah.

They got one of His thoughts.

Because His thoughts are deep, and they're precious.

They're life itself.

Light itself.

Love itself.

CHAPTER FIVE

Meditate on These Things

God was sharing His thoughts through the Spirit of God, through Paul, to Timothy.

And He told him this. 1 Timothy 4:15.

What did He tell him to do?

Meditate.

Meditate on these things that He'd been telling him—these thoughts.

Meditate on these things. And what?

Give yourself wholly to these things.

You're meditating. And what will happen? You're profiting.

That you're profiting may appear to all.

Now, how's it going to appear to all unless it happens out here where all could perceive it?

Meditation Makes the Difference

I want you to see something, friend. It was meditation, and now it's appearing.

He said, "Meditate upon these things, and give thyself wholly to them," and what will happen? The profiting of it—the benefiting of it, the increasing of it—will appear to everybody. They'll see it. They may not understand it and know how it came, but they'll see it. They'll see the increase. Yes, the profiting, the benefiting.

Somebody say, "Glory to God!"

Glory to God! Does that sound like transformation?

Yes, that's exactly what it is.

Identify the Source of Your Thoughts

Psalms 1. I'm thinking about closing. It's a thought. We'll have to discern where that thought came from, which is another message. How many know we're going to have to identify the source of these thoughts? That's right, aren't we? You can see that's going to be a big part of it.

We've got to find out where these thoughts are coming from, and we've got to tag them before we just center out and think on them, right? And say, "Oh, no, no, no. I can't think on that. I'm not going to think on that."

Why? Because we should understand: if I think on that, what's going to happen?

It's going to mold me. It's going to shape me.

Somebody was talking about some criminal activity and some people that had committed some terrible crimes. The authorities were discussing it and saying, "You know, these individuals—they had found out in their personal life—they had just

watched hours and hours and hours of these terrible crime movies and awful, perverted things.”

And they were asking the question, “Did they think that had any effect on them?”

Do you have to ask? Some of them committed the very things they saw in these movies and in these things.

Why?

They immersed themselves in it. They thought on it night and day. They meditated on it and gave themselves wholly to it, and their perversion appeared to all.

Do you see this?

Yes. You can only hide it so long. You keep feeding on it, it’ll make you into that. You’ll become that.

“Oh, no, I can handle it.”

You’re kidding yourself.

That’s right. I can handle it? Nobody can handle it.

That’s right. That’s right.

Immerse Yourself in the Thoughts of Jesus

Oh, but you think about Jesus. Come on now. You immerse yourself in everything Jesus said and every word that He did until you’ve got red letters just swimming around your head all day.

I mean the Epistles, and the thoughts of redemption and healing and increase and righteousness—and you will become from that.

Glory!

It's not a fairy tale. It's not hype. The Bible said:

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory...”

2 Corinthians 3:18

We're changed into what we're looking at.

“How Precious Are Your Thoughts to Us”

Man, the glory is in here.

It is.

Oh, thank You, Master. Thank You, Master. Oh, let's just lift up our hands and praise Him. Father, we worship You. Lord, we worship You. Oh, we worship You.

How precious are Your thoughts to us. We want to know what You think. We care what You said. We want to know Your thoughts.

Oh, we worship You. We worship You. We worship You. We worship You. We seek Your glory. We seek Your will.

The Counsel of the Ungodly

Psalm 1. Psalm 1, verse 1:

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly...”

What is the counsel of the ungodly?

That's their thoughts.

What kind of thoughts are they?

What's an ungodly thought?

Ungodly is no God. God's not in it. It's an ungodly—not a God, but an ungodly without God.

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,” and he doesn't stand in the way of sinners.

Now, perhaps we'll get into this. If you understand somebody's thoughts, you learn their ways.

Do you want to know the ways of the Lord?

Yes.

We have to find out how He thinks. We find out how He thinks, and we'll begin to see—not just what He has done and view Him from a historical perspective—we begin to learn how He thinks and then, therefore, begin to understand something about His ways, how He does things.

And you can already see how this would make it so easy, easy for you to discern His will. Because when something comes up, you go, “Oh, that's Him.”

“How do you know that's Him?”

“Well, that's how He thinks.”

“How do you know how He thinks?”

Because you've been thinking His thoughts.

Amen. That's Him. That's the way He does stuff.

“How do you know it's the way He does stuff?”

Because that's what He said. That's His thought.

You learn how He thinks. You begin to understand His ways. Then you're not clueless about the will of God.

That's right.

Somebody tries to tell you, "This is God," and you go, "That's not His way. That's not the way He does things. That's not the way He thinks."

"Who are you? You think you know how God thinks?"

We can begin to know, yes, how He thinks.

No, we don't claim to know the breadth of His thoughts, but we can begin to know. If the mind is being renewed, then we can begin to know, right?

Yes. How He thinks. What He thinks.

Too much of the church world has just given up and said, "Well, you know, His thoughts are higher than our thoughts," and they didn't read the rest of the passage or anything else that went with it.

And you say, "Well, we can't think like God. He's holy and perfect and high, and we're dumb and clueless, and that's just the way it'll be. Maybe over yonder, by and by, we'll get a God-thought."

No!

This Book you've got in front of you—why did He give us that? The Spirit of God, the Author—why did He put Him in us?

So we could know.

God Has Revealed His Thoughts by His Spirit

Hold your place in Psalms. Go back to the book of 1 Corinthians—or over, I should say. You know, religion—man-made religion—is just one of the most hindering, destructive things in the world.

1 Corinthians 2.

People take a verse, take a half of a verse, make you say something it never said, use it as a basis for not believing God, and for not even trying—quitting and laying down.

Is it possible for you to think some of God's thoughts and understand some of His thoughts?

Is it possible?

Yes.

It's supposed to be happening on an increasing basis.

1 Corinthians 2:9:

“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”

And people stop. They put up a stop sign. They build a wall there.

They go, “See, see, see, see, see! You just never know. You've got eyes that have not seen, ears that have not heard. It's not even entered into your heart—to your little mind. And God is big and you are not, and you just don't know, and you're not going to know. You little haughty, too big for your britches man. You just sit down, because you're dumb, and you need to admit that you're dumb and stay that way. And that's just the way it is.”

If they would only read the next verse!

Somebody help me. Let's be brave. Come on, let's be brave. Let's go to the next verse.
Let's go where no religion has gone before.

Come on. Are y'all ready?

Come on. Let's go to verse 10.

Glory to God!

“But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, it's not entered into the heart of man—the things that God has prepared for them that love Him.

But, glory to God, God has revealed them.

Them what?

The things that eye hadn't seen and ear hadn't heard and hadn't entered into the heart of man.

God has revealed them to us by His Spirit!

To God be the glory! Glory to God! Glory to God!

Thank You, Lord.

Say it out loud:

“I can think the thoughts of God. I can understand His ways. His ways. Yes!”

Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord.

Certainly, we don't claim to have arrived or will arrive in this lifetime. Thank God we've got the rest of eternity. But we don't have to wait till then to start.

We need His thoughts now.

We need to know how He thinks to deal with things in this life. We need to know, come on, so we can have the right kind of relationships and so we can raise our kids the right way.

Come on, are you listening?

So we can be the right witness and find the will of God and do what we're supposed to do. You're not going to do any of that without getting His thoughts. That's right. That is right.

Say it out loud:

"Lord, I love Your thoughts. Lord, I love Your thoughts. They are precious to me. They are precious to me."

Glory to God!

Blessed Is the Man

Back to Psalm 1.

Psalm 1, verse 1. Let's read it again:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

Anybody want to be blessed?

Blessed!

Blessed means empowered, enabled to prosper and to succeed.

That's right.

There are thoughts you don't need to hear. There are thoughts you don't need to be around.

We need to treat it seriously and not just sit hour after hour on the phone, or just stay and let people fill our ears and minds with this junk.

There are places we don't need to walk. There are places we don't need to stand.

Hallelujah.

And there are places we don't need to sit.

That's right.

Because it's ungodly counsel.

There are thoughts we should not think.

Verse 2:

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”

Now, we have not only the Law; we've got the New Testament. We've got the whole Word of God.

His delight is your delight in the Word of the Lord.

Does His Word contain His thoughts?

And in His law does he what?

Meditate.

Does he what?

He meditates day and night.

What did the Spirit of God through Paul tell Timothy?

He said, “Meditate in these things, and give thyself wholly to them.”

What would happen?

Your profiting will appear to all.

Look, this is the same thing.

Meditate in it day and night.

What’ll happen when you meditate in it day and night?

You’re pondering God’s thoughts all the time—day and night.

You don’t think on the scornful and the sinner and the ungodly. You refuse to be conformed.

Yes, that’s it.

And think that, and talk that, and live that, and be that—it starts trying to mold you and shape you.

And to sit down, “Shut up. You’re nothing. You’ll have nothing.”

You throw it off, and you go: “No! I ain’t sitting here. I ain’t sitting here. I’m not hearing that. I’m not thinking that.

I’m thinking, ‘Greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world.’

I’m thinking, ‘All things are possible to him that believeth.’ ‘God supplies all my needs.’

‘Lord, He that hath begun a good work in me will perform it. He will complete it all the way.’ He’s the Author, and He is the Finisher of my faith, my life.

And I’m going to meditate in that.”

Day and Night

Every service, every time the church doors open and the preacher's preaching something worth hearing, I'm going to meditate on it.

I'm going to hear it.

And even once in a while, I might play a CD or something.

"Why did I say that?"

Okay, you meditate on it for the 30 minutes, hour and a half, two hours, depending on where you go to church, and then you don't until next Friday.

That leaves a lot of time, right?

That is right.

Yes.

And you're going to be thinking something. You don't just go around night and day thinking nothing.

That's right.

You're thinking something.

"Lord, what are You thinking? Where did that thought come from? What is it doing to you?"

Come on, read it again.

He'll do what? What will he do?

He's going to meditate on it when?

Day and night.

Day and night.

Well, it's either day or night.

"Yeah, well, it ain't quite night."

Well, it's day.

"That's right."

"Ain't quite day."

Well, it's night.

Uh-uh.

So if it's day, do you know what to do?

Meditate.

Meditate in the Word of the Lord.

What if it's night? Do you know what to do?

Let me ask these guys over here. If it's daytime, what do you do?

Huh?

On what Word?

What He said.

If it's nighttime, what do we do?

Meditate. Think on it. Ponder it. Meditate.

When?

What if it's the middle of the day? Huh?

Late at night?

It's either day or night.

And if you meditate upon it, would that affect your mind? Would your thinking change?

And what would be the result?

Come on, read the next verse.

Planted by the Rivers of Water

And his profiting will appear.

Come on, are y'all listening?

His profiting will appear.

He will be—Now, he was thinking. Now he's being.

He was meditating. Now he's being.

Yeah, he shall be.

He wasn't, but he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water.

How many rivers mean you've got more water than you will ever, ever need?

You can just—if you're an apple tree—you can just soak up water and make apples until the ground is covered with apples, and you don't have to stop because you've got plenty of water where that came from.

You can just soak it up, soak it up, and make apples in the morning and apples at night and apples every day.

Yes.

Whatever you are, you can bear fruit. You can produce it.

“He bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

Psalm 1:3

Glory to God!

When other people are drying up, come on, you don't.

Why?

Why are they drying up?

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

Romans 8:6

Why are they drying up?

We don't even have to know the details to know they are thinking on things they shouldn't be thinking on.

They were thinking it wasn't going to work. They were thinking they're not going to make it. They were thinking death and failure and defeat.

And it disconnected them from the rivers.

But this is the guy who won't stay in the seat of the scornful or the way of the sinner or the counsel of the ungodly.

He won't stay there.

You can't make him stay. You start, he goes, “La, la, la! I'm not hearing that. Show me the door.”

Show me the door!

I Will Not Die, But Live

I will not die, but live, and declare the works of God!

I'm coming through this one more than a conqueror. "More than a conqueror? He always calls—

"Yeah, but you might not, and you better watch—"

La, la, la!

"He always causes me—"

Always. Always. Always.

"Yeah, but you just never know—"

Get behind me!

How many know that is the counsel of the ungodly?

Yes.

And it's dangerous.

It's dangerous.

Dangerous.

Why?

Because if you get to thinking on it, it'll form you. It'll shape you.

Next thing you know, you lose your peace. You lose your joy. You'll be shaken. You'll be upset.

But this guy—come on—soaking up the water.

People say, “Man, what a drought! Things are getting burnt up all over.”

He said, “My leaves are green. They don’t wither.”

Everybody’s leaves wither.

“Not mine.”

Come on.

“Not mine. My leaves shall not wither.”

Thank You, Father.

“Well, you know, you win some, you lose some. Some things go—”

Some?

Whatsoever he does!

That’s right.

“Shall prosper.”

That’s right. That’s right.

Somebody say, “Glory to God!”

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God!

Say, “Glory to God!”

Glory to God! Glory!

We’ve got—come on, stand up on your feet.



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