

Assurance

Biblical truths to equip us for the battle in our minds.

TRUTH #1: God is for you, to make you more like _____.! God is for me, _____! (write your name)/vs. 31

TRUTH #2: God has chosen me, gave His Son for me to j_____ me, _____! (write your name)/vs. 32-33 I am forgiven through Christ.

TRUTH #3: Jesus is praying for me, _____! (write your name) There is no condemnation for anyone in Christ! (vs. 34)

TRUTH #4: I cannot be s_____ from God's love by anyone or anything! (vs. 35-39) I, _____, (write your name) am forever loved by God. (vs. 35-39)

TRUTH #5: We have choices, whether we take every t-_____ "captive" to Jesus and His truth. I, _____, (write your name) can guide my thoughts to God's truths! (2 Cor. 10:5)

Ideas to make God's truths come ALIVE in our lives:

a. Write them s_____! *These commandments that I give you today ...*

Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deut. 6:6,9)

b. Say them out l_____! *Let everything that has breath praise the*

Lord! (Psalm 150:6)

c. Memorize/M_____ on them! *Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.* (Joshua 1:8)

d. Sing His t_____/Enjoy Music! *Sing to the Lord a new song.* (Psalm 96)

e. P_____ God's Word with your name in it!

f. Share His truths with o_____! *These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them where you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.* (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

g. Pray/Talk to God about these truths. (Matthew 6:6)

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. Have you ever been in a courtroom for any reason? Share what the experience was like!
2. What are some challenges today in making our thoughts more like Christ?
3. Make up an example to explain to someone else about how a thought can shape our mood/emotions, which can then determine an action in someone's life.

Reflecting on the Message Together

Re-read Romans 8:31-39

1. God is making you more like Jesus, every day, and is rooting for you to have more of His character in your life. How does the way God thinks about you affect the way you can think about yourself?
2. God completely loves and forgives you. How do our thoughts and feelings about ourselves affect the way we see and treat others in our lives?
3. Which of the "truths" discussed from today's passage are easiest for you to believe about yourself? Which one is the most challenging? Why?
4. Since God offers us complete and total justification/forgiveness through Christ, why is it sometimes difficult for us to offer forgiveness for one another?
5. How satisfied are you with your inner dialogue/self-talk? Do you notice negative thoughts more about yourself or others that you would like to work on?
6. Which of the ideas discussed (a-g) might help you make God's truths more real in your life? What are some other tools that you use that help you grow in your walk with Christ and your understanding of your identity in Christ?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?