

Removing the pressures from you

2 Corinthians 10:4, 5

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The subject for tonight will be removing pressure from you.

There are many things that people are faced with every day but, God is with us in everything that we face. We have often heard in church, preached, taught, hacked, and we have had people tell us that God will never leave you nor forsake you and this is what the bible says. This is all true but, when the devil comes and tries to put pressure on a person to make them nervous, fear, or doubt God then what do you do? Fortunate for us that over time we have been given the tools to use for every situation and God has been teaching us how to use them in everyday life.

Tonight I just want to remind everyone that we are greater than anything that can come our way. Because God is in us we are bigger than any situation the devil can throw at us and in our key scripture this is our reminder and it is telling us what to do.

2 Corinthians 10:4 says:

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

We know that this is a spiritual battle that we fight even though natural situation occur in everyday life. So we have to be in constant state of spiritual awareness of what is really going on and put to use what God has given us.

Example: The devil will come to someone and present some kind of issue and then the person starts to deal with that and then something else pops up and then something else. All of this is trying to get your attention and take their attention off of God and get the person in to the flesh or natural mode and have them start thinking all kinds of crazy off the wall thoughts so he can try and bring them to pass in their life. At this time a person would say:

I cast down every imagination and high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bring every thought into captivity. I have the mind of Christ in me.

1 Corinthians 2:16

Tells us that we have the mind of Christ. So what does that mean? That the mind that Jesus had is in us. **We have Gods insight and have access to it.**

Sometime I think that people, I don't believe we do, but people get caught up in the doing of things and forget what they are actually doing. In other words people will know what to do but

have no insight on what is really happening when they going through the process and by not knowing how effective is that? We have to be aware what is going on in order to make things happen. To believe it is going to work we have to know and understand what is going on.

Turn to Acts 19 * We want read verses 1 – 10 but this is when Paul went to Ephesus found certain disciples and asked them had the received the Holy Ghost since they believed and they said they had not even heard of the Holy Ghost and then Paul asked them what they were baptized into and they said Johns baptism and he told them about Jesus and baptized them in the name of Jesus and laid hands on them and they receive the Holy Ghost.**

Acts 19:11-16

¹¹ And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

¹² So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

¹³ Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

¹⁴ And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

¹⁶ And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Now we see in these passages some people that had heard but, they didn't know so they didn't get what they really wanted. They had no idea who Jesus really was because had they known they would have gotten the same results as Paul and the other disciples that understood the spirits had to obey.

If we look at 2 Corinthians 10:5

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;

Imagination Means: Computation, reasoning, thought. (So reasoning is a process of thinking.)

Knowledge – knowing. When you know something no matter what anyone says to you, you will not change because you know what is.

You know $2 + 2 = 4$ so if someone keep telling you over and over again that it was 7 you would not believe them.

Things, thoughts, situations, try to raise itself above your knowing of God and if not dealt with people can be reprogrammed to believe anything. That is why it keeps trying because

it knows if a person doesn't do anything that it might have a chance to overcome that person.

So we knowing that when we cast down imaginations or the process of thinking that is being introduced to use that we are actually pulling that thought process, those thoughts, pictures in the mind down, captivating it and bringing and making it to submit to the mind of Christ that is in us.

When this is done, this takes away the power that whatever it was had over the person and now it has no more power over the person. It has to submit.

One other scripture I want to talk about is **Psalms 112:7**

Psalm 112

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

This is a good scripture to use to keep drama from effecting you. You can speak this scripture over you by saying:

I thank you Jesus I shall not be afraid of evil tidings: my heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

You can use this when something is said and it will be like you never heard it.

God wants us to make sure that we know what we are doing when we do it so we can get what it is that we want because when you know something has to do what you say, and you know what tool to use and what is going on when you use that tool, then everything lines up and works like we want it to.

We have heard over and over again that you can't fool the spirit world. It knows if you believe or not; they know if you don't know what you are doing and they know when you do they have to obey.

- So to remove pressure that the devil tries to bring upon a person we can use **2 Corinthians 10:4, 5 and Psalm 112:7** and get rid of all of that stuff.
- All we have to do is say in the name of Jesus I cast down every imagination and high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, the mind of Christ is in me.
- You might have to meditate on it to make it real to you but, if that is what you have to do then do it.
- And Ps 112:7 we would say: **I thank you Jesus I shall not be afraid of evil tidings: my heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.**
- **And meditate on that to make that real to us and things that people say, thoughts will go right over you.**

Now when do this we also want to realize what is going on like we talked about the actual pulling down the pictures in the mind by the power of our words which the God in us has given us the power and authority to do. And knowing this, knowing this is shall be done.

God loves us so much and we have to remind ourselves of that and believe that and use the things that he has given us to use.

And I thank God that he has given us so many things to use, something for every situation so what we are not left in the dark or defeated.