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Men's Bible Study Outline
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Battlefield of the Mind – Introduction

The Bible makes it clear that the mind is the leader or forerunner of all actions. (**Proverbs 23:7; Romans 8:5**)

If we renew our mind according to God's Word, we will as **Romans 12:2** promises, "discern what is the will of God (for our lives)---what is good and acceptable and perfect. If we think and dwell on negative thoughts, we will have a negative life.

God wants us to experience the fullness of life. He sent Jesus to provide for all those who believe in Him and receive it (**John 10:10**); Satan wants to stop us from receiving all that God has for us. Because our actions are a direct result of our thoughts. Satan's strategy is to wage war against us in our minds by bombarding us with thoughts contrary to the truth of God's Word. He wants to deceive us into believing damaging patterns of untrue thoughts, or strongholds, that we will allow to influence our lives and hold us in bondage.

The battlefield is the mind, and **2 Corinthians 10:4-5** describes the weapons warfare God has given us "to destroy strongholds. Prayerfully, this Bible Study series will show us how to use those weapons. Throughout this study, we will be referencing the book *"Battlefield of the Mind"* by Joyce Meyer.

Lining up our thoughts with God's is vital to overcoming negative thoughts from Satan and brings freedom and peace. We must know God's word well enough to compare what is in our mind with what is in the mind of God; any thought that attempts to exalt itself above the Word of God we are to cast down and bring into captivity to Jesus Christ. The renewal of the mind is a process that takes time, but it is well worth the effort.

Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Proverbs 23:7

Why are our thoughts important?

Read Romans 8:5

How do our actions relate to our thoughts?

Read Romans 12:2

How will our lives be changed if we renew our minds according to God's Word?

Points to Ponder

Review 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

How will we know the difference between what is in our mind and what is the mind of God?
