

## WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!

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Real Faith in Raw Times, Part 17

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**BIG IDEA: Since our thoughts direct our lives, managing your thinking with God will be paramount.**

OPPONENTS: About Jesus. About Themselves. About Paul.

<sup>1</sup> Now I, Paul, myself, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble among you in person but bold toward you when absent. [UPSIDE-DOWN JESUS-WAY] <sup>2</sup> I beg you that when I am present I will not need to be bold with the confidence by which I plan to challenge certain people who think we are living according to the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. [BATTLEFIELD OF IDEAS] We demolish arguments <sup>5</sup> and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. <sup>6</sup> And we are ready to punish any disobedience, once your obedience is complete. [BATTLE STRATEGIES]

<sup>7</sup> Look at what is obvious. If anyone is confident that he belongs to Christ, let him remind himself of this: Just as he belongs to Christ, so do we. <sup>8</sup> For if I boast a little too much about our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be put to shame. [UPSIDE DOWN AUTHORITY] <sup>9</sup> I don't want to seem as though I am trying to terrify you with my letters. <sup>10</sup> For it is said, "His letters are weighty and powerful, but his physical presence is weak and his public speaking amounts to nothing." <sup>11</sup> Let such a person consider this: What we are in our letters, when we are absent, we will also be in our actions when we are present. [INTEGRITY] 10:1-11 CSB

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Upside-Down Jesus Way.

"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **Not so with you.** Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant"

**Matthew 20:25-26** (Lk. 6:28; Mt. 5:42; 20:28; Jn. 13:1-17)

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Battlefield of Ideas.

#### Religious Ideas

*What are God's thoughts on \_\_\_\_\_? How has he revealed himself?*

"Do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature." **1 Cor. 14:20** ESV

"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." **Romans 12:2** NLT

*What are those scripts? How are they directing your life?*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ the battle of your thoughts.

<sup>1</sup> **Identify thoughts that move you away from God, verses toward him.**

<sup>2</sup> **Realize you have authority over your thoughts and take errant thoughts prisoner.**

<sup>3</sup> **You must replace errant thoughts with good ones.**

"whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." **Philippians 4:8**