



FIRST WEDNESDAY: Break Free from Deception

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³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NIV

What Wrong Beliefs Deceive Us?

1. Anything other than God can satisfy my deepest desires

- To be accepted - Genesis 2:25
- To be loved - Genesis 3:8

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Genesis 3:13 NIV

2. God can't change me

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 NKJV

How to Break Free from Deception

1. Capture wrong thoughts—think right thoughts

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 ESV

... 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 NIV

2. Speak the truth to yourself

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

Psalms 19:14 NKJV

3. Don't give up

For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Colossians 1:29 ESV