

Brian Hutchinson ([00:08:49](#)):

Well, good evening. Whoa. Okay. I had to hear the sound of my own voice. Well, welcome to Wednesday night. So you guys I see that you guys poured in when you knew that there's a break, and I'm not at the, on the stage, but I'm just kidding. I'm just kidding. We had a good time, right? It was a good series. Good series. Good. well I get a break tonight and the next week, the next four weeks is the discipleship class. So we'll have we gotta sign up for that if you never took next steps. And if, or if you want to take it again we'll be starting next week. So that's something coming up. First Fridays. The first one was successful. We'll have another one if you wanna put it on your calendar for adults. It's February 3rd. Well, we're excited to get back to the midweek recharge, as I like to call it. And pastor Branson's got a great one for us. And so we're gonna get right to it. We're gonna have a great song after prayer. And so if you'll bow with me, let's go ahead and pray.

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Lord, we dedicate we dedicate this service, Lord and in your name. And we just thank you for all that you're doing, all that you've done for us. Everything you're about to do in the next hour. We just thank you for just blessing us here as your children. Lord, we asked you to bless those that are here, bless those that are online, and Lord, and just move through our hearts and minds tonight and just convict us, even with just a littlest of points. Just convict us to be able to do better and be a better Christ follower than when we walked in the door. I ask you to just bless Pastor Branson as he delivers the message you put on his heart. And just make it clear for all of us to be able to walk in understanding and lead others to know you in Jesus. They may ask, amen.

Branson Rogers ([00:10:33](#)):

If that don't get your batteries charged up. You are dead. Tell you what, that's good, isn't it? Yes. You almost can say amen right after that one. I'll tell you what, that was so, so good. Thank you for that specialty music. Y'all like having special music like that on Sunday? Yes. On Wednesdays. Yeah. Yeah. We used to do that a long time ago, and I talked to Sebastian about that several weeks back and I said, you know, that would be kind of a good thing to bring back. So I know, I know. We all enjoy that and we, we appreciate it very much. Well, tonight I'm gonna bring a message to you and the message is entitled replacing I can, excuse me, replacing I can't With I Can. All right, you got that. We need to replace.

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I can't in our vocabulary with, I can, you know, there's one thing I know we all have pet peeves. One of my pet peeves has always been when people look at me and they know that something is God's will for their life. And a lot of times they sit there and they tell me about how God's calling them and calling them to do different things. And then the next thing outta their mouth is, but I can't, well, that doesn't make sense because if God is calling us to do something, it doesn't matter what it is. If God's calling us to do something, there's no such thing as I can't because we serve a can-do God. Amen. There's no can't in the Bible with us as Christians, if we know Jesus, we have already been given the victory that Jesus gave us through the cross. Amen.

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You know what people don't realize? Christians don't realize a lot of times is not only did Jesus rise from the grave on the third day victorious, but when he rose from the grave, we came with him. We did just like we were crucified on the cross with him. You say, hold on now, pastor, I'm not that old. I wasn't back there 2000 years ago, but symbolically, we were crucified with Christ when he was crucified. And that's why the Bible says that we ne need to make sure that our life is crucified with him every single day. Cuz as long as we are crucified, and long as we're on the cross, we don't have any problems. But

when we come off the cross, we do have problems. So when he was crucified, we were crucified. When he was rose from the grave, we rose from the grave too.

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And what that means is we are victorious and all the things that we are called to do through Christ. So when give you a few things, and then we'll get into our, our notes tonight, wrote down some notes and said, first of all, I said, it's impossible to please God and to enjoy an abundant life without ruling your thoughts. We've gotta rule our thoughts because if we don't rule our thoughts, then negative thoughts are going to rule us. Now, let me ask you this question tonight, and this may seem a little funny to you, but it's something that we all do. What do you say when you talk to yourself? <Laugh>?

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What do you say when you talk to yourself? You say, what did you say? I said, what'd you say when you talk to yourself? And the reason I say that is because all of us do that, myself included, I followed a lady around Publix the other day, and she was talking to all kinds of people, probably I, I don't know. But she was doing a lot of talking to herself. And what she was doing is she was reminding herself about all the things that she needed to pick up at Publix. We've probably done the same thing. I mean, how many times have we got out of the car and we, you know, we get ready to go in Publix and we always want to say that, you know, we're not getting older. And we always wanna say, well, I don't need a grocery list. I can remember all this stuff.

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My wife better not laugh here, <laugh>, but I practice it. I'm sitting in my truck and I practice, okay, you gotta get milk, okay, gotta get milk, I gotta get eggs. And most importantly, I have to get Reese's cups and maybe a few other things, you know? So I practice that from my truck all the way to the store. Something magically happens a lot of times when I grab the cart and I walk right into Publix, and the first thing they have is all the buy one, get one free stuff, <laugh>. So I start looking at that, and my train of thought goes, now I'm supposed to get 10 things. Now I'm down to eight things that I can remember. And the two things I can't remember are probably the two things that Vicky really wants the most. So I'm already in trouble, but we all talk to ourselves.

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I'm not, but I'm not talking about the normal stuff. Alright? I'm not talking about milk and eggs and Reese's cups. What I'm talking about is what we talk about is what's going on with ourself. It's the stuff that we say over and over again in our mind. If you're like a lot of people, and a lot of us are this way, we get stuck in a very, very negative loop. If we're not careful, we talk to ourselves. And what we continually say to ourselves is stuff that we shouldn't be saying to ourself because it's negative stuff. And if we're not careful, we get into a real negative loop and we talk and we think about things that the Lord doesn't want us to think about. We think about things that Satan wants to interject into our life. Let me give you a few examples of that.

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We think about money, and we always say to ourself, you know what? I am always going to struggle with money. Now, what have we just said? We've just said that there's no hope. Even though I'm a Christian, there's no hope. I can't ever come out of my financial troubles. What are we replaying our mind? Every time we think about money, we're replaying negative. Nothing positive about it is it? Or if we say to ourselves, you know, I can't trust anybody, somebody has let us down, maybe even somebody in the church, and maybe that's kind of skewed us. And we, we start thinking about people in a negative way. And everybody we meet, we always will say, well, you know, I wonder what's beside? I wonder

what's behind their facade. I wonder what they're really about. You know about Carl, when it comes right down to it, I can't trust anybody.

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Well, you know, that's not true. All right? Satan wants us to think it is, but we play it over and over in our minds. We can't trust anybody. Or we say to ourself, you know what? I'm an idiot. I'm an absolute idiot. You know, I can't do anything. That's right. Every time I try to do something, I mess it up. I'm stupid. Things aren't gonna ever work out. How many times have we said that? Don't look at me. So spiritual, we've all said it. I've said it. I mean, my goodness, when I try to nail a nail straight and I can't do it, I said to myself, I'm stupid. I can't nail it. And then Satan says, you're right, you are. Look how dumb you are. Do you know how many people can drive a nail straight? You may be able to preach, but you sure can't drive a nail straight.

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You know how stupid that makes me feel? And the devil, what he does is he hears my words. He hears your words. And what he does is he makes that a negative loop. And before we know it, we feel kind of bad about it. Somebody said something to me the other day, my day was going along really good. Somebody said something to me the other day, somebody said it. And you know what, it got into my heart because Satan knows where to hit me. Satan knows where to hit you. And out of the blue, somebody said something and it hit me, and it didn't bounce off, it stayed in my heart. And then when it stayed my heart, it started staying in my head. And I went home and I told Vicky, I says, there's something that is upsetting me. And I shared it with her.

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And she said, well, honey, you don't need to think about that. You know that that isn't right. You know, that isn't right. But yeah, I knew it wasn't right. But still Satan says that I need to think about it. I need to dwell back. Why is that? Maybe some of you are like me. I if I have a fault, and I have a lot of them, but one of my big faults is I'm a perfectionist. Any of you like that? I'm a perfectionist. And when I don't do things the way I feel like God wants me to do 'em, I beat myself up. Sometimes I shouldn't because I'm human. I understand that. But I want to excel so much at what God's called me to do. I want to do it in excellence because I, it's not a reflection on me as much as it is a reflection on him.

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Amen? So I always wanna be prepared. I always wanna do things in excellence. And sometimes Satan makes sure that I hear things that makes me feel bad, that I've maybe not gone as high in excellence with something as I need to go. You understand where I'm coming from? Yes. Do you know what took me about two or three days to get rid of that thought in my mind? I even came and I shared that with Brian. And he said, what's, what's, you know, what's going on with you today? I said, well, I'm thinking about something. And I shared it with him. He said, well, you know, you know, you shouldn't be thinking about that. And he's right. I shouldn't be thinking about that. And you know what? Y'all shouldn't be thinking about it either. Amen. Amen. Because it's a negative thought. Because Satan knows how powerful we are when our thought life is right?

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And I don't know what it might be with you, but you know, he uses those kind of things. So what do you say tonight when you talk to yourself and you say, why, pastor? Because what you say to yourself matters. And what I say to myself matters more than we could ever, ever imagine. It really does. So we gotta be careful what we're saying to ourselves. No one is, I wrote this, no one is more influential in your life than you are. Think about that for a second. Nobody is more influential in your life than you are. Why? Because nobody talks to you more than you talk to yourself.

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Think about that for a second. Nobody talks to you. You may think they do, but nobody talks to you more than you talk to yourself. Therefore, you are the most influential person that you know. The sad part is, many of us are talking to ourselves in a way that makes our life absolutely miserable. There are Christians out there that are talking to their self, and they're talking to their self in a very negative way. And you listen to 'em, everything out of their mouth most of the time is negative. There are some people that you don't want to be around because every time you're around them, the record never changes. They're always negative. They're what I call professional negative people. They have a degree in negativity. And listen, the longer you hang around folks like that, the more they'll drag you down. That's right. And I've come to this conclusion, sometimes you try to help those negative people.

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And if you're a Christian, you want to help people. Amen. I, this may sound mean to you, but I mean it, I have got a limited time on this earth. I have a limited time before Jesus comes back to take me home, or he calls me home. I have to make everyday count. I have to make every hour, every minute of my life count. And I want to spend time and where God wants me to spend. There are some people, I'm not saying here in this church, but there are some people down that have come into my life sometimes as a pastor that do not want to be helped. They have come to me for counseling, and I have talked to them about all kinds of things in their life. And I can talk to them today, six months later, I can talk to them about the same thing, because they're in the same way that they were six months ago.

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And no matter what I say, no matter what the Holy Spirit tells them, no matter how much they read their Bible or they pray, they want to be in the same place in life that they want to be. And that isn't a negative spot. So if you've made up your mind tonight to be in a negative spot, this probably isn't the message for you all right? Because you've already determined where you want to be in life, but your mind in your life, and my life is shaped by our thoughts, whether we wanna say it or not. So guess what, with God's power, we have, think about this. Now, with God's power, we have a hundred percent control of our thoughts. A hundred percent, not 99%. We have a hundred percent control over our thoughts. Satan cannot grab our thoughts. It's impossible. He cannot. He can influence, but he cannot control your thoughts.

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He can't control mine. You know how we think about negative thoughts? We can't blame those negative thoughts on Satan. Negative thoughts are gonna come as long as we're on this earth. Amen. But only us, we choose what we're gonna allow into our minds to think about. Negative thoughts are poison, absolute poison. Not only to you, to me, but to everybody else around us. You think about moms and dads, that all they do is talk about negative things in their house. Kids hear it. What happens to the kids? They get negative. What happens to everybody around people's cubicles at work when everybody talks negative all the time, people around them become negative. It's like a hand grenade when it goes off. It's got shrapnel. Your negativity in my negativity has shrapnel. It's gonna hit other people around us. And most importantly, Satan's gonna make sure that our negativity hits people that don't know Jesus as Lord and Savior. I share with somebody today, I said, listen, right now, right now, you're the only Bible that your family is reading.

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You're it. Never thought about it that way. True. You're the only Bible that your family is reading right now. Why? Because your family's not reading the real Bible. You know what they're reading? They're reading you. They're reading you to see if you are the real deal. You could tell everybody all day long

that you're a Christian. Listen, talk's cheap. They're looking at your walk. They're looking at my walk. They're interesting in our words. Do you back it up? You know, that's what they're looking at. I had a a, a phrase that or a little something that I had years ago. And I, I pulled it out here for tonight. And it, it's an excellent little thing, and I advise you to take it and if you can, to find it on the internet and copy it off and, and put it somewhere. Okay?

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It's, it's called attitude. Okay? One word, attitude. And it's by Charles Swindoll or Chuck. We know him as Chuck Swindoll. Okay? He's passed on now. He's, he's with the Lord. But it's a great thing about attitude. Listen to this. It says, the longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me is more important than facts. It's more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It's more important that appearance, giftedness or skill, it will make or break a company, a church, or a home. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.

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The only thing we can do is play the one string we have. And that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. Amen. And so it is with you. We're in charge of our attitudes. And again, that is attitudes by Chuck Swank. I advise you to get ahold of it because it's just really, really super good. I keep it around me. So I can look at that a lot of times. So I won't have a tube. I'll have a good attitude. Amen. All right. Well, let's start in our notes tonight. All right? Says, your attitude is actually more important than your challenges in life. Think about that. Your attitude is more important than any challenge that you'll ever, ever face in life. While we saying that, because of our attitude is right, if our attitude is right with the Lord, if our attitude is right with Him, then our attitude is victorious.

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So it doesn't make any difference what challenge comes our way. Amy, how did David defeat Goliath? His attitude was right. How did Moses part the Red Sea? His attitude was right. How did Joshua lead the, the children of Israel? The way he did? His attitude was right. How have you done the remarkable things that you've done in your life of the glory and honor of the Lord? Because your attitude has been right. Right? Amen. All right, let's look at a verse. You all know this verse, but I'm taking this, and I don't use this version a lot, the amplified Bible, cuz I, I really like how it kind of works. This first here it says, I can do all things, which he has called me to do. Now think about that before. He's called you to do it. He's given you the power to do it.

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God never calls you or me to do something for him, that he doesn't give us the power to get the job done. Amen. It might be somebody calling you out to, to build a wall in a house and saying, you build the wall in the house, but I'm not gonna give you any bricks. That don't make any sense. Does it call you? Do a, if we don't build a wall, I'm gonna give you the bricks. Lord says, I'm not gonna call you to do anything for me, then I'm not gonna give you everything you need to get the job done. That means wisdom, that means talent, that means ability, that means favor with the people you have to talk to to get the job done. Amen. He calls us not to do the things where we think we can get the job done. A lot of times he calls us to get to get the job done that we don't think we can.

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Do. You know why he does that? So that we always know who's God? Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>. If you never step out of the boat, you don't ever know who he really is. Those folks, when that boat, they didn't experience what Peter experienced. They couldn't because they didn't get outta the boat. That's the way it is with a lot of Christians. Well, a lot of Christians sit there and they say, I can't. I can't walk on the water. Who says, did he call you to walk on the water? Peter had a choice. He could have sat there and said, I can't do that. Are you nuts? No. What got him out of the boat? One word. Faith. He had faith in the person that called him. Do you have faith in the person that calls you to meet the challenges that come upon you? There is no challenge that you and I will ever face in life that we're not able to conquer through his power.

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I don't care what it is. It doesn't make any difference. You name the biggest challenge you've got in life. You and God, you plus God equals majority in every single situation. Every one of them, it says through Him, who strengthens not only gives you strength, but he also empowers you to what? Fulfill his purpose. He's called you to the purpose. So what does he do? He equips you. Well, pastor, I don't have this. I don't have. Who says you don't? You're saying you don't. He says you do. So are you gonna believe you or him? Hey. Amen. Come on now. I am self-sufficient, not in myself, but in Christ's sufficiency. David says, when he got ready to face life, remember what he said? He says, I come in the name of the king of kings and the Lord of Lords. David says, I'm not coming here on my name, not on my authority, cuz you're looking at me and laughing.

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But you know what? I'm not coming on my authority. I'm coming on the authority of the one that gave me the mission to cut your head off <laugh>. Amen. Amen. So we go and we do things because we're doing the things for God. We're facing our challenges and stuff, not in our sufficiency, but in his I and I love this. I am ready for anything. Bring it on. Come on, bring it on. And I'm equal to everything through him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace. Man, that's some good stuff. I mean, just take that verse. And we could spend, especially Brian, he could spend weeks on this verse, <laugh>, you know, <laugh> me. I just got five minutes out of it. But Brian could milk this thing for weeks. But listen, it's good stuff. It's really good stuff because what it does is it takes away our excuses.

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It takes away all of our, I can't right there in that one verse and those other verses we could use, but we don't have a leg to stand on if we're using that and if he calls us to do something. Ah, pastor, well, let me give you another verse then. All right. Give you another verse. Verse Corinthians chapter 10, verse 13. There's no temptation, there's no fault, there's no challenge, there's no issues. Regardless of its source, regardless of where it comes from, has overtaken and enticed you. That is not common to human experience. In other words, well, I don't know what pastor, if anybody's ever gone through what I've gone through. Well, yes they have. You may think you're the only one going through things, but you're not the only one. And in fact, Jesus has experienced everything that you and I will ever experience on this earth.

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You said, well, he's never had cancer, but he knows how cancer feels. Well, wait a minute, he's never done this. He's now, you know, he's never been in a car accident. Hey, he knows what happens in car accidents. He's been touched by every single feeling in a motion that you and I will ever be touched in on this earth. Amen. He knows that's why he understands our tears. That's why he understands our prayers and our thoughts and our hurts and stuff. He's been there, done that. That's why he came here for 33 years to rub shoulders with us, to see how we tick, to see how we operate, to see what ticks us

off, to see what worries us, what causes us fears. He knows all about it. Nor are you temptation, unusual or beyond human existence. But God is faithful to his word. He's compassionate and he's trustworthy and he will not let you be tempted, your thoughts or anything else beyond your ability to resist.

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So you know what that tells me? That tells me that I can resist every single negative thought that Satan sends my way. That's right. I can't resist it in my own. But he says there's no temptation. It is no fault that I will e that will ever come to my way. That I cannot have the ability through him to resist. So don't say, well, pastor, all I think about is negative things. You think about negative things because you want to think about negative things. Amen. Amen. Well, that's just the way my family's always been. Well, your family's always been wrong. I've heard that one too. Well, you didn't meet my mom or you didn't meet my daddy. They were a lot negative than me. Well, bless your sweetheart. <Laugh> isn't that a wonderful legacy to leave to your children, but along the temptation he has in the past and is now and always will provide a way out so you have a way of either taking it in or letting it out.

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Alright? That you'll be able to endure it without yielding and we'll overcome those thoughts. Whatever it is with joy. And isn't it better to think about the things God wants us to think about and have joy than it is to be gloom and doom all the time and have the negative stuff I put down situations, solutions to our challenges, issues in life come when our focus is totally on God. That's when we get the solution. That's when we get the victory. Did you hear what I said though? It comes when our focus is totally a hundred percent on him. I can't comes when our focus is half on God and half on our challenge or issue in life. Did you get that? Yes. Half focus equals no victory. You can't be double minded. Bible says that a double minded man, a double minded woman, is unstable in all of your ways.

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You can't think on God and think on the problem and let the problem have the same amount of focus. Because if you do, you're gonna be unstable. Sometimes you're gonna think positive, some things, you're gonna allow the negative thing to keep playing over in your mind. So you've gotta make up that decision. If you make up that decision and give your thoughts to God, he'll take care of 'em. Number two, in your God, does not want us to be afraid or discouraged in the face of difficulties. Second Timothy chapter, for God did not, did not that what it says did not give us a spirit of Timothy community or cowardness or fear. He didn't want us to be timid. He doesn't want us to be a coward. He doesn't want us to be fearful. He wants us to have a spirit of power, of love, sound judgment, personal discipline, abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced.

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And we could say positive mind and self-control, right? So if we're timid, if we bow down and we're a coward to things that come our way or we don't think we can do it, or we're fearful, that's completely contrary to the spirit that he wants us to have. He says, wait a minute. You don't need to be coward. You don't need to be timid about that challenge. You don't want to, you don't want to think negative about that. No. Why? Why are you sitting here doing that? Because I don't get it. I've given you a spirit of power. I've given you the power to accomplish everything you need to accomplish in life. So while you sitting there in fear, I've given you sound judgment. Focus on me and it will be able to take care of it. It's like this, it's <inaudible> to think power, draining thoughts and then be powerful when challenges come our way.

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Did you get that? Yes. It's impossible. If you are always thinking about negative thoughts and things that drain your spiritual power, when the situation, circumstances, challenges arise, you're not gonna be able

to fight. It's just like a battery. If you have a battery and that battery has a slow drain on it, a slow drain, and maybe it slow drains all night long and you go out there in the morning to start your car or your truck and it won't start. You're ready to run, but your car or truck isn't. Why? Because the battery's dead. That's the same way it is. When challenges and situations come our way that we need to conquer. We say, all right, let's go. And then we ain't got no get up and go. And the reason we don't is because Satan has got a hold of our mind and there's been a power drain.

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Amen. You know, we get excited sometimes on Sunday mornings. We lift up our hands and we, God one that a beautiful song and the night to start with. I mean, how great is our God? How great is our God? We've all as Christians, we've all had things like that. We've all haven't you felt like that in your life? Yes. I mean, haven't you, hasn't God given you victory over things in your life and you just shout? I mean, you shot to the highest heavens. You say, how great is my God? I thought that was impossible. But sometimes that doesn't last because the next thing comes along in three or four weeks, we forget what we said. Yeah, we forget that we just shouted three weeks ago. And it's a different challenge. Why? Because we haven't been feeding the battery. Our battery hasn't been plugged into the word, hasn't been plugged into prayer, maybe hasn't been plugged into church. And we've been listening to the wrong things in our mind. And folks, when those things happen, it trains you and I down.

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That's why the Bible over and over and over again, tells us to meditate. Meditate, meditate, meditate. What does that mean? That means to meditate <laugh>. That means to think about the word. Let the word come into your heart. Let the word come into your mind. Don't feel it with junk. Joshua was getting the children of Israel already. And what did he say? Read it. What does he say? He says, there is a way for success. And you know what the way of success is? Meditate on him day and night. Because if you do your thought, life's gonna be right. And we can conquer anything that comes our way on our journey.

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When they backed away, when they backed away and they allowed the, the spies that didn't believe to control them, guess what was wrong? Guess what was wrong? Their thought life. They allowed the negativity of those spies talking to 'em. They had a choice. I'm gonna believe the God that split the Red Sea gave me wonder Bread along the way, did all these great things for me, or I'm gonna believe, guess what they did? Negative, negative, negative, negative. They turned away and they lost all the blessings that God was ready to give them. We do the same thing. Joshua says, meditate. And what that means is think over and over and over again about the promises of his word. That's why you hear me and, and Brian and others say, get yourself a Bible promise book, \$5, \$6, whatever they are now, get you one. And where you have difficulties in areas in your life, get those scriptures that go off those difficulties.

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And when those things come your way that Satan's trying to say to you, fight him with the word of God, say no, I'm not gonna believe that. You know why? I'm not gonna believe that? Because I can do all things to Christ. Strength me. You know why? I'm not gonna believe that? Because I'm more than a conqueror through him it love me and die on the cross for me. What are you doing? You're fighting him with words of God. Not your words, but the word of God. That's what comes from meditation. That's why we're so big in this church on discipleship.

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So somebody the other day I said, you know, when somebody first gets saved, it's like having a baby who would have a baby and say, you know what? I really, you know, we, we can't, I can't say enjoy

bringing into the world cuz ladies, I've, I've seen this happen. It's not very, it's not very enjoyable. But anyway, we'll change that. We'll see, I'm glad you're here. Really tickled to death that you're here now you're on your own and just walk, walk out. Who would do that? I met somebody. That ain't right. Do you know that's what a lot of Christians are today? They're babies. They're babies. I said one time in a church that I was gonna preach about babies and I was gonna hand out pacifiers to everybody that came that Sunday.

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Why? Because they're babies. They've never grown up. Some Christians haven't grown up as far as their thought. Life is concerned. You're still thinking about the stinking stuff you used to think about before you were even saved. And now you got the power on board to have a complete different thought life. And you're not utilizing it. You know? And God's probably sitting up there and saying, what are you doing? What are you doing? So the secret is meditating. A lot of people, they don't meditate. You cannot think negative and live a positive life. It's absolutely impossible. Let me give you this illustration. Suppose and this is really a suppose, I hope this never happens to anybody here. But suppose that somebody comes and they knock on your door and it, you open the door where you truly shouldn't open the door before you look and see who it is. But anyway, you have one of those moments. So you open the door and there's a man there, and he has an ax in his hand.

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Not only does he have an ax in his hand, he also has a rifle strapped to his shoulder. The other hand he has a hammer. And then he has a whole bag of rat poison. And you say to that, man, you know what, I've been waiting for you all day. <Laugh>, come on into my house. My house is yours. Here's the refrigerator. There's here's a remote control to the tv. You just have a seat right there. And anything you want, you go ahead and do it. You take it whatever you want to do. You say, pastor, who in the world, we'll do something like that. Nobody in their right mind, but do you understand something? What would they do? We should slam that door and we should deadbolt it and make sure they get away from our property. And probably we need to grab a shotgun. Amen. Amen. What does this have to do with what we're talking about? Pastor, your mind is your house now you know where I'm going? Mm-Hmm. <affirmative> your mind is your house. There is nothing more valuable. There is nothing more sacred and there's nothing more important than your mind is your house. So why are we letting destructive thoughts in fear, in worry, worry in. Listen, I'm stopping right here. I'm not getting to 0.3, so don't get excited. Listen, I'm gonna do better than Brian. I'm gonna let you outlaw way earlier. <Laugh>.

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Listen, you can't stop the knock on the door, but you can stop who you let in, right? So Satan comes knocking you. Look, you see what it is. You hear the, you see the thoughts, you see what he's about, ready to come into your wants to come into your mind with Don't open the door. Say, my house is my mind. And that's where it starts right here. That's control central right here. My mind is sacred. My mind controls me. My mind is precious. It's bought by the blood of Jesus. Why would I allow poison into my mind, to destroy my mind, destroy my thoughts, and make me be a person that I really don't want to be. I was safe from that. I used to be like that. But now I'm a new creation in Jesus. Those thoughts don't have a should not have a part of my life.

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Our mind. You've heard this many times, but our mind is an absolute battlefield every day. And you and I both are taking bombardment after bombardment after bombardment every day. As soon as we open our eyes and even when we're asleep, sometimes those thoughts come. Remember, we can't control the knock on the door. We can control who we let in our Heavenly Father. We love you tonight. We

thank you Lord for being with us and just share in this very, very simple message, Lord. But it's a message that all of us Lord need to hear. And we don't need to just hear it. Lord. We need to put it in practice because Satan is really, really coming against those of us that really want to love you and serve you and be an example of you and Lord where he starts as he starts in our mind. Lord, if he's got our mind, he's got us. And it's impossible for us to live the life you want us to live if we're thinking the wrong kind of thoughts. It just doesn't work that way. Lord, help us not to be double minded. Help us to train our thoughts and to train ourself into only allowing the pure wholesome thoughts of you into our mind. We ask these things in your name. Amen. Well, I enjoyed this tonight. I I really did. Pastor. Yes sir. Can

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Office, all right? Sure.

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You know, this might pull some of you away, but doesn't be last week, God's work hat. But I'm gonna tell you something. The Holy Spirit, this week, you, this could not have been going towards the office. Lord has been here, been talking to me, ah, my mine. And you freaked at and behind mind and it telling and you don't use social exact for

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Amen. Thank

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Branson Rogers [\(00:58:38\)](#):

Amen brother. Amen. Boy, I love it. I love when, I love when God confirms things like that, man. That's just, that's good stuff. Alright? I don't want any y'all staying home on Saturday night. As I said to you before, if you do, I pray your television blows up. I pray your our microwave explodes with your TV, dinner, <laugh>. You need to be here. All right. Listen, I I'm telling you, if you love this church, you need to be here and, and we're gonna share some stuff with you that you really, really need to hear. Five o'clock we're gonna start a snack supper. Don't come in here expecting a t-bone steak and a baked tater, okay? <Laugh>. If people gave more in ties, we might do that, but we don't <laugh>.

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Amen brother. So we're gonna give you, we're gonna give you a sandwich. Well, one little piece of meat and a piece of cheese. <Laugh>. You want double meat and cheese give more. Amen. Amen. I'm just, I'm just kidding. I'm just kidding. Some of y'all already looking for more money to put in there tonight. <Laugh>. Pastor, I won't double meat. Listen. But come there be sandwiches. There's gonna be some stuff there to eat. You trying to wave me down or something? Yeah. What, what do you wanna say? Stop by the office and get your Oh yeah, that's right. Yeah. Stop by the office. Billy's got some year end statements for your tax purposes. If you use 'em for your tax purposes, make sure that you, you stop by the office and get 'em cuz they, they're ready for you. Okay? But please make sure you're here Saturday.

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We're gonna eat from about five to 5 45 in to 5 45. We're gonna come in here and we're gonna have a time a rally time together. And it's gonna be really exciting folks. It really is. God's got some great plans

for us this year and I just was telling somebody today, I said, you know, I'm just so thankful about the people God's bringing to this church. I mean, he's bringing folks this left and right with all kinds of talents and to be with us that have been here for a while. And he's bringing people of like mindset and people that are tired of, of not hearing the truth. I heard that today. I, I counseled somebody in my office today and they said, pastor, yeah, I want to tell you, and they told me this. They said, the number one reason that I'm gonna start coming to this church is because this church preaches the truth. And I said, praise the Lord. Amen. They're tired. They're tired of hearing things that are not true. And we praise the God that we stand for that. Amen. God bless y'all. We'll see ya. Have a good rest of the week.