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**Slice of Life**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (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; (KJV)

So how many thoughts do you think go through your mind in a day? How many of those thoughts and imaginations were not based on truth rather on half truth or lies? Now if I was to ask, how many of those lies did you fall for and let influence you rather than casting them out like junk mail? Oh how our life would be so much more peaceful and full of good fruit if we truly did bring every thought into captivity giving it over to Christ.

Matthew 4:3-4 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. (4) But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (KJV)

You know there was a man who knew how to cast down every imagination that would come against the knowledge of God, thus the reason why He never fell into sin. Just like the tempter has done from the Garden of Eden, he tried to draw our Lord back into the realm of the flesh to prove that He was the Son of God.

Matthew 4:5-7 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, (6) And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (7) Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. (KJV)

Has the enemy ever tried to take you places that God wasn’t leading, and try to get you to fall for a lie also? Yeah those imaginations that the devil was getting the first man Adam to fall for was no longer working on this man because of the second man Adam that was within Him showing Him how to overcome the wiles of the enemy.

Matthew 4:8-10 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; (9) And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. (10) Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (KJV)

Hey aren’t you glad that our Lord didn’t fall for those false imaginations of something not based on truth? After all, had He not endured to the end who else would have paid the price for all the imaginary events that we still fall for at times?

Matthew 14:19-21 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. (20) And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. (21) And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. (KJV)

Tell me the enemy wasn’t trying to play mind games on our Lord when it came time to feed the multitudes? Yet our Lord didn’t panic or hold a telethon, rather He chose to walk by faith and not by sight, because He chose God to be true and man the liar, including his own carnal mind that may have been trying to tell Him different.