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**PRAY**  [ TITLE SLIDE: ]

The premise of today's sermon:

**The voice you believe will determine the future you experience**

Isaiah 55 - Isaiah is speaking to disobedient Israelites people.

- They listened to other voices
- Followed other gods
- Been lead astray by wrong desires

.....Now God is inviting them back to the source of real life

 [ Isaiah 55.1-3 NIV ]

*"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.*

*Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?*

(We can relate through wrong relationships... or chasing after something that we hope will make us happen to find out it doesn't satisfy.)

*2 Listen, listen to me,* (Covenant - not shouting at them but INVITING them)

*and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.*

*3 Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.*

(There is a lot on the line. What determines if we live is if we LISTEN)

(The voice you listen to and believe will determine the future you experience.)

*I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.*

**Today we are talking about THOUGHTS.**

- Most Christians never stop to think about what they're thinking about

**Going to learn how to over power lies of the enemy with the PROMISES of God!**

- God wants us to **CONFESS His promises**  
 .....CONFESS means to agree with what God's saying
  - We have spent way to much of our lives CONFESSING things  
 .....God never meant for us to agree with!
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GIVE 4 CONNECTION POINTS

 1. **CALL / RESPONSE**

Everything that we see **STARTED** with something that God SAID... **CREATION**

 [ Genesis 1.1-3 NIV ]

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

*3 And God said, (call...) "Let there be light," and there was light. (response...)*

..... CALL and RESPONSE

**A PATTERN**.....

- God SAID... and it WAS / He SAID... it WAS / He SAID... it WAS
- The pattern God used to create Universe  
 .....is SAME pattern your life will be established by
- Everything in your life will be CREATED or DESTROYED  
 .....by the WORDS that you speak **and** words you **BELIEVE**

.....**CALL and RESPONSE**...

- That's why I love to hear... "AMEN" or "YES" ...  
**AMEN** means "So be it"

- **Preaching is not meant to be MONOLOG....** meant to be DIALOG  
... whereby God speaks to you... and you respond to God
- God is looking for a RESPONSE from His church



## **GOD HAS GIVEN YOU THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE THE THOUGHTS YOU RESPOND TO**

...the BELIEFS... the VOICES you respond to

POWERFUL:

**I believe that choosing to hear God's voice above all others,  
is the most important habit you'll ever develop**

- Learning how to think the thoughts of God....

**AND... the most important battle you will fight**

- Because it's a WAR
- There's a war of words going on in your MIND every minute
- devil wants to REPLACE God's Words with his

STATISTIC TIME:

- YOU HAVE 60,000 thoughts go through your mind a DAY
- 48,000 of them are negative... 80%
- Just wish you could flick "Shoulder devil" off!
- Many believed - *"When you're Christian those negative THOUGHTS go away"*



## 2. **ENEMY / IN ME**

Our own thoughts... what we believe



[ **QUOTE:** “Beware of no man more than of yourself; we carry our worst enemies within us.” - Charles Spurgeon ]

- **Doesn't matter who you are.... we all have this enemy within us**
  - Those thoughts of defeat
  - Fears and doubts
  - seeing everyone as your enemy
  - seeing yourself as nothing... or less than all others
  - Self loathing
- You can spend whole life trying to FIX things AROUND you .....not realizing you're being sabotaged from within yourself
- YES... the devil is our enemy / BUT the battlefield is our MIND
- Stop blaming the devil for all the things you do wrong... Christian
- Start transforming your mind in accordance with the will and the Word of God

**All the negative thoughts Feel like you're drowning in INTERNAL DIALOGUE...**

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NEXT CONNECTION POINT



### 3. **DIALOGUE / DESTINY**



[ **QUOTE:** “Great deeds remain undone, and the possibility of growth into greatness of souls is aborted” - Brennan Manning ]

**WHAT great deeds remain undone, in YOUR life, because of the lies you believe?**

- Lies create LIMITATIONS....
- Limitations YOU embrace will keep you from the destiny you're created for
- When lies are NOT Confronted, CALLINGS are not fulfilled

The lies we believe - are the dialogues in our minds

## The DIALOGUE I participate in, determines the DESTINY I experience

God is giving an invitation to us in Isaiah 55 ....

*2 Listen, listen to me, (and your soul shall live)*

*eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.*

*3 Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.*

God is calling us to STOP dialoging with lies....

## There's a famous dialogue with lies that happened in Genesis 3

- satan came as a Serpent (devil shows up in different forms...)
- He will dialogue with you and plant lies....
- through Boyfriend / sister / TV / newspaper / text message
- He'll take any form to get you to believe a lie...  
and steal and destroy your destiny
- Adam & Eve were DESTINED to stay in garden Forever... enjoy God



[ Genesis 3.1-3 NIV ]

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. (crafty.. knew what to say and how to say it) He said to the woman, (invitation to dialogue) "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"*

*2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"*

- Isaiah says... "eat and you will live"
- the serpent wants you to... "eat so you will die"  
*every time you believe a lie, something inside you dies*
- Every time you believe the TRUTH, your soul come alive

.....IT'S A CHOICE

*"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

- We think every thing went wrong **WHEN** the serpent spoke to the woman
- NO... it was when the WOMAN spoke to the serpent  
**.....NOW THERE IS A DIALOGUE**
- When you open yourself up to dialogue with ENEMY... already lost

.....DIALOGUE / DESTINY

You get to choose

## **GOD HAS GIVEN YOU THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE THE THOUGHTS YOU RESPOND TO**

- You are not a helpless victim of your thoughts
- SOCIAL MEDIA.... who are you listening to??  
 (Stay HOME... people you choose to follow)  
 (Just because they're trying to talk... don't have to listen)
- Church you need to hear God's Voice.... you've got a destiny
- There are Words of SPIRIT and LIFE.... God is speaking over you  
 BUT YOU CAN'T HEAR IT... You're listening to crazy people
- Just because people say it... you don't have to believe it
- Just because you FEEL it... don't have to DO IT
- Just because the THOUGHT came... you don't have to give it a home

**It's not a sin to be tempted....**

CLOSE: CONNECTION POINT



4. **WHATEVER / WHATEVER**



[ VIDEO: Commercial ] (Headphones and Bible)



4. **WHATEVER / WHATEVER** (Jimmy)

### That's how the Promises of God function in our lives

- As we walk through life... there's going to be chatter on every side  
.....Hitting you from inside your mind
- Need PROMISES of God to put things in TRUE perspective
  - You can't stop the chatter....
  - You can block it by doing this..... **(PLUG INTO BIBLE)**  
*...come, listen, live*
- Shut that noise out / Shut LIES out / Shut DISCOURAGE out  
.....with the power of the promises of God



[ Philippians 4.8 NIV ]

*Finally, brothers and sisters, 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.*

**If you want to hear whatever God is saying....  
You're going to have to BLOCK out whatever enemy suggests**

### DETECTION / DEFENSE

- Later... we will take on some of the many lies...  
Once we DETECT them we can REPLACE them

## FIND & REPLACE

- Detect all the Limitations / Lies / Depression / Disfunction

CLOSE