“The Fight pt.2” 3 Day SOAP

**Part 1: Be Strong in the Lord**

**Scripture:** “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.” Ephesians 6:10 ESV

**Observation:** Daily, believers find themselves in a battle against the schemes of the enemy. The lie is that we fight alone and in our own strength. The truth is that our God doesn’t simply fight alongside us to make it ‘even.’ He goes before us and secures the victory. Our job when trials come is to stand strong in the strength of the Lord and allow our faith to encourage us when things feel out of control.

**Application:** Do you find yourself trying to fight alone? Do you turn to God when things get crazy? What is one thing you can do today to stand strong in the Lord and the strength of His might? What does this look like in your daily life?

**Prayer:** Repent of your sin. Ask God to forgive you for trying to do it all yourself. Ask Him to show you how to be strong in Him and His strength.

**Part 2: Take captive every thought captive**

**Scripture:** We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV

**Observation:** The inner life of a Christian is violent towards sin. The mature believer does not tolerate thoughts that take up opposition to the knowledge of God. These sinful thoughts are torn down, destroyed, and taken captive through our faith in Jesus and the knowledge of what He has done for us.

**Application:** Reflecting on your thought life, are you tolerating sinful and negative thoughts in your life? How do you wage war against these intrusive thoughts daily? What can you do to strengthen yourself against things that stand in opposition to God?

**Prayer:** Ask the Lord for wisdom as you deal with sinful and negative thoughts. Share the things that bother you with God and silently listen for His response to you.

**Part 3: The Word of God is alive and powerful**

**Scripture:** “For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.” Hebrews 4:12 NLT

**Observation:** God has given us a powerful weapon for defense and attacking of sin in our lives; it is His Word. The Word of God acts as a guide through the troubles of life and a road map for how we should behave in all situations. The Word of God is designed to bring us closer to Him and help us avoid the troubles our Sin causes.

**Application:** How often do you utilize the Word of God in your daily life? Does God’s Word influence your daily decision making? Do you consult His Word in times of trouble? Do you study it daily so that you may grow closer to Him? How can you utilize this amazing weapon more effectively?

**Prayer:** Ask God to highlight a certain passage of scripture that will encourage you today. Make a commitment to God that you will be more diligent in your Bible reading and seek greater intimacy with Him.