

Voices – 8

Through out the course of an average day we are bombarded with 50,000 – 70,000 thoughts
That's 35 to 48 thoughts per minute per person
Research shows that as many as 70% - 80% of those thoughts are negative

There is a word for this kind of “self talk”

Logorrhea meaning

1. Pathologically incoherent, repetitious speech.
2. Incessant or compulsive talkativeness; wearisome volubility

Most of us think that God never speaks to us, but the truth is God is always speaking, always directing, always protecting, warning, correcting and affirming

The Spirit of God will speak to us with promptings that may not be audible yet in perfect harmony with the scripture

Romans 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes **intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered . 27 Now **He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is**, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the **will of God**. NKJV

4 things we must remember to quiet the clutter

God says I am – Overpower the *Voice* of your insecurities

God says He will – Overpower the *Voice* of your fears

God says He has – Overpower the *Voice* of condemnation

God says I can – Overpower the *Voice* of discouragement

By learning how the enemy speaks and the way God speaks, we move towards words of life and grow in the ways of God

Hebrews 5:14

14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. NKJV

- Conviction is the work of the Holy Spirit and the Devil works hard at imitating conviction with condemnation
- Drawing near to God produces holiness!

Matthew 11:28, 30

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest

30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." NKJV

“Not only does the Spirit set us free from chains that have bound us to our past, but He actually unleashes the Father’s vision of our future into our present reality”

– Steven Furtick

Look at the life of Peter and Jesus' relationship with Him

No Slide: Matthew 16:18, 22-23

- Peter has a revelation that Jesus is the son of God
- Jesus calls him a rock

Then just verses later – Jesus talks about His death

- Peter is seeing only from a human perspective
- Completely missing the point of Jesus coming to earth
- Jesus calls him “Satan”

Peter's present mindset and performance weren't the biggest determining factors in his potential for the kingdom

God's assessment of you isn't limited by where you've been before or even where you are now

Luke 22:31-32, 34; Acts 2:38-41

- Jesus predicts Peter's denial
- Tells him He is praying for him
- Later restores him after His resurrection
- Days later in Jerusalem Peter preaches and 3,000 are added to the Church

The One who lives outside of time invites you into a reality where He is revealing His perfect plans to give you a future and a hope

God speaks in the past tense about battles you are fighting today and buries the shame of yesterday in order to resurrect the moment you are in for His glory

We have talked about the negative Voice of the enemy as it pertains to condemnation

Now let's talk about the Voice of the Holy Spirit

John 16:7-8

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: NKJV

The Holy Spirit never condemns us but wants to bring a conviction of something that needs to be addressed

He is our...

Advocate – Helper – Counselor – Divine Reminder

John 14:26

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. NKJV

It's remarkable how much of life we don't remember

- We don't remember half of it
- We don't remember half of half of it

You would have a hard time remembering what I preached on last week or tonight for that matter – before you get to your car

Book of Remembrance – **Malachi 3:16**

A Million Miles in a Thousand Years – Donald Miller

THE SADDEST THING about life is you don't remember half of it. You don't even remember half of half of it. Not even a tiny percentage, if you want to know the truth. I have this friend Bob who writes down everything he remembers. If he remembers dropping an ice cream cone on his lap when he was seven, he'll write it down. The last time I talked to Bob, he had written more than five hundred pages of memories. He's the only guy I know who remembers his life. He said he captures memories, because if he forgets them, it's as though they didn't happen; it's as though he hadn't lived the parts he doesn't remember.

Last week we talked about how Peter denied Jesus and how Jesus restored him

But what about that moment when he came face to face with his failure

Luke 22:60-61

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." NKJV

- Not only does Peter remember Jesus' prediction – I'm sure he remembers the bravado he had when he exclaimed he wouldn't deny Him

Luke 22:33

33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." NKJV

- Cock – a – doodle – doo!

Luke 22:62

62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly. NKJV

I wonder what Peter remembered in that moment?

- The voice of Jesus calling him to follow
- To cast on the other side
- The voice of Jesus telling him to walk on the water
- What about the unwritten conversations he must have had with the Master

Im sure he remembered...

Matthew 16:18

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. NKJV

- Or have the gates of hell prevailed?

What reminded him of the things the Lord had spoken?

Was it the crow of the rooster?

Or was it something else?

Luke 22:61

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered...

How do you think Jesus looked at Peter in that moment?
Do you think He revealed an expression of disappointment?
Do you think He put on the “angry eyes”?
Impossible...

He revealed to Peter He would finish the work in him

I believe Peter saw the same thing He had seen many times
– the countenance of the man who had inspired his total
allegiance for the last three years

Genesis 32:30 NKJV

30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I
have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

Exodus 33:10-11

11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man
speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but
his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not
depart from the tabernacle. NKJV

○ In your presence is fullness of joy – Psalm 16:11

Job 42:5

5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear,
But now my eye sees You.

2 Corinthians 4:6

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of
darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of
the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus
Christ. NKJV

The same power that created the universe is now available for you and me in the radiant face of Jesus Christ

That same face that changed Peter and took him from the pain and paralysis of what he did to the constant memory of what Christ has done

2 Peter 1:10-15

10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. 13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, 14 knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. 15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. NKJV

We've all heard the adage that those who forget the past are destined to repeat it but the Gospel version is those who fail to forget the past are destined to live in it

- Don't get held up by the past
- Forget your shame, sin and shortcomings
- Look to Jesus beholding His benefits, mercies and provision
- The same Spirit that helps us to forget also labors to help us remember

Isaiah 43:16-19

16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea
And a path through the mighty waters,
17 Who brings forth the chariot and horse,
The army and the power (They shall lie down together,
they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are
quenched like a wick): 18 "Do not remember the former
things, nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a
new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert. NKJV

Philippians 3:13-14

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended;
but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind
and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I
press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of
God in Christ Jesus. NKJV

- Its not that were no longer conscious of the wrong things we've done
- We are no longer controlled by them
- We now have an active memory of God's faithfulness

Condemnation reminds us of our wrongs by showing us our shame, but the Spirit convicts us of our sin and at the same time reminds us of our righteousness in Christ

John 10:28

28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. NKJV