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Sermon Title: CHANGE YOUR THINKING (Building Strong Faith)

Foundation Scripture: Philippians 4:8 NLT

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Word for Today

In order to change your life, you must first change your thinking. And that's not easy when you've spent your life thinking a certain way. Minister and columnist Dr. Frank Crane said, "Our best friends and our worst enemies are our thoughts." King Solomon put it this way: "As [a man] thinks within himself, so he is" (Proverbs 23:7 NAS). To change your thinking, you must do it - one thought at a time. That calls for discipline and determination. But it's worth it. If you wanted to compete in a marathon you wouldn't go on an all-candy diet, would you? The fuel you put into something determines its performance. Yet we disregard this basic piece of wisdom: What you feed everything else is nothing compared to what you feed your mind! Here's a truth that will transform you: Think excellent thoughts! What enters your mind repeatedly, occupies it, shapes it, controls it, and in the end expresses itself in what you do and who you become. Your mind will absorb and reflect whatever it's exposed to. The events you attend, the relationships you build, the materials you read or don't read, the music you listen to, the media images you're exposed to, the conversations you engage in, and the thoughts you entertain all shape your mind, and eventually your character and your destiny. (1 Pet 2:1-2) So what should you do? Start each day by praying: "Lord, I want the kind of mind Your Word describes. One that's filled with excellent, admirable, honourable, praiseworthy thoughts" (See Philippians 4:8). Can you imagine what your life would be like if you constantly prayed that way and programmed your thinking accordingly?

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy-- meditate on these things.

1 Pet 2:1-2 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

Be Holy as--- I AM HOLY

2 Corinthians 6:14 - Chapter 7:1;
Hebrews 10 v 22-25; Hebrews
12:1-2, 12-14

Close: Ephesians 3:14-21

Now ask yourself: "Self is this a reality in my heart? (my spirit)"

Read Ephesians 1 v 15 - 23 as a testimony



"I once was blind,
but now I see.
Was lost,
but now am found."