How Does This Happen?

"Every thought in your mind needs to be filtered. If you are going to survive this war, you need to be a domineering, controlling, micro-managing tyrant when it comes to your thought life. Any and all thoughts outside of God's Word, you take captive, shut up, and expel. You give those thoughts no time. No mental real estate. No free pass. You throw those thoughts into prison. No, better yet, you send them straight to solitary confinement. And when you're done, you throw away the keys." John Mark Comer

1. The lies need to be exposed

2. We need to renounce or reject our agreement with those lies

3. We give those lies to Jesus

4. We resist Satan

Ephesians 6:16

16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

James 4:7 Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

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Rebuilding a Trellis Part 5: Which Script Are You Reading From?

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Beginning

Someone once said; you cannot change your past but you can change how you experience it today. Or, you can change how it influences you today. **But, you need Jesus to do that for you.**

Psalm 139:13-16

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Two Scripts

Most of us have 2 scripts running in our head. One script is the story that we follow to discover God's plans and purposes for our life. The other is one that has been handed to us by our past (compliments of the enemy). This script tells us how to live and act and what to expect based on the hurt and pain that we have experienced in our life. Our negative scripts influence every part of our life. And, they shape our attitudes. We usually have no idea that we are engaging in patterns of behavior or belief based on this script.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV

3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 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.

John 8:44b NLT

He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

2 Corinthians 10:4

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Breaking Down Strongholds

Matthew 12:28-29 NLT

28 But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you. 29 For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.

What Do We Do?

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

"It is the battle for your mind, and that battle is vicious. It is intense. It is unrelenting, and it is unfair because Satan never plays fair. And the reason why it is so intense is that your greatest asset is your mind." Donald Grey Barnhouse, The Invisible War 2 Corinthians 10:5a We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God.

2 Corinthians 10:5b and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Romans 7:19, 24

"I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. . . . Wretched man that I am!".