



A BATTLE WE CAN'T WIN ALONE

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2 CORINTHIANS 10:5 NKJV – (5) casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Paul describes the conflict with the false apostles as a spiritual war. He and his associates plan to win that battle by capturing the thoughts of the Corinthians again so they will obey Christ. He will not boast to defend himself except in the Lord.

"**2 Corinthians 10:5**" refers to the concept of "the battle for the mind" because it states "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," essentially meaning Christians must actively fight against negative thoughts and ideas that contradict God's truth and instead align their thinking with His word, signifying a spiritual battle within the mind itself.

Without question, there are many human thoughts that need to be taken captive. Numerous ungodly philosophies hold people in bondage, and those spiritual "fortresses" need to be demolished.

The bible says "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (**2 Corinthians 4:4**).

Those who know the truth must confront error with the weapon we've been given, **the sword of the Spirit**, which is the Word of God (**Ephesians 6:17**).

SCRIPTURE READING: **1 CORINTHIANS 3:19**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The enemy will not see you vanish into God's company without an effort to reclaim you."