STANDING FIRM IN THE BATTLE Study Questions Week 4

Read the entire book of Ephesians in one sitting and take note of all the things God has provided for the believer through salvation in Christ. It is good to specifically be looking for one focused theme when we read whole books of the Bible. *The purpose of this is so you will equip your mind with specific truths that will help you in the battle against sin. These truths are the belt of truth that we wear as Christians.*

This week in the teaching we looked at the belt of truth. As you remember, it is the foundational piece for the entire armor.

Why is truth so important in the Christian life?

What happens if we only know partial truths or generalities of truth?

What gets in the way of your accessing truth and believing the truth?

Why is it important that Jesus loved and believed the truth during His earthly life?

In the video teaching, I gave some examples of how we can take statements of truth and add other things that conflict with the truth of the Word. *Example: "I know that God is all I need for true satisfaction in this life, but I need a relationship to make me content." "I want a greater knowledge and love for God and I believe the Bible enables me to grow in my love and obedience for Him, but I don't have time to read the Word."*

Identify a biblical truth that you have added to in this type of way. What is the truth? What are you adding that negates your ability to believe this truth?

Write out the truth straight from Scripture and then add your own words. Did you notice any contradiction in what Scripture says and what you are living or verbally saying? Look up these Scriptures to solidify truth in your mind.

1) What truth does God want you to know about His character or action in your life as a believer from each passage that will help you battle against the Enemy's schemes? Write them out in your own words. (*example: He will not remember my sins when I ask for forgiveness so I need to confess and repent of my sin and then I can KNOW that He has forgiven me, because the His Word says that I am no longer condemned if I am His child through faith in Jesus Christ.*).

2) Then consider what type of response He is instructing you in this truth revealed. Write that down in your own words. (*example: I am not to be wise in my own eyes before God or in relationships with other people. I am to truly humble my heart and my actions to reflect my trust in God's authority and not myself.*)

II Peter 1:3 James 3:13-18 James 4:1-10 Jude 24 (verse) Psalm 18:25-32 Philippians 2:14-15

As always, I am continuing to pray for you during this study. You may contact me with for any questions, clarifications, or comments. Tiffany Kile, (707)761-3820 or <u>tiffany.kile@yahoo.com</u>