Where Did That Thought Come From?

Greg Kline · Matthew 21:23–27

INTRODUCTION

- Where are these thoughts that are causing issues in my mind coming from? Where do they originate from?
- And there is no punting. Punting is letting Satan win.

1 If It's From God, We Should Obey It

Psalm 19:7

- If it's from God, that's good news. Because the only step is step A to B. Point A. God said it. Point B, I need to do it.
- The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
- When the message comes from God, whether it's good news, bad news, tough news, wonderful news, joyous news, it needs to be trusted. Because God's word always works.

2 Sometimes People Get Things Wrong; Satan Does It on Purpose

Acts 18; James 3:1; Luke 22:31–34

- Our options are God, people, or Satan.
- People sometimes get things wrong even when it makes sense. Because the way we look at the world isn't the way God knows he made the world.
- Because unlike people who might do it on accident, Satan's doing it on purpose.
- Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you that he might sift you like wheat.
- Wherever it comes from, your closest family member, your closest friend, your nearby church, check it against God's word.

3 I'm Not Good Enough

Acts 8:18–24; Romans 5; Mark 2:15–17

- The terrible news is we're not. We are not good enough.
- Jesus is the only one who saves. Good behavior does not save you.
- If Satan is whispering to you're not good enough, tell him, thank you for reminding me that I'm the person Jesus died for.
- Jesus died for us, not because I clean up nice, but because I needed to be cleansed of my sin.

4 I Should Just Give Up

Galatians 6:1–10; Job 3

- Do not believe Satan when he tells you, give up, because the only person you're pleasing is Satan.
- God doesn't make junk and he didn't send Jesus to die for junk either. He loves you.

- Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up.

5 I Can't Change

Acts 8:1–4; Exodus 4:10–12

- I can't change is one of the biggest lies Satan has been using since the beginning.
- Those who were scattered went about preaching the word.
- Knowing I am limited, I can still change.
- God says, You're talking to the wrong guy. I know you. I know what you can do, and I didn't make a mistake choosing you.

6 It's Not That Bad

Acts 5; Luke 15:25–32

- And then we keep this little sin basket in the corner of our house, and we just keep it there kind of like a little pet, right?
- And God never says just the little sin is okay. We are to strive to be better all the time.
- Don't let Satan tell you it's not a big deal. Don't let him lie to you. Sin matters.
- God promises and he always keeps his promise, his love is bigger than my failure. But I do have a job to keep.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Verify, seek, set, and separate. If it's from Satan, please let it go.**

MY NOTES