

## WEEK THIRTY-FIVE, DISCIPLE MAKING

### Chapter 15, "The Battle Is In Your Head," *RSG*

We recently observed the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Warfare, carnage, death, loss, and pain are not merely theoretical or theological--they are real!

Spiritual warfare is not just a Sunday morning sermon topic, a Life Group lesson, or a D group discussion. It is a reality that we all experience (regardless of how much we are aware of it) every day of our lives. This last study on spiritual warfare may be one of the most vital that you'll have. The week before you discuss this chapter, please emphasize the importance of reading and studying it with your D group.

The following questions are given to aid you as you lead the discussion this week and apply the truths from Chapter 15. It is not imperative for you to use these questions or to cover all of them.

- **Logan makes the following statement, "There is nothing passive about spiritual warfare, especially when it comes to guarding and fortifying the mind" (Page 188, Page 240 NE). How much energy, focus, and time do you put into "guarding and fortifying" your mind? Describe what that process is like for you personally. If a person is passive about "guarding and fortifying" his/her mind, does that indicate that in some way, he/she is already a prisoner of war?**
- **Discuss Logan's statement, "Each of us has within him a belief system that is the product of these influences—family, education, media, peers, music, etc." (Page 188, Page 241 NE). How can this belief system not line up (sometimes subtly and sometimes not so subtly) with the Word of God?**
- **Logan gives two actions to take if we are to win the battle for the mind. "First, we must yield our minds to the control of the Holy Spirit. Second, we must accept God's Word as the final authority"**

**(Page 189, Page 242 NE). In describing how challenging a process that is, Logan states, "I had to decide to believe God minus the feelings, or hang on to my wrong beliefs reinforced by wrong feelings" (Page 189, Page 243 NE). Discuss the battle of living by what we feel, or living by faith in the Word of God.**

- **Under the section "A Daily Discipline for Mind Renewal," (page 196, Page 251 NE), Logan gives 5 steps to take to win the battle for the mind. I encourage you to discuss these great insights with your group.**

Our verse for next week is Ezekiel 22:30.