

**August 14th, Opportunity Knocks Constantly**  
**Part 1 in the series ‘Thinking for a Change’**

What were some things from last Sunday’s message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Quick comebacks and verbal take-downs have become normalized, expected, and even celebrated in our culture. Why do you think that is?

What are some things people want to change about themselves or their circumstances?

Jim said that sometimes we want to change things that are already good, which God gave to us as gifts. How do we know the difference between what we should ask God to help us change, and which things to leave as they are?

How is God’s power made perfect in weakness?

**Read Romans 12:2**

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Rather than normalize and accept our toxic responses to difficult situations, how can we train ourselves to see those situations as opportunities for growth and change?

What are some opportunities in your own life that you can use to grow and become a more Christ-like person?

**Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

“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.”

What does it look like, practically, to take your thoughts captive?

Why would God want you to “think about your thinking”?

What does it mean for God to create us with love as our default state?