

# Lesson 12: Dealing With False Teachers

## A. Internal battles as followers of Jesus

1. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 What type of conflict is Paul referring to in these verses?
2. How did Paul describe this internal battle in his letter to Christians in Rome? Romans 7:15-25
3. What is your reaction to the promise that every thought can be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ?
4. Share a time when you faced an internal battle as a follower of Jesus.
5. What encouragement do you find in the testimony of Paul recorded in 1 Corinthians 10:13?
6. What other promises in the Scriptures remind us that followers of Jesus do not face internal battles alone?

## B. External battles as followers of Jesus

1. What external battles did Paul experience in his interaction with Christians in Corinth?
  - a. Personal attacks: 2 Corinthians 10:10
  - b. False teachers: 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15
2. What is a natural human reaction when someone is attacking you, physically or verbally?
3. How did Jesus respond when His enemies attacked him verbally? Mark 15:16-20, 29-32
4. What counsel did Jesus give about dealing with false teachers? Matthew 7:15-20, 24:24-26
5. Share a time when Jesus was bold and direct when confronting false teachers. Matthew 23:27-33, John 2:13-17, etc.
6. Share a time when Jesus confronted a false teacher in love and gave him an opportunity to repent.
7. What counsel did Paul give about dealing with false teachers? 1 Timothy 6:3-5
8. How can we know when to ignore false teachers and when to speak boldly against them?

## C. Finding our strength in the Lord

1. Whether our battles are internal or external, what promises in the Scriptures remind us that our strength and victory is found in the Lord Jesus Christ? Ephesians 6:10-12, etc.
2. What lesson can we learn from Paul's testimony recorded in 2 Corinthians 11:24-27?
3. What challenge was a constant reminder to Paul of his need to trust wholly in the Lord? 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
4. What experiences in your journey as a follower of Jesus have reminded you of your need to find your strength in the Lord, day by day?
5. Share a time you found strength in the Lord.