

AUGUST 22

“YOU CAN’T LAND HERE!”

READ

Galatians 6:7-10, Isaiah 26:3-4

When we get spiritually tired, we become spiritually undisciplined. It’s much easier to compromise our convictions when we’re weary, to find satisfaction with the world, its thoughts and its ways. Our thought life is especially susceptible to the enemy. It is one of his favorite battlefields of spiritual warfare. Thoughts are like pigeons in the town square: they’re messy. They’re in the way, and if you shoo them off, they just come right back. You have to be constantly vigilant so they don’t land and start nesting. The whole purpose of a nest is to lay eggs and hatch more of those nasty birds. That’s what your thought life is like: pigeons coming to roost! Your thought life is also like an airport runway — all those thoughts circling like jets. They can only land if the controller in the tower gives them permission. Your thought life is the same way. There are thoughts of worry, fear, aggravation, anger, temptation, or worldly thoughts all waiting for permission to land inside your head. All those thoughts, if allowed in, have passengers with them, and all the passengers have baggage. Don’t allow them to land! Divert them! Tell them they can’t land here — this airport belongs to God!

PRAY

Jesus, help me to be alert and always on guard in my thought life. You have given me the mind of Christ. Let my thoughts be Your thoughts. May I think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. If there’s virtue and praise, I will think on those things.

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