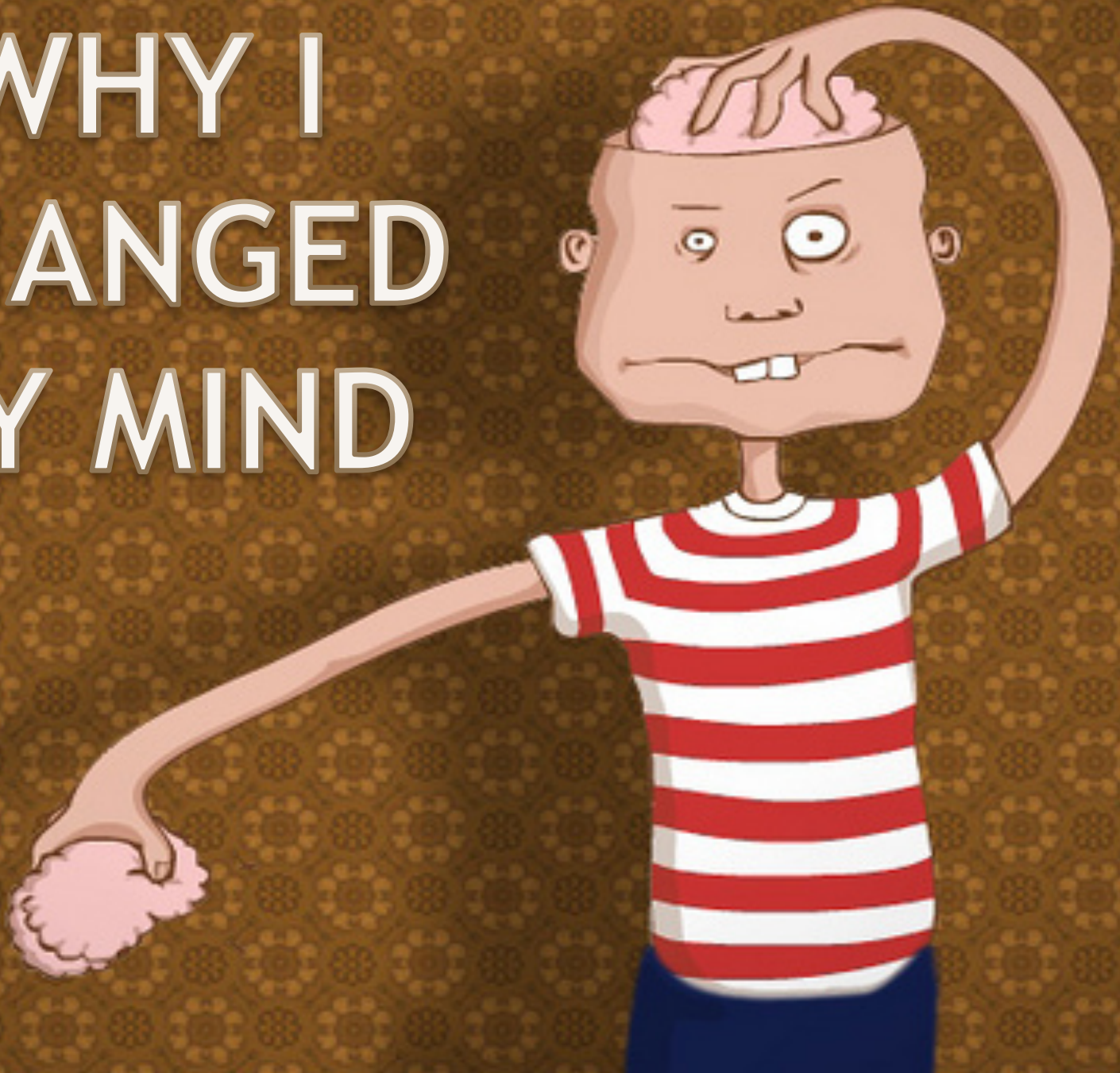


WHY I CHANGED MY MIND



Phil. 4:1-9

- **1.** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!
STAND FIRM IN THE CHALLENGES OF YOUR EVERY DAY LIFE
- **2.** I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same **mind in the Lord.**
- **3.** Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the **peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and **your minds** in Christ Jesus.

- **8** Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about (make it your habit of thought)** such things. **9** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the **God of peace** will be with you.
- *I don't just have the peace of God but I also have the God of peace with me when my mind is set on HIM*

Isaiah 26:3

“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, stayed, fixed on him”

Perfect peace means divine health, prosperity, well-ness of being, soundness of mind.

Stayed or fixed means “braced, lodged in and not to worry.

God will keep in perfect health, prosperity, wellness of being, those who are braced, lodged in, not worrying and fixed on HIM.

- Renewing the mind becomes possible when we 1. remember, 2. record, 3. review, and 4. remind ourselves of what God has done in the past.
- Shawn Bolz “Revelation makes the genius of God revealed to the earth and answers the deepest questions of the heart.”
- You must embrace a revelation of the word to come to a new mindset.

- Most Christians have repented enough to get forgiven but not enough to open their own blinded eyes of expectation.
- With the mind of Christ we can expect to expect the unexpected!!
- Why? Because a heavenly mind is not fueled by earthly doubts!
- **TEXT: Romans 7:25 “It is with the mind of Christ that we serve the Lord”**

Jack Taylor

“ If your encounters with God don't leave you with more questions than you started, then you have had an inferior encounter.”

Why? Lack of Transformation

If your neighbor cant tell you're a Christian chances are your not. Time to transform!

- **John F. Kennedy** “The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable.”
- **Henri Bergson** “ To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly.”
- **George Bernard Shaw** “Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds can not change anything.”
- **Reinhold Niebuhr** “God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

- Definition of Transformation:
- The Greek word is **metamorphoo**. It means to change into another form. Transformed is to be transfigured before men.
- **Transfigured** is to be transformed into something more beautiful or elevated.
- The only alternative to transformation is being conformed to this world and its pattern of living. That word **conformed** means transition, changeable and unstable.. Which implies nothing less than a cheap copy or imitation.

- 2 Thes. 2:2 (speaking of end time events)
“Be not soon shaken in your mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, word or letter.”
- Soon in the Greek is ‘tachus’ which means quickly, suddenly or hastily.
- Shaken in the greek is “saleuo’ which means to shake, waver, totter or be moved.
- In other words Don’t be shocked or alarmed in your mind. Mind is Greek is “nous” which describes everything in the realm of the intellect, including one will, emotions, ability to think reason and decide.

- Paul adds the word (troubled) which indicates an inward fright that results from nerve racking events so severe that it causes a person to be devoured in worry, anxiety or fear.
- “Some things will be happening right before His coming that could shake you up quite a bit. I’m referring to events that will be so dramatic that they could leave your head spinning-occurrences of such serious nature that many people will end up feeling alarmed, panicked, intimidated and even unnerved. Naturally speaking, these events could drive you over the brink emotionally, putting your nerves in edge and making you feel apprehensive and unsure about life.”

THIS IS NOT THE MIND OF CHRIST!!

- **2 Corinthians 10:5** “We demolish arguments (anything that contradicts what God says) and every pretention that sets itself up against the knowledge of God. And we **take captive every thought** to make it obedient to Christ.”
- **Definition of pretension**: the unpleasant quality of people who think of themselves as more impressive, successful, or important than they really are: a desire to do something or a claim to be something that is impressive or important.

- **When you hear something or see thing that's good HOLD THAT THOUGHT!!!**
- **Its one thing to hold a thought. Its another when the thought holds you!**
- **You have to treat the thoughts in your head that are not from God like a prisoner of war! In other words, you need to learn how to interrogate your imagination!!!**

Phil. 4:9

- Paul says, “Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice, and the God of peace will be with you.