

Stay In The Battle

by Pastor Doug

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” – Romans 12:2

There is a mighty battle going on for control of your mind. Heaven and earth intersect there and the tugs of both spheres influence your thinking. God created us with the capacity to experience His peace as we trust in Him more fully. But we have to shut out the world and focus on His presence in order to experience it.

The world exerts a downward pull on our thoughts. We buy into the lies – “you can’t overcome the negativity, you will always be alone, the future is so uncertain.” God encourages us to pray for protection and discernment. As we stay connected to God each day there is a choice to pray more and worry less.

Refuse to worry, because this form of worldliness will weigh you down and block awareness of His presence. We must remain on guard, stay alert and recognize the battle being waged against our mind as we look to God for deliverance.

Paul tells us in Romans 12:2 to avoid the world’s invite to conform to its patterns and instead be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Replace the negativity with the purposes that God lays out for us. Instead of worrying and attempting to control everything around you, try praying and trusting God to overcome the anxious thoughts. “The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:9)”, but Jesus came to give us life. Let’s trust the giver of life in the battle of our mind. Stand strong in His strength as you overcome the strongholds that could bring you down.



March 12, 2023

Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

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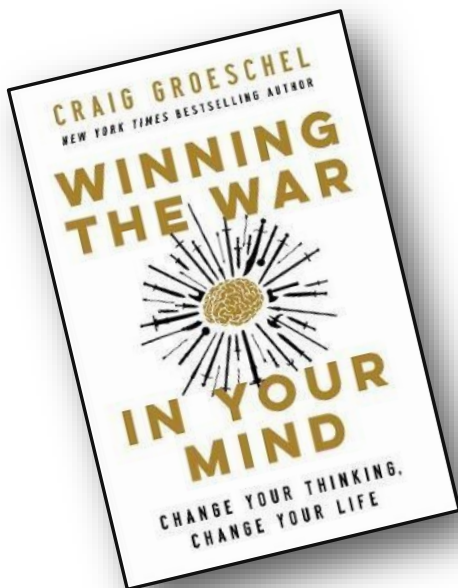
- March 5 — (Romans 5:1-11)
Jesus Instills Hope and Peace
- March 12 — (Romans 5:12-21)
Let Grace Reign

Easter Series:



- March 19 —
You Don't Need To Forgive
- March 26 —
Do What Makes You Happy

UPCOMING EVENTS



Community Nights 2023

Join us for another six-week Community Nights beginning February 22 (Ash Wednesday) and continuing every Wednesday evening leading up to Easter. We'll have dinner together at 6:00 pm followed by an adult Bible study, a teen study, and Kids Blast.

Great food, community-building time, and spiritual growth is on the agenda each week. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

RSVP: sign up at church or online at <https://rsvp.church/r/DIQSmU14>

Amore Night is an annual meal and crew auction hosted by our Student Life (Sr. High) and Ontrack (Jr. High) students in an effort to fund their missions activities.*

Plan on joining us for an enjoyable evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Sign up at the information table at church to reserve your place at the table.

A free-will offering will be taken at the end of the evening. There is no charge for the meal.

Amore' Night

LASAGNA DINNER
- serving by our teens
begins at 6:00 pm

SILENT AUCTION
- 6:00-7:00 pm
(announcement of
winners at 7:00 pm)

CREW AUCTION
- begins at 7:00 pm

ONLINE AUCTION
- begins at 8:00 pm

March 10, 2023

*The Crew Auction is a service project where we auction four crews consisting of five teens and an adult staff member for four hours of work around your home.



We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community meal on **Saturday, March 18th** from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive-thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles.) We can always use drivers for meal deliveries at 5:00 pm and others to help with the drive through ministry. Please consider how you could serve in this ministry.

For more information or to sign up please call or text
Emily Winans at (240) 405-4003.

Men and Women's Bible Studies (Thursdays)

Both the men's Bible study and the women's Bible study will take a break during Community Nights. They will resume in April.



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