Living According to Biblical Truth From Victory Over the Darkness, by Neil Anderson

Biblical truth is important to a Fortified Marriage. The Word of God, the Bible, is the foundation of all wisdom and knowledge. It is important to understand that there is an Order of Scripture. Feelings are not to rule one's life, Biblical truth is. Use the information below as you continue to grow in your relationship with God; it will make a difference in your life and your marriage.

The Order of Scripture:

1. Know the Truth: To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ~ John 8:31-32

2. Believe the Truth: For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ~ Romans 10:10

3. **Obey the Truth (walk according to the truth):** *Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.* ~ *John* 13:17

4. **Feel the Truth (let your emotions be a product of your obedience):** ...but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." ~ Genesis 4:5-7

Christ has won the battle. Your part is to:

1. **Be transformed by the renewing of your mind:** *Do not conform any longer 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.* ~ Romans 12:2

2. **Prepare your mind for action (do away with fruitless fantasy):** *Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

~ 1 Peter 1:13

3. **Take every thought captive in obedience to Christ:** *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.* ~ 2 *Corinthians* 10:5

4. **Turn to God:** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* ~ *Philippians 4:6*

5. **Assume your responsibility and choose truth**: *Finally, brothers, 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 such things. 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.*~ *Philippians* 4:8-9

Victory in the battle for your mind is the undisputed inheritance of everyone who is in Christ!