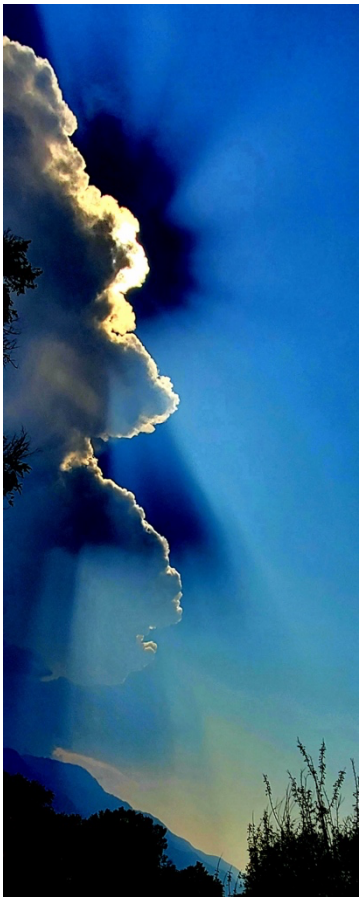
Spring Cleaning: *Between the Lines*

Psalm 51:10-11, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me." (NKJV)

All of life's creativity and inventions come out of the human mind. So, have you considered how powerful that makes your brain? Let's Spring Clean our thoughts because, just like the past has cluttered much of our 'Home', we dwell a lot in our minds. It's another area that becomes too littered with trash we fail to take out as often as necessary. There are conversation pieces we use liberally, like, 'What's on your mind?' or 'Penny for your thoughts?' (Not a chance! I might have million-dollar thoughts in there!) or how about, 'If only I could read your mind.' But what does that even mean? I think, 'Nope! not today!' What if our minds were transparent and our thoughts could be seen by others? I don't know about you, but ain't nobody reading my mind. It might read like a trashy novel or a conspiracy theory or perhaps a ransom note or a hostage threat, and somedays, even a murder plot or suicide letter.



The enemy of your soul and mine has learned how to hold us hostage to our thoughts. We are taken prisoner and held captive by and enslaved to anything which dominates us or captivates us. Pretty easy today with all the fake out there that glitters like gold and tastes like forever and promises perfection. But we are more powerful than thoughts even when followed by action. We can confine them, restrict them, cage them, take captive every thought to make it obedient to Jesus Christ (2 Cor 10:5).

The enemy wishes to brainwash me and you. When I was not accustomed to walking with the Lord, Satan wreaked havoc on my mind and in turn stole my peace. He jaundiced my imagination. I gobbled up all the negativity around me, and those nasty, nocturnal nigglings and unhealthy expectations grew into obesity and took over creative spaces in my head. I learned we can lasso our thoughts, and we can chain them so that we are no longer tethered to the things of this world, but instead, we can know the mind of Christ and have the heart of the Father because we are made in His image.

Genesis 1:26a, 'Come! Let Us make man in Our image.'