WOMEN OF THE WAY (W.O.W.)

Meeting Date: 1/28/21

Facilitator: WOW group

Lesson Plan: Sharing the hope within us

1 Peter 3:15 "but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, **ready** at any time to **give** a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you."

Share a story (old or new Testament that inspires you. Include reference scriptures and the reason for the hope that is in you. (Acts7)

Example Below

Scripture references: Psalms 46:1; Psalms 34:4-7; Hebrews 13:5

Story: Daniel 3:8-25 - The Bible story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and their fiery furnace experience.

Life Application from Fiery Furnace Story

The conclusion is that God was with these three men. In the fiery ordeal that they went through, God was with them and He went *through it* with them. The lesson is that through life's fiery trials and ordeals, God will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb 13:5). God not only knows about our suffering in trials, He goes with us in them and He goes with us *through* them. He is ever present in times of trouble as Psalm 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." What this Scripture is saying is that God is "ever-present" or always with us in our troubles.

Do not compromise your beliefs despite severe persecution.

- 1. How has this story/scripture helped you?
- 2. How can it help others?

<u>Gabby</u>

Jeremiah – The prophet who had to preach even through it was not received. Perseverance

Romans 5:3-5 – Reminder of the purpose in the trials through God's plans

Philippian's 3:12-14 – Pressing on and never giving up or looking back. Highlights the goals of God in our life. God should be first.

II Corinthians 4:16-18 – Looking at the unseen eternal promises of God and not what is in front of us and not lose heart.

Personal testimony

<u>Kawana</u>

Parable of the sower- Mark 4:13-20 – Word is sowed but is received differently and can become unfruitful and do not bear fruit.

- Striving to dig deeper in pursuing truth and has beared fruit

Personal testimony

Kris

Samson – Warrior and Judge who's strength from his uncut hair. Performed super human feats.

Judges 15:14-20 – God provided. Its not about hair but the God who provides.

Dana

Gideon – Judges 6:11-27 -If the Lord is with us, why has this happened to us? God chooses the weakest to prove His strength through us not by our might. He instructed him to go fight but he feels he is unable and unworthy and inferior. God gives him a position.

Can go through seasons of anxiety and of not measuring up but focusing on who God says we are in spite of our feelings. Go to God first. He got this.

John 15:15 - God calls us friends

I Cor. 1:27 – God chooses the foolish things to shame the wise.

<u>Jade</u>