



**Meeting Notes:** January 2, 2024

**Topic:** Vision

**Current Vision:** "Make Room"

**Scripture:** Hebrews 12:1

**WELCOME** to Women of Worship, Women of Witness (WoW2). These Meeting Notes capture the essence of our discussion. Therefore, some points might be grouped together for ease in reading.

**DECLARATION OF FAITH:** TBD

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR EVENING:**

- Since we had not met since October 2023, we spent a few moments catching up before opening in song and prayer.
- I shared the words to drive our vision for this year are "Make Room," most especially for the things of God. For now, we're keeping last year's vision and looking at how we can make room in group for more of the things we declared over 2023.<sup>1</sup> Once the vision has been finalized, it will be uploaded to the website.
- "Make room" reminded another sister of the "Break Up Song," because in order to make room for something new, sometimes, we have to break up with the old. Here are some of the things we are breaking up with this year.
  - As a group, to make room for faith, we're breaking up with fear.
  - To make room for more positivity in our relationship with our Heavenly Father, while allowing Him to continually shape us, we're breaking up with guilt and condemnation. This journey is not about perfection, so we might never feel like we're as mature as we want to be. It's about our heart and continuing to develop our relationship with the Lord. Therefore, we're giving ourselves more grace and mercy and breaking up with beating ourselves up! Progress over perfection!

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<sup>1</sup> The vision for 2023 can be located at <https://wow2women.com/group-documents> and then scrolling down to select 1/31/2023 - Group Vision\_2023\_Final (pdf).

- To make room in my daily schedule for other assignments God has given me, I'm breaking up with full discussion notes after group and will be doing simpler Notes during group focused on our Takeaways.
- To make room for freedom for others to attend group based on their schedule and their needs, I'm breaking up with the bondage of requesting RSVPs. I will continue to send out the weekly reminder and post the Zoom link on Tuesday, which will open at 7:00 on each scheduled meeting night and close at 7:15 if no one attends. At that point, I will adjust my schedule accordingly, including using that time to catch up on other things as led by the Holy Spirit. If by chance I am running late or unable to attend, I will post that in GroupMe, which is our primary communication outside of group. P.S. This was a moment of huge release for me!
- Making room can require purging, so this is also a year of purging.
- Our journey is not about perfection, but about the heart of the journey. If we can reach perfection why Jesus?
- We had a conversation on how eating can be an act of worship, which is something the Holy Spirit shared with me during a speak-life challenge I'm doing with another group. Am I presenting my body as a living sacrifice? Am I being purposeful in taking care of my body which is the temple of His Holy Spirit?

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- One of our sisters will be making room in our life this year for other commitments she has. We were thankful to be able to pray over her and send her forward into this new season with the assurance she is always welcome to join us.
- We will begin a 21-day Speak Life Challenge in February that will last for three (3) cycles of 21 days. More information forthcoming.

#### **SONGS FROM THE EVENING:**

- "Make Room" feat. Elyssa Smith & Community Music (Live) [Official Lyric Video] - The Church Will Sing  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qt0ziGaDkKE>)
- "The Breakup Song" (Lyrics) by Francesca Battistelli  
([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzI\\_NpWnaLI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzI_NpWnaLI))

**NEXT MEETING:** January 9, 2024 @ 7:00pm to finalize our vision