

Meeting Notes: Breaking Down Personal Visions (January 21, 2015)

These notes capture our January 21, 2015 meeting. We opened our meeting in prayer and then began our evening. Topic notes may not be in the order discussed during group, and they are not intended to cover everything discussed. They are intended as highlights to capture the essence of our evening. General notes follow each topic that was discussed. Documents used or created during this meeting are attached.

GOD'S GOAL for the Group: For us to learn how to apply the Word to our lives.

CURRENT VISION: ""2015 - Passing the Test From the Inside Out." Scripture Reference: **Psalm 51:10**, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me " (NKJV).

Closing the Loop: We took a few moments for everyone to name the pieces of the armor. Since we're still having challenges naming all the pieces, studying the armor will be a continuing homework assignment until we all know every piece! **Takeaway**. We have to know the pieces in order to know the weapons of our warfare!

Discussion Topic: Breaking Down Personal Visions Using the IDA Principle (Identify, Define, Apply)

- **Personal Visions**: We took time for those who had their vision completed to answer the following questions:
 - o Identify. What is your vision?
 - Define. What will your completed vision look like?
 - Apply. What steps will you take during the year to complete your vision?
- Connecting the Dots. We created an IDA parallel to discuss how each personal vision relates to the group vision (attached). In other words, what will she need to believe in her heart that will result in Godly action? Takeaway. Connecting the Dots between our personal vision and the group vision helps us know what we're trying to cultivate in our heart to pass the test of our faith!
- Tidbits from our Discussion. Things I jotted down:
 - Fear causes us to have expectations, and expectations cause us to assign motives to other people's behavior.
 - Prayer is a part of the armor. If we can get to a place of prayer, we can get to a place of peace.

- Ungodly behavior is a distraction to our spiritual growth. Once we get the behavior under control, we can self-examine to hear from the Lord.
- Going from the inside out tests the connection between our heart and our mind.
- We know we've passed the test when that "thing" we identified in our personal vision becomes a part of our heart, so we automatically respond in a Godly way without having to think about it!
- What we believe in our heart will determine the action we will take!
- Fear is not the root; it's a manifestation of a root; the root is usually associated with a deep wound that needs to be healed.
- We can't effectively wear the breastplate of armor over a wounded heart! The pressure is too great! We have to heal the wound first; otherwise, we live with a sin consciousness rather than walking in the righteousness Jesus provided for us!
- Unforgiveness is usually attached to some lie of the devil.
- There are three levels of unforgiveness: towards self, towards others, and/or towards God.
- When we hold onto unforgiveness, we can idolize a sin and put ourselves before God. If he has forgiven us, who are we to not forgive others or ourselves?
- Wrapping up the evening. We concluded the evening with our takeaways!

Homework:

- Continue studying the armor of God to know each piece and its purpose
- Complete the My Vision Worksheet

Closing: We closed our meeting in prayer with a time of need-specific prayer for the challenges that were lifted up, for the group overall, and as the Holy Spirit led.

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ATTACHMENT: Connecting the Dots Between Personal Vision and Group Vision

