



Meeting Notes: Night of Prayer (June 4, 2014)

Our May 28, 2014 meeting was a social; therefore, there are no Meeting Notes from that evening. These notes capture our June 4, 2014 meeting, which was a Night of Prayer (NOP). NOP is where we sit at the feet of Jesus to hear what He wants to speak to us! At the end of our prayer time, those who feel led, share what they heard. 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.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Prayer Time: The overall topics that emerged were comfort, obedience, and trust and faith. Here are some of the highlights:

- **Comfort.** I spent a lot of my prayer time in Psalms: I was first led to Psalm 46:10 then to Psalm 43 and 44. My notes centered on our being still, God being exalted in our circumstances, and finding great comfort in the Psalms. The Life Application Bible (LAB) note on Psalm 44:9:22 spoke to my heart, “Thus, our suffering may not be a punishment but a battle scar that demonstrates our loyalty.” I also read about being free from indwelling sin (Romans 8). The LAB note on Romans 8:13 provides a good summation, “When we turn away from sin’s appeal in the Holy Spirit’s power, regarding sin as dead, we can ignore temptation when it comes.” I found the concept of ignoring temptation very interesting. Then, I captured the LAB note on Romans 8:17, which was the highlight of my evening, “To live as Jesus did – serving others, giving up one’s rights, resisting pressure to conform to the world – always exacts a price!” Since I have felt very spiritually, emotionally, and physically tired lately, I had to thank God “for speaking words of comfort and healing” to my heart!
- **Obedience.**
 - **Exodus 4.** We discussed, when we have no idea what God is doing, the outcome can cause us to doubt if we’re doing the right thing.
 - **Matthew 18:8.** Offense will come; just don’t be the one doing the offending!
 - **Ephesians 6:11.** Stand. Standing is trusting the Lord has done good work in us, we are prepared for what we’re going through, and when our strength fails, His won’t. We also looked at Psalm 22:19-21 where the writer describes the Lord as his strength.
 - **Proverbs 5:15-21.** Our part is to be more like the loving dove and

graceful deer. We should aim to love harder and more purposeful in those times when we least feel like it.

- **Samuel 15:1-34.** Saul and his partial obedience. Full obedience is the only way to please God. Partial obedience may appear as progress, but it is witchcraft! Wow! Moreover, from Samuel 15:22, the Holy Spirit revealed we can think we're bringing our best, but we're not being obedient. Verse 23 highlights rebellion and arrogance (stubbornness). This led us to Genesis 4:6-7 and how God can reject our sacrifices. We also looked at how God told Cain sin was crouching at the door waiting for him. We noted partial obedience is sin crouching! Another wow! We also noted the escape we are looking for could be going through rather than deliverance from!!!! Yet another wow! As the commercial says, we need to "just do it," at our weak point. We also saw how Samuel fulfilled God's Word when Saul didn't. We looked at Samuel 15:35b, and said we pray God never regrets making us His own!
- **Trust and faith.** Proverbs 28:26 – those who trust in themselves are fools. We're not to trust in self. Proverbs 18:7 – The Lord is our strength and our shield. Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might – being weak and dependent on God. Trust is the nature of our relationship with God and faith is what gets us from incident to incident!
- **General discussion.** Someone asked me how did I get from defining myself by my works to defining myself in who I am in Christ. I honestly did not have an answer. However, one of the sisters shared diving into God's Word and Who He is how I found me! He forced me to find my identity in Him by stripping me of everything! Her revelation completely resonated in my spirit!
- **Closing out the evening.** We closed out the evening by looking at Romans 5:1-5. This led us to the "Power of Progression."¹ Every trial is for a reason. It helps when we can see trials as a growth opportunity. Since trials are intended to steal and/or test the Word we have been exposed to, it also helps if we don't look for new "food" during a trial. Instead, go back to what has already been said by reviewing our journals, reviewing Meeting Notes, and looking over other documents on the website.

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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¹ Power of Progression (Oct 1, 2010) can be found on the Reflections page of the website: <http://www.wow2women.com/reflections.html>.