



Meeting Notes: January 16, 2024

Topic: 1 Corinthians 1

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: We will walk by more faith in the things we believe, think, speak, and do to cultivate more wisdom to better put on the whole armor of God!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR EVENING:

- V1. Sanctified. "To make holy ... purify ... or consecrate. (Strong's G37).
 - We played CeCe Winans Generations video stating her declaration to remain holy. CeCe Winans makes a bold statement with an 'attitude' amidst the controversy in the Gospel community, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wrlz9ZOzXvE>). This video is my heart for people to feel like they can correct me and we can correct each other.
 - We all have blind spots and we can be deceived within ourselves to where we end up compromising our convictions or our love for God becomes mundane. We're no longer passionate about Him! **The problem with deception is we don't know we're deceived**; however, God can use others to show us where we are, but because we're deceived, we can get defensive or become offensive!
 - Correcting in love is the key! It's important to know in our heart the person genuinely loves and cares for us. On the other hand, when we don't feel that love and care, it's hard to receive the correction. Therefore, proximity of relationship matters.
 - What steals our passion for God? Be willing to take those things out of the darkness and bring them to the light!
 - Be mindful of our heart posture in everything we do, especially when we're doing them just because someone else told us to. If

we're just following someone else, we can find ourselves disconnected from whatever we're doing and also risk becoming disconnected from God!

- The word "sanctified" stood out because our responsibility is to commit to living a life of holiness to the best of the ability God gives us with the help of His Holy Spirit and our knowledge of His Word!
- The armor piece that comes to mind with "sanctified," is the belt of truth. If we are to be sanctified, we must know the truth God desires us to walk in. We don't try to be holy to be sanctified. Instead, we are to walk from the place of knowing we are sanctified! It's the position of being "in Christ," that sanctifies us and allows us to be holy. It's not by our works!
- Our discussion led us to 1 Thessalonians 4:11, "and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life. You should mind your own business and work with your hands" (NIV). This mindset will help us stay humble and non-judgmental to what might be happening around us, and it keeps us from thinking our holiness comes from our works!
- We have to be careful to not get in a works mindset to be holy that when we "fall" we FALL away from God!
- Two Scriptures that came to mind are Leviticus 20:7-8 and John 17:17. Leviticus 20:7-8 tells us to consecrate ourselves to the Lord, and John 17:17 is where Jesus asks the Father to sanctify us by the truth.
- **Bottomline:** it's not our works that sanctify, but God. We have to be willing to receive it! As we are in close proximity to God, we will more naturally walk in His sanctification. When we're not close to Him, we can tell the difference in our thoughts, words, and actions. The saying, you are what you eat comes to mind!
- Before we can move forward in the "More of God," we have to address whether or not God is first on the throne of our hearts or did we move away from Him!? As Hebrews 12:1 teaches, not everything is a sin. Some things are weights, such as distractions! Distractions are huge weights that can bind! They steal our peace! The weights steal our peace! The way we know we're letting the weights go is we feel the peace of God when, before, we would have been stressed!

- If we lose God because we don't love Him anymore or our love for Him has waxed cold, none of what we do will matter. It also doesn't matter how we got to the place of our love waxing cold. For instance, I can't stand before God and say, "I was so busy doing ..." (Matthew 7:22). In these days, there's so many different things happening and so much pull, that living the **simple life** seems like the best way to stay connected to the Father.
- The simple life truly resonated with those of us in attendance! However, we're having to learn what that looks like for each of us.

TAKEAWAYS:

- Sanctified has to do with proximity. God sanctifies us, and it's from that place of proximity with Him that we are able to walk in holiness and righteousness.
- The simple life stood out, because as we simplify our lives, we can better tell where we've moved from God, what distractions and other weights are hindering us, gain better clarity about life, and find a sense of peace that does not exist in chaos and busyness! And sometimes that means we just have to let go of some stuff!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We will begin a 21-day Speak Life Challenge in February that will last for three (3) cycles of 21 days. More information forthcoming.
- Since there's five weeks in January, we have tentatively scheduled the final week as a social week. We'll discuss this more next week.
- Notes from the first two meetings of the year have been posted to the website:

SONGS FROM THE EVENING:

- Opening: Worthy Is The Lamb - Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Gae-n0Pb7Q>).
- Closing: Hallowed Be Your Name - Ron Kenoly (Live), (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zlsa3YOgMV8&list=RDMM&index=24>)

NEXT MEETING: January 23, 2024 @ 7:00pm to continue in 1 Corinthians.