

## Meeting Newsletter, January 17, 2023



**Welcome to WoW2**, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our January 17, 2023, meeting. It seeks to capture some, but not all, key points from our evening together, with like topics being conveniently grouped together. We hope you are blessed as you join us on our journey.

**Declaration of Faith:** To Be Determined (TBD).

### OPENING

**We again welcomed** a new sister into our midst; opened in song and prayer, then resumed our discussion on our 2023 vision.

### DISCUSSION

**Closing the Loop.** We began with our unfinished business.

**Ecclesiastes.** We stopped at Chapter 9; we'll pick up from there, but with a new approach, that will be discussed later.

**We finished answering "Where am I?"**

- What was 2022 like?
- What did you take away?
- What are you hoping for in 2023?

**We finished answering last week's questions** to determine if we've completed our vision as a group.

What was/am I in **bondage** to? Have I been delivered from that

What does **sanctification** look like? Does my life look any different in that area than it did last year?

In what, if any, areas of my life am I experiencing **bitterness and/or doubt?**"

### Upcoming Events

**February 14**

Scheduled Off Day

**March 7**

Night of Prayer

**April 3**

Spring Break

### Current Vision

Moving Forward

### Scripture(s)

TBD

### Inspirational Song(s)

"Moving Forward" by Israel Houghton

### Current Study:

Finish Ecclesiastes & then Ephesians using our new approach

**Collectively**, we all feel like **we're still in the wilderness being trained**. We're not like the 10 who saw themselves as grasshoppers, nor are we like Caleb and Joshua. We won't run from a giant, as it were, but we're not ready to pick a fight!

**There's been questions about inviting others to group**, and I assured everyone, this is your group. Feel free to invite whoever the Lord places on your heart.

**We rescheduled our Painting Party to April 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**We discussed what we want to look like as a group this year.** At 17, we're old enough to drive, so we're going places; however, we're not old enough to vote. Interestingly, some of us saw ourselves as being older than 17, because we're aware of how to do the right thing and who to look to. One sister described us as "we know everything, but still have the humble beginnings." Another said, "we're not grown, but got some privileges. We're trying to be independent from our parents, but still dependent on them." She described this as being lukewarm ... wanting to be grown, but not. In essence, it's time to put away the childish things. It's time for growth that can only come through gaining more clarity, because we have a lot of information, but not a lot of application!

**Collectively**, we all have a pretty good sense of where we are. **Personally**, I know it's time for me to once again come to group prepared. Thankfully, **we now know where we are, so we know where to start to move to the next level.**

**We discussed where we are going as a group.** Our group age and the decade on the current Hebrew calendar are intertwined. This connection informs what forward looks like for us, because the Hebrew letter for our age (17) is also the numerical value for this decade (80)! The explanation below is the longer version, but the bottom line is **what we speak out of our mouth reveals our level of maturity.**

### **The Hebrew alphabet and the Hebrew Year 5783 explained<sup>1</sup>**

**30 Letters.** For those who don't know, there are 30 Hebrew letters, each of which is an alphabet, a number, and a pictograph. SIDE NOTE: I found it very interesting that Jesus began His ministry at 30 and there are 30 letters!

**5783.** To keep this simple and relevant to where we are as group, we looked at two numbers: **80** and **3**.



## **Homework**

What is one word and one Scripture verse(s) you can speak over your life when it comes to what Moving Forward looks like for you?

## **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, January 24, 2023  
@ 7:00pm.

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<sup>1</sup> Please see Grace in Torah: Leaving Egypt is only the beginning of the journey. "Hebrew Numbers 1-10," <https://graceintorah.net/2015/06/15/hebrew-numbers-1-10/> and "Hebrew Numbers 11-30" <https://graceintorah.net/2015/09/27/hebrew-numbers-11-30/> for further information.

**80.** The numerical value of 80 in the Hebrew alphabet corresponds to the 17<sup>th</sup> letter, which is *peh*. The pictograph for this letter means “**mouth, opening, speech, blow, scatters.**”

**17.** In the simplest terms, the actual number 17 in Hebrew represents whether we are mature or not. There's a lot more that goes into it, but the bottom line is our “**mouth reveals whether we are mature or immature.**”

**3.** While the number three has a very diverse meaning, two words stood out as it relates to group: **fruit and revelation**. What revelation do we need to know and operate in to be prepared to move forward and produce fruit as a group and individually.

**We began creating our 2023 vision.** Using our My Vision Worksheet, we began identifying our vision, defining what the completed vision will look like, and what steps we will take to get there. What we completed was emailed to those in small group, so they can review it between meetings. Once finalized, it will be posted to the website.

**We used the following questions to create the first draft of our vision.**

Where do we want to go as a group in 2023?

What fruit do we want to produce off the revelations we have received?

What Scripture do we want to guide our journey forward in this year?

**Last year, we captured a lot of revelation, but now what?** If we're to be women who impact others, we can't keep gathering information and receiving revelation; **we're also to produce fruit**. Towards that end, going forward, **our studies will be more focused and purposeful**, so at any time someone can come in and understand what's going on. Therefore, we're bringing back **H.E.A.R.T.**, because it helps facilitate **application**. We used this acronym in 2019 while completing an in-group Transformational Study on the Parable of the Sower and the Seed. While this study has not been published to the website, portions of H.E.A.R.T are contained in other Newsletters. However, this year, we have modified H.E.A.R.T to better reflect each of the soils in the Parable to better apply what we know about the four soils to our daily living.

**H.E.A.R.T acronym explained:**

- **H.** What do you **hear** in this passage: information, application, or revelation?
- **E** - What fruit, if any, can you **expect** to produce in your life based on this Word?
- **A** - What **action(s)**, if any, do you need to take to cultivate the seed of this Word in your life?
- **R** - Do you believe this Word enough for you to **rest** in it as truth you accept and, if necessary, can obey? If not, what hinders you?
- **T** - Do you **trust** the Father with this Word even if things don't look like you want them to? If not, what hinders you?

**Our hope** is this approach will help us better understand the condition of our own heart and also better equip us to share with others what we are learning, so we're not just sitting in small group fat and full, while not helping others.

**Personal visions.** Hopefully, we'll be able to begin developing personal visions next meeting, so we can be more purposeful with helping each other draw closer to God in our daily walk. Towards that goal, here are some **questions to ponder**:

Do I know what God has promised me?

Am I ready to enter the Promised Land? After all, there are giants in the land, so what is my confession?

Am I still being trained and developed by the LORD?

Am I like the 10 and view myself as a grasshopper in the eyes of the giants?

Am I like Caleb and Joshua ready to possess the things God has promised me, which may not necessarily be the same as what I've been praying for?

### Some highlights from our takeaways

We recognize we need to prepare ourselves and work on what we need to achieve to look different at the end of the year, even if this is just being more self-aware, but in a positive way.

What we are saying is the key to EVERY area of our lives being successful, because our words are truly the heart of the matter.

What we speak reveals our level of faith.

Some of us are looking to be more self-disciplined this year, so purposeful was a key word. Everything we're doing is our being purposeful.

We have a more specific vision this year to help us move forward.

We are "ladies-in-training." As a group, we're 17 and in training. God is training us as a group and as individuals for something!

Intentionality was another word that stood out. We can't go through the trials without being intentional, knowing it's for a reason! We'll understandably be uncomfortable in the trial, but we'll know there's a purpose.

God uses us in our suffering to bring Him greater glory!

Overall, the key words from our evening were faith, focused, purposeful, clarity, and intentionality.

## RESOURCES

**Links to our inspirational Song(s)** supporting our vision:

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"Israel Houghton - Moving Forward"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVEFGllyx1o&list=RDCVEFGllyx1o&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVEFGllyx1o&list=RDCVEFGllyx1o&start_radio=1)

## CLOSING

We collected our **praise reports** and **prayer requests** and then took turns praying. Unfortunately, I couldn't get the music volume adjusted well enough for us to have a closing song.