



Meeting Notes: January 23, 2024

Topic: 1 Corinthians 1, cont.

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!

CLOSING THE LOOP:

- Since there's five weeks in January, we looked at doing a social on the 30th, but decided to do a study instead.
- We reviewed the Meeting Notes from last week to catch up on where we are. One of the things that stood out was distractions!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR EVENING:

- V1. We looked up Sosthenes in GotQuestions.org. We're not able to definitively determine that he's the same man that opposed Paul in Acts, but we think it's a great possibility, and according to GotQuestions, that speaks to the transformation that occurs with the gospel!
- V4-9. We believe our group operates in these principles so this resonates with us. We're in fellowship. We talk about our testimony. We are thankful for each other!!
- V8. In our togetherness, we gain strength from each other and from the Lord Jesus Christ, especially in our times of need when He ministers to each of us through our sisters in Christ that are in attendance that night! And it always seems like just the right people are in group at just the right time for what God needs to do in our lives! Our sharing with each other helps us to know we are not the only one experiencing something that might not feel comfortable!

- V10-16. Since we all have the same purpose, which is to strengthen our relationship with the Lord and understand the Word better, we do not encourage any kind of division or rivalry in this group. We are all from different backgrounds, and in those rare times there is confusion, we seek to get to the bottom of it to gain clarity.
- V10-16. Even though we're not divided in group, we do recognize the division that happens in the body of Christ through various denominational beliefs that can cloud unity if not properly addressed.
- V10-16. Pride can create division, but we seek to remain humble and be open to other viewpoints so that we can grow and learn together. At a very minimum, we seek to take and ponder the other's person's perspective, and we're able to do so, because we have learned how to be able to look in the mirror. It wasn't always like that. We either didn't want to look in the mirror or we were afraid to look in the mirror, but as we've grown together, we've come a long way in our togetherness!
- V10-16. We've grown in learning when people are non-receptive to something being said, so we've learned how to be quiet and leave the situation in the Holy Spirit's hands. Growth is a process that we all have had to embrace rather than feeling like we are fine and everyone else is messed up.
- V18-25. These verses remind us of the difference in worldly wisdom and goldy wisdom outlined in James 3:13-18.
- V23-25. There's something in these verses that really spoke to my heart, but I wasn't able to fully grasp the depth of "Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God." I felt like I was only seeing the surface and need to dig deeper. But I did recognize that more and more, "Christ crucified" stands out to me, especially when it comes to some of the decisions I make.
- V25. God's weakness is stronger than human strength, but He is strong in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- V25. We're not sure what Paul means by "God's foolishness," so we looked it up. What we found is that God's way of reasoning is of the Spirit and confounds the reasoning of this world, which takes us back to v18, where Paul says, "For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are

perishing." In other words, the world doesn't understand God's wisdom so they think it's foolishness.

- V26-31. It's not about us and our works, but all about Christ and what He has done for us. When we are in Christ, He is our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, all of which speaks to the breastplate of righteousness. These are some truths that needs to be tucked into our belt of truth for us to properly secure our breastplate of righteousness!
- V26-31. God has chosen what is weak, insignificant, despised, etc., but we try to define what those things are. When we try to define what He says in our own words, we limit what God says and can get it wrong. When we're trying to redefine what God has already defined, we need to go to the source. After all, how many times is the Bible misquoted! How many "nothings" are we viewing as "something," because we've never asked God if it's nothing!?!? Wow!!!! So, we end up fretting about things that aren't even important to God in the grand scheme of how He has defined things! For example, we can be looking for significance without understanding what God has defined as being significant. Not what the world thinks. But what He says!

TAKEAWAYS:

- There's an expectation for how we view things to be and how other people should view things, and we assume that wisdom is more rampant than it really is! So, we listen to what this expert or that expert says about a matter, BUT did we stop and ask the Lord what He says about the matter? There's an expectation that someone should know, but that doesn't mean they do, but God does!
- But what did God say about it?!?!? And if someone says, that's what He says, show me where! Unless we hear it or see it in His Word, we need to be careful to not take it for something it might not be! Because there's a difference in revelation and information, and not every revelation is meant for everyone! It's like having to try to go through an obstacle course weaving through all this stuff that's wrong. No wonder life can be so difficult.

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.

SONGS FROM THE EVENING:

- Opening: "Satisfy - Brandin Reed & Friends (Live)," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rno5ZMkYGzQ&list=PLPrL7uz5HpPHQU2D-Gsw9MXymYSkXZkc6&index=33>) **and** "TobyMac - Faithfully (Lyric Video)," (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXYHNC-e_Nw).
- Closing: "MercyMe - Even If (Official Lyric Video)," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6fA35Ved-Y>).

NEXT MEETING: January 30, 2024 @ 7:00pm to close out chapter 1 and discuss Chapter 2.