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## Meeting Newsletter, January 24, 2023

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**Welcome to WoW2,** Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our January 24, 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:** We will be mindful of what we are believing, what we are saying, what we doing, and what tools we are using as we continue moving forward.

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### OPENING

**We opened** in song and prayer, then resumed our discussion on our 2023 vision.

### DISCUSSION

#### Closing the Loop.

**Calendar.** An updated calendar was forwarded to everyone currently attending and posted on the website.

**We completed the Group Vision.** Based on where we are and where we are going, **I presented three different options** for us to choose from and **we chose:** Walking by faith in the things we believe, think, speak, and do to cultivate wisdom and put on the whole armor of God!

**Vision Scriptures.** In addition to the ones from our last meeting, I **added Proverbs 4:7**, which is one the Holy Spirit placed on my heart prior to our anniversary in October. This verse also connects us back to our Pearls of Wisdom retreat last September, helps us move forward in the practical application of what we study, while also connecting us to this year's retreat, "Walk This Way."

**The group approved of our declaration of faith.** I took what we had as our vision from our last meeting and turned it into

### Upcoming Events

#### February 14

Scheduled Off Day

#### March 7

Night of Prayer

#### April 3

Spring Break

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### Current Vision

Moving Forward: Walking by faith in the things we believe, think, speak, and do to cultivate wisdom and put on the whole armor of God!

### Scripture(s)

2 Corinthians 5:7; Proverbs 4:7; Ephesians 6:10-18

**Additional Verses:** Mark 9:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Ephesians 4:29; Psalm 19:14

### Inspirational Song(s)

"Moving Forward" by Israel Houghton

### Current Study:

Finish Ecclesiastes & then Ephesians using our new approach

our declaration of faith. However, I moved “what we are believing” before what we are saying, because what we believe informs what we say.



**We revisited the H.E.A.R.T. Worksheet.** There are two versions to choose from, one that is “plain” and attached to our current Group Vision Worksheet (attached) and one that is “decorative” and will be uploaded as a single document to the website. Feel free to use either one.

As we process what we study this year, the question becomes, “**How do we apply what we understand to gain the wisdom we need to walk in, in our daily lives.**” Towards that goal, as mentioned last week, we will be using **the H.E.A.R.T Worksheet**. Our hope is this will help us know what to do with the information that is impacting our heart the most, and we also hope some good seed will land on good soil in our heart.

**We discussed discouragement.** It's important to not get discouraged while doing the homework and the H.E.A.R.T Worksheet. We all have very active lives, so if you don't get to the homework, don't get discouraged. Maybe what you needed to hear will come through something said during small group. If you don't hear anything specific while doing the homework, don't get discouraged. Again, maybe what you need will come through the small group discussion. And most importantly, **keep it simple while doing the H.E.A.R.T Worksheet. Don't overthink it!** Even if you hear nothing, go ahead, and write that down, because that moment is between you and God, then when we come together, it's for the purpose of building up each other!

**Personal visions.** We began discussing our personal visions.

The question we are answering with our vision remains, “Do I know what God has promised me?” Since we collectively decided we are all still being trained and developed in the wilderness by the Lord, **our personal visions should be focused on the one word and Scripture that will help prepare us to conquer the giants that stand between us and what God has promised. HOWEVER**, again, if you don't have one word or one specific Scripture you feel God has placed on your heart, **don't worry!** Again, that's what group discussion is for. What you need may come from something said in group, and/or you may provide what someone

## Homework

**Finish** your personal vision – your one word one Scripture verse(s) you can speak over your life when it comes to what Moving Forward looks like for you?

**Prayerfully ponder** the “Ites” and ask the Holy Spirit to identify yours as it relates to how you answered the vision questions and your one word/Scripture.

## Next Meeting

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

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else needs! Finally, if you don't know what God has promised you, that's okay! I cannot stress how important group discussions are to helping us be encouraged and, at times, for the Holy Spirit to speak directly to us!

**We revisited "Recognizing Our "Ites,"** which is something we did in small group on August 14, 2013, while learning about the shield of faith and what it protects us from. This list identifies several "Ites," or giants, the Israelites would have to conquer in the Promised Land. When you look up the original definition of their names, each one has a specific meaning. The list I shared comes from Joshua 3:10; however, there is a more complete list found in Genesis 15:19 that we will delve into later.

For those who are interested, the **My Vision Worksheet** can be used to capture your personal vision using the same principles we employed for group vision. A copy is attached. However, using this worksheet is not mandatory!

### Some highlights from our takeaways

Learning to take things one step at a time as we progress through our homework!

Connecting with the "Ites," helps us recognize the schemes of the devil. If we know how he'll be coming, we know what to look for! Therefore, we are very interested in looking more closely at the each of the "Ites" to discover how they are operating in our lives!

There's a difference in "mustard seed" faith and "long term" faith.

## RESOURCES

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

"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))

**Links to the Song(s)** from this meeting:

"Maverick City - Seek Your Face Lyric Video (Feat. Ryan Avery ) ReFresh Worship | TRIBL"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pD3aUqqZP18&list=PLPrL7uz5HpPHQU2D-Gsw9MXymYSkXZkc6&index=45>)

"Make Room (Live),"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0g29LHqBMYM&list=PLPrL7uz5HpPHQU2D-Gsw9MXymYSkXZkc6&index=46>)

## CLOSING

We collected our **praise reports** and **prayer requests** and then closed in prayer while listening to "Make Room."



## GROUP VISION

NAME: WoW2

DATE: 1/24/2023

**IDENTIFY** your vision and the Scripture(s) you are standing on

**Moving Forward:** Walking by faith in the things we believe, think, speak, and do to cultivate wisdom and put on the whole armor of God! Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:7; Proverbs 4:7, Ephesians 6:10-18

**What are we believing?**

Mark 9:23; Ephesians 2:8-9

**What are we saying?**

Ephesians 4:29; Psalm 19:14

- Create pearls of wisdom from our irritants

**What are we doing?**

- Outreach
- Everyone using their gifts
- Focused study using H.E.A.R.T

**What tools are we using?**

The whole armor of God – Ephesians 6:10-18

**DEFINE** what your completed vision should look like

(What **fruit** do we want to produce this year as a group)

- Transparency, accountability, truth, unity, and maturity that leads to awareness and eventual transformation

**APPLY:** What steps will you need to apply to fulfill your vision?

- Create opportunities for helping others!



- Acknowledging the fruit we see in others
- Allowing others to show us things that are in our blind spots
- Edifying each other
- Walking in humility: occupying our God-given space and not judging others for their space by being critical
- Implementing H.E.A.R.T during our studies
- Learn how to recognize the giants (irritants) that are influencing our speech
- Our next study is Ephesians after we finish Ecclesiastes!



## H.E.A.R.T WORKSHEET

**TAKEAWAY:** What is the one thing that stood out to you in this lesson?

**Now, let's submit our H.E.A.R.T to the LORD:**

**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?