

Welcome to WoW2, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our January 31, 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.

OPENING

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

DISCUSSION

Closing the Loop.

We made one last modification to our group vision. In the past, we've used an anchor in our vision, and I felt led for us to return to that. Long story short, in 2019 an anchor was the theme of our retreat¹ as well as for group going into 2020. However, to return to our previous anchor, we needed one more core Scripture. Hebrews 6:19-20 became that missing piece. We then took time to place our core Scriptures on each portion of the anchor.

Top. Hebrews 6:19-20, because **hope** is what anchors us and where everything starts

Head. Ephesians 6:10-18, because the ultimate outcome of our vision is to **armor** up

Stem. 2 Corinthians 5:7, because **faith** is how we drop anchor in being able to wear the armor.

The rope. Proverbs 4:7, because **wisdom** is what ties

Upcoming Events

February 14

Scheduled Off Day

March 7

Night of Prayer

April 3

Spring Break

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; Hebrews 6:19-20

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

¹ See the Events Newsletter, "09-28-2019 – THRIVE," located at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBl84oZxnJ4> for more information about the event.

faith and hope to the armor.

While discussing the Scripture placement on the anchor, we noted **wisdom** is what allows us to know how to use our faith, so we'll know how to walk in the armor. After all, even though we have our armor, rather than use our shield of faith, we can well end up cowering behind it instead of using it against the devil! We summed this up as "wisdom is not the tool itself, but how we use the tool! A great analogy is knowing a tomato is a fruit, but not putting it in a fruit salad!

Personal visions

Everyone had a chance to **share her personal vision**. Since these are personal, I do write down their one word and Scriptures, so we can help encourage each other throughout the year, but I only share mine publicly.

As mentioned last week, **the list of "Ites"** I shared are from Joshua 3:10; however, there is a more comprehensive list in Genesis 15:19-21. From that list, we looked at the original meaning of the Rephaites (also translated Rephaims). In the KJV Strong's phone application, this "Ite" is H7497, and it means "a sense of invigorating." We looked at some other definitions, but I didn't write down the websites or the definitions. Hopefully, we'll get a better understanding of this giant as well as the rest of them not in our current list.

Some highlights from our takeaways

Focus on saying yes to God rather than saying no to the devil.

This is a journey, not a race. Until God calls us home, we'll always be learners. Therefore, as disciples of Christ, we are all learners!

God revealed the connection between one sister's previous vision and the one for this year, thereby demonstrating He is the ultimate connector of dots.

Our anchor is like a bookend. When we first used the anchor, as a group, we were coming out of Egypt and now we are moving forward towards the Promised Land. Thus, the anchor signifies the beginning and, hopefully, the end of our wilderness journey!

RESOURCES

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

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Homework

Read Ecclesiastes 9 and pick your one takeaway about what's happening "under the sun" which is the theme of this book. If you'd like, you can use the H.E.A.R.T worksheet, but it's not required.

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.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about information contained in this document, please email us at wow2@wow2women.com or complete a Contact Form on our website.

"Israel Houghton - Moving Forward"

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVEFGlyx1o&list=RDCVEFGlyx1o&start_radio=1)

Links to the Song(s) from this meeting:

"Michael W. Smith - Surrounded (Fight My Battles)

" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBl84oZxnJ4>)

CLOSING

We collected our **praise reports** and **prayer requests** and then closed in prayer.



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! Verses: 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?