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## Meeting Newsletter, February 28, 2023

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**Welcome to WoW2**, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our February 28, 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 are doing, and what tools we are using as we continue moving forward.

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### OPENING

**We opened** in song and prayer, then began our discussion.

### DISCUSSION

**Ecclesiastes 11. My takeaway** from this chapter is in the attached H.E.A.R.T Worksheet. Other nuggets:

**In v4, pay attention** to what you're doing, so it will get done. When it comes to giving, **be diligently active, making thoughtful decisions**. Don't wait for things to be perfect! If it's important enough and worth doing, do it!

**In v7**, it was a gorgeous day—the sun was really pleasing to the eye. **Find beauty where you can** find it and enjoy life where you can because it's fleeting.

**In v9, enjoy your youth!** Appreciate your life because it won't be here forever. The things you can do when you're young, you won't be able to do later in life. However, when we are elderly, if we stop being active, we tend to die quicker. **We never know who's watching and who we can be an inspiration to, so if we decide to give up, there might well be a ripple effect in the lives of those watching us!**

**One sister shared how** taking things in and learning what's being said was resonating with her.

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### Upcoming Events

#### March 7

Night of Prayer

#### April 3

Spring Break

#### April 25

Social Week

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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; 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 start Ephesians using our new approach

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**We summed up** this chapter with:

Enjoy life!

Don't take a single day for granted!

Be generous!

Be a blessing to others!

**Ecclesiastes 12:** Since we finished chapter 11 with time left, we also looked at chapter 12.

**In v 1-8.** We **summed it up** with:

A lot of things happen as you age, so **enjoy your life while can, but keep God at the center**, because when it's too later for any of it, it's too late!

Again, **don't take life for granted!** We felt these verses were a continuation of 11, but in more detail.

**In v9**, we noted that truth sometimes hurts. However, we would rather someone **tell us the truth** and hurt our feelings for a moment than leave us living a lie for a lifetime.

**In v13**, we highlighted "[worship Him with awe-filled reverence, knowing that He is almighty God]" (Amplified translation). One sister shared she has to be in awe and walking with Him! Another shared we're to trust His love for us and that it will work out. We also concluded, Solomon was not just talking to Israel, but to us too!

**In v14**, this reminded us of James 4:3, "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with **wrong motives**, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures" (NIV).

**We summarized, chapter 12**, with ...

- Fear God and be obedient to His Word.
- We all age, so enjoy life while you can.

**We summarized both 11 and 12** with ...

- Don't take anything for granted!
- Be thankful!
- Enjoy life the best we can!

**Takeaway:** These two chapters were a good contrast of what it's like to be young and old.

**And that was a wrap on Ecclesiastes!** We will begin our study in Ephesians on March 21<sup>st</sup>.



## Homework

**None.** Next meeting is Night of Prayer

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 7:00pm.

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

## 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:

"Casting Crowns - East to West (Official Lyric Video),"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnkkZLdjf9Y>).

"Casting Crowns - Praise You In This Storm (Official Lyric Video),"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YUGwUgBvTU>).

## CLOSING

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



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

### Scripture(s): Ecclesiastes 11:4 (AMP)

<sup>4</sup>He who watches the wind [waiting for all conditions to be perfect] will not sow [seed], and he who looks at the clouds will not reap [a harvest].

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

*What stood out to me about this verse is how easy is to want to "do the right thing," or "make the right decision," so we get paralyzed and don't decide at all or take any action towards achieving our goal. I finally came to the realization to just make a decision and trust that if I stray, the Holy Spirit will bring me back to where I need to be. The flip side of that is if I want to see a harvest from what I've planted, there's some work to be done. I can't just sit back and expect the Lord to do everything! I have a part to play in it as well, even if that part is just to believe what He said!*

#### 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?

*I hear revelation that became application in my life, and one that I need to reconnect to in some ways. There are still times when I get hesitant about a decision or I lack consistency in doing the things I know I need to do to partner with what God is doing in my life.*

**E** - What fruit, if any, can you **expect** to produce in your life based on this Word?

*The fruit I can expect is faithfulness and transformation. Faithfulness is about being more consistent and in that faithfulness, I expect to gain the confidence in my relationship with God to become more decisive which will produce transformation in my spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being.*

**A** - What **action(s)**, if any, do you need to take to cultivate the seed of this Word in your life?

*Stop letting fear, anxiety, and/or laziness paralyze me in certain areas of my 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?

*Yes, I believe it enough to rest in it as truth, and by the power of God's grace I desire to obey it.*

**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?

*Definitely! He's already proven Himself time and again when it comes to this in my own life and He's allowed me to plant the seed in others to help them move forward.*