



**Meeting Notes:** March 26, 2024

**Topic:** Nuggets from Personal Discussion

**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 on March 26, 2024. 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!

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR EVENING.** Part of our evening was personal discussion, but here are the few highlights we did capture.

- V14. "But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God's Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually." That raises the question, what is it that we're missing about Christ in our daily lives?
  - One answer is that He is sovereign! Sovereign is an adjective, meaning "possessing supreme or ultimate power."<sup>1</sup> That takes us back to when we previously learned everything is under His feet when studying Ephesians 1:21-23.
  - V11. Even though no one but God knows His thoughts, He placed wisdom within us. He works through His Word, self-revelation, and using others to impart to us what He is saying. Regardless of what our limitations could or would be, His being sovereign overcomes all of that. So, we don't have to know and we don't have to be perfect, because He's the One who makes a way! However, because we're limited, we try to put limits on Him!
  - Often times, we try to compartmentalize Him! Sometimes, we have to surrender to what we don't even understand. We have to surrender and be patient. For example, when we want to get vengeance, forgiving someone who has truly hurt us might be hard.

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<sup>1</sup> Sovereign. Definitions from Oxford Languages, <https://languages.oup.com/google-dictionary-en/>, Retrieved March 26, 2024.

- Going back to the discussion last meeting on intentionality, it's harder to be intentional when we have too many branches on our tree. We can only focus on so many things at one time, so the fruit on some branches is not going to get the same amount of attention as fruit on other branches.
- Sometimes, our tree is in a storm, but we're still trying to hold on to all the branches to make sure they don't fall off. However, we don't always know if they're all supposed to stay on or if some are supposed to fall, because sometimes, the storm is God's way of naturally pruning our tree.
- During the storm, we have to make sure our mind is not caught in the middle of the storm. That's why we have to keep our focus on Jesus no matter what our circumstances look like. That's why walking by faith and not by sight as well as having a soft heart instead of a hard heart are so important.
- We need to take our thoughts captive, because they will betray us and lead us in the wrong direction and get us stirred up.
- When the storm is coming, or we're in the middle of it, it's difficult to remember all of the things we learn. So, we settled on gratitude being that one thing we can remember that can guide us through the storm. That's why looking for the good is important, because it creates a heart of gratitude and gratitude anchors us to Christ, so we are not tossed about in the storm.
- Don't take storms lightly, because there may be something for us to learn in them, for we truly do not believe the Lord allows or sends storms to destroy us. Even with the enemy, the trials are just tests of our faith through which God is building something in us.
- In transformation, renovation is messier than new construction!!!!

#### **TAKEAWAYS:**

- During storms we can do the following to take our thoughts captive:
  - Write down our thoughts about the situation.
  - Ask ourselves, what do we need to know about Christ to feel His comfort in the situation.
  - Cover each thought with Scripture(s).
  - Pray and ask God to guide us in how to create a daily prayer to fortify our shield of faith so when the arrows come flying, they hit our shield and not our heart!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- We are continuing our **optional** 21-day fast which began on March 11<sup>th</sup>. We are fasting however the Holy Spirit leads, and if He hasn't led someone to fast, that's okay too!

## **SONGS FROM THE EVENING:**

- Opening: CeCe Winans - Holy Forever (Official Music Video) Opening: CeCe, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xcFM9CBiOE>).
- Closing: Ryan Ellis - Gonna Be Alright (Official Music Video), (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMX-gTuKh8s>).

**NEXT MEETING:** April 9, 2024 @ 7:00pm.