
MEETING NEWSLETTER

MY HEART MIGHT BE GOOD GROUND IF ...

Welcome to WoW², Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our meeting on April 7th. The newsletter may not capture everything, and the topics may not be in the exact order discussed. The newsletter is intended to capture key points from our evening together, with like topics being grouped together for convenience. We hope you are blessed as you join us on our journey.

CURRENT VISION: Thriving in the Wilderness. We will cultivate a safe place to grow in a peaceful environment by preparing the soil of our heart to receive and respond to God's guidance, anchoring ourselves in the Holy Spirit. **We will operate** according to the established guidelines of our group, all of which will bring to light the changes we need to make in our lives, so we can gain the nourishment necessary to grow as individuals and as a group.

Thriving, while in the Wilderness, **will be the outcome of our growth.**

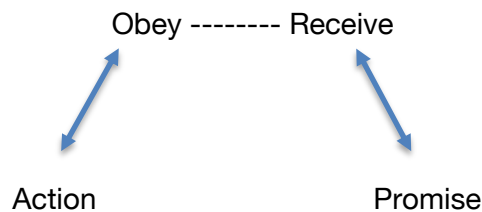
TOPICS DISCUSSED: During this meeting we discussed the following:

Lesson 5 – My Heart Might by Good Ground If ...

- **Do you believe Jesus will answer your prayer?**
 - **Four things that impact whether or not we believe God will answer prayer:**
 - **It depends on whether or not it aligns with His will.** When we don't know His will, we don't know if we expect Him to answer. If we do know His will, we can believe He will, because He said He would, but He may not answer the way we want Him to. Therefore, it may not look like we think, but it will look like it needs to look.
 - **If the motive of my heart is right.** Right motives are a condition for answered prayer.
 - **Not understanding the ripple effect of what needs to be learned or not learned.** He doesn't say when it will be done, just that it will be done, so we have to respect and honor His timing, especially since we don't know the ripple effect of what's happening the way He does.

- **Be able to trust in the Lord knowing it may not look like what we think, but it will look how it needs to look.** We need to learn to walk in the truth of Proverbs 3:5-6 to trust in the Lord and not lean on our own understanding.
- **Other nuggets:**
 - It feels good when we know we have things in our belt of truth to lean on.
 - Our walk is about our Father's glory.
 - The fruit we are bearing comes from being His disciples. Thinking about the fruit brought to mind Ephesians, because fruit sounds like one of His many gifts He has given us.
 - Once we learn what He is teaching us, we can teach it to others.
 - James 4:6 - Proud people don't ask God for anything. But, when we humble ourselves and ask, we know He'll answer.
 - We looked at how God loves based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; love always protects.
 - He always trusts us to be us! And, if we could trust others to be themselves instead of trying to change them, we would have a lot less conflict.
 - Being right is about pride!
 - Perspective, perception, and expectation cause us to try to make people what we want them to be instead of who they are. The grace we receive is the same grace we should give to others.
 - You don't happen upon the good ground; you have to want to get there! The Israelites wanted to get to the Promised Land, but they didn't want to do the work to get there.
- **Nuggets related to what we heard:**
 - When we learn to accept His unconditional love, it will help us to want to repent and share that love.
 - His goodness leads us to repentance (Romans 2:4 NLT/NIV). When we don't think about His goodness towards us, we can fall into judgment. Understanding what He did for us AND accepting His love for us leads to repentance. However, one of the things that hinder us is thinking what He did wasn't for us
 - We need to check our motives.
- **Nuggets related to God's expectation of us and ours of Him:**

- He expects us to learn, love, and keep trying to draw near to Him.
- He expects us to love and obey Him, and we expect Him to lead and guide us.
- He expects us to praise, thank, and pray for guidance to become the person He wants us to be. He also expects us to study and pray and do the things He asks of us to maintain our relationship with Him.
- **Nuggets from what keeps us from resting in what we hear:**
 - The cares of the world keep us distracted, so we need to stay prayed up. It's about learning to be still and know that He is God.
 - We reiterated how what we see are the cares of the world.
- **Nuggets from what keeps us from trusting God:**
 - In addition to what we see affecting our ability to trust, do we trust we are capable of becoming all He wants us to be. We have to keep trusting His timing, His process, and don't let the enemy's lies keep us from our purpose.
 - We revisited "The Just Live by Faith" (attached).¹ We captured the following:



In other words, our action is an act of obedience, but we are to receive His promise. We have to know how to receive and not just know how to obey!

- We don't have a problem expecting to receive as much as we have a problem obeying. It's easier to want Him to do His part than it is for us to want to do ours, because we misunderstand who He is. He's not here to make our lives better. We have to understand who He really is to us and who we really are to Him. We're here to learn, grow, love one another, and to be better than what our nature is. Our mission is to squash the "God is my sugar Daddy" mentality!
- The relationship is important, because in order for there to be a relationship, both sides have to get to know who the other person is.

¹ T-Time is where we capture Scripture, a concept, or several concepts in an easy-to-see format. This T-Time can be found on the WoW2 website at: <https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/d82758d1-df55-463e-9474-96fcc1d61ef9/downloads/The%20Just%20Live%20by%20Faith.pdf?ver=1586444177859> or you can click on Documents, Individual T-Times, and the scroll down until you locate the document.

- Testimony: One of our sisters is a nurse on the front lines of this current pandemic, and she shared how God gave her a vision showing her how He put the blood around as she was working. He assured her that when she is taking care of patients with COVID-19, “the blood of Jesus will never lose its power.” What really struck her is God put the blood around her. It wasn’t just put there!
- **Final thoughts:**
 - Wanting our answered prayer to look like God wants it to look is on par with “count it all joy!”
 - He works ALL things It doesn’t say SOME things. It says ALL things.
 - John 15:7-8 had a major impact on our heart. These verses talk about abiding in Jesus and His words abiding in us. We noted the key to receiving is knowing what He told us, believing what He told us, and trusting in His timing!
 - Knowing and believing what He said about us and who we are in Him will overcome what keeps us from trusting Him. This reminded me of a clip from the movie “Overcomer,” so I sent out the clip.²

Homework Assignment(s):

- If you’ve not already, complete Lesson 5; start on Lesson 6.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on April 7th.

Closing: We closed our meeting in prayer with a time of need-specific prayer for the challenges that were lifted up, for the group overall, and as the Holy Spirit led.

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² “Scene from Overcomer: One’s Identity in Christ.” YouTube, January 26, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwnXhspNW-4&feature=youtu.be>.

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The Just Live by Faith³ Hebrews 10:39

Soils	How Do We Draw Back to Perdition?	How Do We Believe to the Saving of the Soul? ⁴	Arrow
Wayside	Fear that results in no faith	Believe	Regular
Rocky	Unbelief that battles with faith	Obey	Fiery
Thorny	Doubt that results in little faith	Trust	Combustible
Good		Great Faith	

• Explaining the T:

- **Middle columns.** Reveal what causes us to draw back to perdition (fear, unbelief, and doubt) in contrast with how we believe to the saving of our soul (believe, obey, and trust God until we develop great faith).
- **Outside of the T.** The soils from the parable of the sower and the seed are in the outer left column and the arrows the devil uses against us in the outer right column. This illustrates how each soil aligns with our faith and the type of arrow being launched at us.
- **Pulling it all together. Wayside.** There are times when a person survives the damage inflicted by a **regular** arrow (especially when it doesn't hit a vital organ). However, that damage may cause us to fear getting struck again, and we end up having no faith to believe God's Word. **Rocky.** If we learn to overcome our fear, the enemy still has **fiery** arrows to launch at us. We may see them coming, but avoiding the arrow we see might cause us to walk right in the path of an arrow we don't see, and we get hit anyway! During this season, we go back and forth between faith and unbelief. We believe when we hear the Word, but when the arrow comes, our faith turns to unbelief, and we fail to obey God! **Thorny.** However, if we learn to overcome our unbelief and just obey God DESPITE what we see, the enemy can elevate his attack and start launching **combustible** arrows! These are the arrows we don't see coming, but have the deadliest impact!

³ This T was created in our August 7, 2013 meeting, but expanded in our August 14, 2013 meeting. Notes from both meetings can be obtained from the Meeting Notes page of the website: <http://wow2women.com/meeting-notes.html>.

⁴ The components in this column come from a previous study on the parable of the sower and the seed. More information can be found in the file, "Four-Way Stop Sign & the Soils" (December 9, 2009) located under Group Documents on the website: <http://wow2women.com/documents.html>.

They are intended to inflame our emotions, and our emotions cause us to doubt God, especially when His timing doesn't align with ours! Over time, our doubt causes us to have little faith. At this point, we are in danger of backsliding (or as Hebrews 10:39 states, draw back to perdition). But, if we trust God and lean not to our own understanding, we can make that final transition. **Good ground**. Once we learn how to trust God through life's circumstances, we get to the good ground and have **great faith**! If our interpretation in this T is correct, the devil has no other form of arrow to launch! We are now equipped with a shield of faith to quench all his fiery darts!