
MEETING NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCTION TO RENEWING YOUR MIND, (cont.)

Welcome to WoW², Women of Worship, Women of Witness. We held a virtual social on June 16th; therefore, there are no Notes from that night. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our meeting on June 30th. 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: We began with the song, "Take Me into the Holy of Holies."¹

Lesson 8 – Introduction to Renewing Your Mind: Below are some of the ways we interpreted the three parts to Romans 12:2

- **Part 1: "Don't change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking.** If we understand how culture, society, and experience has impacted our thinking, we can then change how we think in that area! **Takeaway.** We have to know what needs to change, so we can let go of the world and grab hold of God's way of thinking!
- **Part 2: "Then you will be able to understand and accept what God wants for you.** We have to be willing to stop thinking like the world. For that to happen, we have to

¹ "Take Me Into the Holy of Holies – Serious Worship." YouTube, uploaded by Evangelist Anita, 11 June 2018, <https://youtu.be/cb1k3DxnpVQ>.

recognize when we're thinking like the world and when we're thinking like God. In other words, we need to know where we're standing in our thinking. **Takeaway.** To think like God is to know God and to understand what He wants from us; thus, it's important to know His character, especially when we're seeking to renew our minds.

- **Part 3: "You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect."** What's good and what's agreeable to God, should mature us in His kingdom. At some point, we should be "full grown" and not acting like a child in His Kingdom, but completing what He's given us to complete, hopefully, bringing generational curses to an end in our lives, and fully serving Him. **Takeaway.** Allow Him to grow us up in the Word!
- **Overall Takeaways.** In order to know if we're thinking like God wants us to think or like the world, we need to know what thinking like the world looks like the same way we need to understand what worldly wisdom and Godly wisdom look like. Proverbs 23:7 highlights that as we think, so are we! Thankfully, several of us are seeing growth. As we progress through the study, our thinking is changing! **Takeaway.** Practice makes perfect! The more we practice renewing our mind, the better we'll get at it!
- **Hear:** We need to be careful to not get sucked into worldly mindsets that may seem good, but aren't God! Moreover, if we're to walk in "no weapon formed against us shall prosper," we need a plan for when our emotions blow up. For example, we can say "This is what you're telling me (fill in the blank), but this is what God is telling me (fill in the blank)." And, if we don't have Scripture to cover what the adversary is speaking, keep seeking Him for one, so we're not left unarmed against the devil's accusations, schemes, deceit, and lies. **Takeaway.** When we stop and treat others the way we want to be treated, it will help renew our mind against any anger, bitterness, or rage we have towards those who have hurt us.
- **Expect.** He expects us to study His Word, to pray, and to get to know His character, so we can discern between good and God. We expect Him to guide us by His Holy Spirit. **Takeaway.** Listen and obey. Take things one step at a time, fully expecting the Lord to give us the grace to fix what He knows needs to be fixed.

- **Act.** One way we can act on what we heard is to spend more time in the Bible to hear directly from Him. We can read Scriptures and apply the principles in our study to know where they're landing, so we'll know how to pray. Moreover, it helps to read and meditate on Scripture every morning, throughout the day, and even in the evening. **Takeaway.** Spend time reading, praying, meditating, and acting on what we learn!
- **Rest.** Some of us find it hard to rest in what we heard, because we have a burden to speak up about police brutality and systemic racism, while avoiding anger or other distractions from seeping in, but we have to make sure our good aligns with God! Others don't have any disturbance keeping them from resting in what they're hearing from the Lord. **Takeaway.** It's important to make time to renew our mind.
- **Trust.** All of the side noise from the pandemic and our current political climate along with the fact that what we think the end result should look like may not be what the Lord thinks it should look like. **Takeaway.** Trust God in all things!
- **Dealing with our emotions.** Sometimes, in our struggle we will ask the Lord to let this cup pass from us, but He says His grace is sufficient! We know He will not allow us to be tempted above what we are able to bear, but sometimes, we just wish He didn't trust us so much! **Takeaway.** Don't let the lies and deceit of the enemy set in!

Songs for the week: "Alive and Breathing," by Matt Maher

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHfPN2-V5fw>), "The More I Seek You," by Kari Jobe (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NI_1YliutzA), and Take Me Into the Holy of Holies – Serious Worship (<https://youtu.be/cb1k3DxnpVQ>).

Homework Assignment(s): Lesson 9, "I See Me."

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7th, via Zoom.

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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