

Welcome to WoW2, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our July 5, 2022, 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 gain emotional wellness and strength for the Promised Land by believing, receiving, and obeying the truth of God's Word when it comes to deliverance from bondage, deliverance through sanctification, and deliverance from bitterness and doubt.

OPENING

We opened our evening by welcoming a new sister into our midst. Our opening song was "We All Need Jesus," by Danny Gokey before beginning our discussion in Ecclesiastes 5.

DISCUSSION

We reviewed Ecclesiastes 5:1-17 to catch everyone up on what we already studied; we were reminded of the importance of being quiet. We also took note of how people try to draw us into talking about others; however, we are to be mindful of our responses. We also noted being careful and mindful in one area can help us be careful and mindful in another area.

In vv8-9, we looked at all the things happening in our nation. And even though it's hard to be **shocked** in the sight of any corruption we see around us, it's still **heart-breaking** where our nation is right now. It can even make it hard to obey the law of the land when it's corrupt or even perceived to be corrupt. That's why it's important to pray for our officials. Maybe some of what is happening will cause others to step up.

In vv8-9, we noted tragedy can spark an entire movement and the impact is greater than the tragedy! Even in our nation, we can see change happening, slowly but surely. This change would not have happened but for the tragedies that have occurred. After all,

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Upcoming Events

July 26

Social

August 2

Raising Godly Women Prayer

September 6

Night of Prayer

Current Vision

Revive! Restore. Refresh.
Renew – Emotional wellness
in the wilderness and
strength for the Promised
Land.

Scripture(s)

Isaiah 57:15; Isaiah 43:19

Additional Verses: Romans
8:15, Romans 6:4, 2 Timothy
2:15, Ephesians 4:23, Romans
12:1-2, Hebrews 12:14-15,
James 1:5-6, and John 6:29

Inspirational Song(s)

"On Our Way" by MercyMe
feat. Sam Wesley

"Revive" by WorshipMob

Current Study:

Ecclesiastes

anything man can do, God can do exponentially better! So, even though the world is out of control, God is not. He is still in control!

In **v10-12**, the more we have the more we want, and the more we worry about what we have – we're **never satisfied**. This reminded us of Proverbs 15:27, Proverbs 1:19, and Matthew 6:19. This mindset makes it easy for us to love God for what He gives us rather than for who He is.

We discussed how **we can't take our possessions with us**. We also noted even if we squandered everything we have, hopefully, we learn something from it. For example, if we lost our earthly treasures, there must be a reason, and if it's ill-gotten from us, God is able to make us whole.

We had a **personal testimony** of how losing what she had turned into a blessing and helped her turn to God.

We discussed how we process what we read and what we hear through our own filter, even though that may not be how it was intended, since **different perspectives** can cause the Word to hit different.

We can be so independent, we don't understand how much we need God. He is multi-faceted, but we only get glimpses.

Thankfully, **our differences** make us stronger together, with God and with each other.

Ecclesiastes is Old Testament, and since we are on the other side of the promise they were waiting for, we have a **different perspective**. And for that, we are very blessed.

The **greatest feeling** is being able to put our hands down and then watch God go to work! That testimony allows us to share about His goodness! And when we give God His glory, it becomes seed that can be planted in the heart of unbelievers!

In **v13-17**, we noted how sitting in frustration and anger is a mindset we choose to hang on to. There's always something we can be thankful for!

In **v18-20**, enjoy the good things in life and thank the Lord for it.

In **v19**, "**This is a gift of God**" led to the quote, "This is the gift of God. Whether a meal or a mansion, it is a gift from God, not from your labor, and be thankful to Him for it. Don't reject the gift! Recognize the gift is from Him and have joy in it."

Homework

Ecclesiastes 6

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 @ 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.

Some highlights from our takeaways

When there's something missing in our life, rather than looking for **comfort** in the wrong places, fill that void with Jesus! The example we discussed is my journey with food. I'm reflecting on what I'm eating and why so that I can learn to enjoy food without it being my master!

All things indeed work for good, so give grace for the good. Even if the good doesn't appear until much later, God keeps us through until the harvest, whether it looks like we want it to or not.

"Whether a meal or a mansion" is a profound statement that really stuck with us!

RESOURCES

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

"MercyMe feat. Sam Wesley - On Our Way (Official Lyric Video)," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9R8x5YlbQ0Q>).

"Revive," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYEOCM9rbMg>).

Links to the Song(s) from this meeting:

"We All Need Jesus (feat. Koryn Hawthorne) (Official Music Video), by Danny Gokey, (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRX-r51_1TA).

CLOSING

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