

**Welcome to WoW2**, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This was supposed to be a social night, but we moved it to a later date. Therefore, this newsletter captures topics discussed during our July 26, 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.

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**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.

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### OPENING

**We opened our evening** in prayer and then began our discussion to finish Ecclesiastes chapter 6.

### DISCUSSION

We began by **reviewing verses 1-7**. In **v4**, we noted this darkness can be a darkness in the mind. However, it's our responsibility to lift the scales from our eyes so we can see.

In **v8**, the word "wise" led to discussing there is a difference between worldly wisdom and godly wisdom (James 3:13-18). Here Solomon is telling us worldly wisdom does not produce happiness and James is telling us the fruit of heavenly or godly wisdom is a "harvest of righteousness" (James 3:18).

In **v9**, we can be looking at what we see that's enjoyable, but then spend time craving something else. In this instance, we're not seeing what's in front of us, nor taking the time to enjoy what we have. So, let's stop, see, and enjoy what's available to us rather than looking forward to a better day. After all, the days ahead are not promised to us. Besides, focusing on the soul's desires can keep us in darkness!

### Upcoming Events

#### August 2

Raising Godly Women Prayer

#### August 23

Social

#### September 6

Night of Prayer

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### 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

Gratitude helps us **enjoy what is available**. It shakes us up and helps us be thankful for what we have, where we are, and for the things God has blessed us with. This led to a conversation on Ephesians 1:15-19. According to these verses, God has to open the eyes of our heart so we can see the blessing, the wealth, and the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We also noted, sometimes, darkness is hard to come out of, so that we can see the good around us. However, we can pray for God to remove the blinders, so we can see the good and stop listening to the voices of darkness.

**In v12**, we discussed the limitations of human wisdom. When Solomon said, "For who knows what is good for anyone's life," we noted we can think something is not good, when it is, and we can think it's good, but it's not (Proverbs 14:12; Numbers 11:31).

We discussed you can have food and **still crave** other food, because **you're not satisfied** with what you have. We can be the same way with God when we're not satisfied with what He's given us like when the Israelites asked for a king when they had THE King of kings! God gave them the desire of their heart—a king—but He warned them what would happen.

**In v12**, all our busyness does not necessarily create something of lasting value. For example, who knows what will happen with WoW<sup>2</sup> once I'm gone. However, that's His concern, not mine. He's the owner, I'm the steward. As the owner, growth and continuity are His responsibility. Besides, some things are just for a season. And there's nothing like holding onto a season when God is moving us!

### Some highlights from our takeaways

We found this whole chapter to be a gratitude shake-up and an awareness of our humanity. He is God and we are not!

No one is free from the tragedies found in this chapter. The children of Israel experienced them again and again, and so do we!

We need to take time to look, to ask the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to see the good things in life, and not waste a lot of energy on the "whens." "When I have .... When I get ... etc."

## Homework

Ecclesiastes 7

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 @ 7:00pm.

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## 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=9R8x5YIbQ0Q>).

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

**Links to the Song(s)** from this meeting:

"CeCe Winans: Goodness of God (Live)," ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y81ylo1\\_3o8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y81ylo1_3o8)).

"Dwell In His Presence: 4 Hour Prayer, Meditation & Relaxation Soaking Music," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfJ7DyLW92A&t=1378s>).

## CLOSING

We collected our **praise reports** and **prayer requests** for the evening and then closed in prayer while listening to "Dwell in His Presence."