

MEETING NEWSLETTER

I See Me: Old Man, cont.

Welcome to WoW², Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our meeting on August 12th. 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:

Lesson 9 "I See Me: Old Man, cont": We continued our discussion on the "old man."

- Processing our pain. When our pain feels too great, we can get upset with God, especially if we're not exactly sure what He wants us to do OR how He wants us to handle our pain. In addition, we can get to a point where we reach our breaking point and need something to give. Since some of us were in very difficult places, we spent most of the evening in personal ministry and discussing how to be a safety net for each other. Takeaway. It's okay to not be okay! We need each other, so let's use the net God has given us!
- Proverbs 4:23. This verse speaks to how the issues of life can flow from our heart.
 Even those who were in a difficult place felt their heart was good ground for this verse.
 More importantly, despite their current circumstances, they didn't have chaos in their heart. Takeaway. Just because we're in difficult circumstances doesn't mean there has to be chaos in our heart.

Helping others. As much as we may want something for someone else, we have to
wait on God's timing. Also, as the old saying goes, we can give a person a fish to eat,
or we can teach them how to fish. However, if they don't go out and fish for
themselves, they'll still starve.

Song(s) for the week: Psalm 63:6-8 inspired the song, "Dream Weaver," by Gary Wright (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgCWgfwlk0M). Even though it's not a traditional song, we chose it, because we see God as the Dream Weaver! "Your Spirit," by Tasha Cobb is our other song (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZT8jqsc8lQ).

Homework Assignment(s): Complete Lesson 10: The New Man.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 19th, 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.