

Welcome to WoW2, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. We did not meet on August 16th nor on August 23rd. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our August 30, 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 in prayer and then began our discussion to finish Ecclesiastes chapter 7:15-29.

DISCUSSION

In v16, we noted **you can be so spiritually minded that you're no earthly good** – you're disconnected! Jesus corrected the Pharisees, because they spent so much time in the Law, while disconnected from the people and not helping others.

In v17, we noted, how being excessively wicked and being foolish can lead to an early death!

In v20, we noted when someone falls, any excessive righteousness on our part is hypocrisy, because as the verse points out, "There is certainly no one righteous on the earth who does good and **never sins**" (emphasis added). Romans 2:1 even talks about judging others and we're doing the same thing. We're not giving room for grace and mercy. Moreover, people can be anointed and broken. Those anointed by God can still have brokenness they're healing through. However, when we look up to them, we can end up praising the anointing to the point that we overlook their humanity! Bottomline is, "Who appointed us as judge?" especially since we make such terrible judges!

Upcoming Events

September 6

Night of Prayer

September 13

Vision Check

September 24

Pearls of Wisdom Retreat

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

In v19-22, we noted how these verses remind us of Proverbs!

In v23, we noted wisdom that's independent of God is worldly wisdom.

In v23-24, we're always at the tip of the iceberg when it comes to God. There's so much to know about Him that we can never know it all! **We're on the journey of eternity to fully grasp God.** Even the simplest concepts can baffle us! After all, what we know and what we believe may not be the same. But our goal is to believe God, knowing He can do one thing in many ways, so choose to **believe in Him**, rather than in what He does. It doesn't matter what someone else is experiencing. If we don't believe God for ourselves, what we're believing for won't happen, which does sometimes happen in our relationship with God! We believe He's saying that He has the bridge, but we don't want to go over it, because it doesn't look sturdy enough.

In v25, we looked at Solomon's comparison of "**wickedness is stupidity and folly is madness.**" According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance application, the original definition for "wickedness" is "wrong," and "folly" contained words like "silliness" and "stupidity." So, we concluded **folly is not intentional**, but more about acting in the wrong way at the wrong time! In other words, lacking good sense!

In v26, there's a Proverb that talks about avoiding the adulteress. However, it takes being pleasing to God to escape that trap. Moreover, because of who might be watching, **when the enemy causes someone to fall, there may well be a ripple effect for those observing their walk!** Sadly, it's the familiarity we cultivate in inappropriate relationships that can lead to a foothold for Satan to get in!

In v27, Solomon's saying, "adding one thing to another," reminded us of the verse that talks about "line upon line, precept upon precept" (Isaiah 28:10 New King James Version). In essence, **everything adds upon itself until it eventually produces fruit.**

In v27-29, we noted even though God made us upright, our sinful nature causes us to pursue sinful schemes over upright ones. We even looked at **verse 29** in the Amplified Version and clearly saw this verse **explains "how God can allow people to do bad things."** It's because He made us upright, but WE decide to pursue "many schemes."



Homework

Ecclesiastes 8

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 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

Even though Solomon was the wisest man on earth, he was constantly pursuing wisdom!

The Amplified Version of verse 29 was the BOMB!

Solomon was still learning wisdom in different ways, because wisdom is everlasting.

Solomon had the wisdom to rule people, but not wisdom for everything.

You can have a gift, an anointing, and a purpose, but still be healing from brokenness. You can be broken with a purpose!

We may have purpose, but that doesn't mean we have the clarity we need.

There's a different in what we know and what we believe.

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:

"Gratitude (Chosen Performance) - Brandon Lake," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQdfs5S6jyA>).

CLOSING

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