

Love Notes: The Genesis of Faith Series Chapter 11

As promised, I have compiled the discussion notes from our Soulful Saturday meeting on **11/01/2025**. On this day we continued with the Genesis of Faith Series. We read from Genesis Chapter 11 and to capture the significance of the our weekly discussion of the Word, we referenced: **Philippians 4:1 MSG**

[1] My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God.

Speaker Notes: *I just want to thank you for being here with me on the last Saturday of my 30's. As I stare down the barrel of 40, I have so much to be thankful for. I was once lost, abused, rejected, hated, talked about, disgraced, and discarded. But God.*

God knew His plans for me, while I was busy making my plans to become who I thought I was supposed to be. All the while, God was using my mistakes to mold me into who He called me to be. His humble servant. I was tested by fire and remained like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendego. But Jesus stood in the gap of the fire and heat, and He kept me from smelling like smoke. (Illustrative Reference: Daniel Chapter 3)

*So I don't look the way I used to. I don't move the way I used to, I don't live the way I used to, but I battle fear. So I need you. Alone, I'm but one. United in faith, we are one body. And together, we are unstoppable. Together, we are **SuperWoman**, mighty, and unconquerable. Fear is powerless in our unity with God. So I thank God for you, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you.*

So let's continue to help each other, support each other, uplift, and encourage each other as we walk united by faith. Let God have His way, I promise you, it's far better than what you imagined for yourself and much more than you could ever achieve alone. I'm so proud of us! We are here. We answered the call. Believe me, I know it's scary to walk by faith into the unknown, that's why we're walking together, unwavering in our faith, steadfast in our goals, and relentless in love. Praise God!

Recap: *Previously we discussed the beginning of Creation, Genesis, Chapters 1-3. We discussed the light from the first day in contrast from the light of the Sun, stars, and moon which were created on the 4th day. The Light being Jesus and how He was there before the creation of everything. We discussed the spiritual and physical realities that are congruent and how everything that happens in life, occurs in the spiritual realm first. We learned that deception begins with us believing there is an alternate or better way, apart from what God says, and deception ends with us discovering there is no other way. Then we discussed Genesis, Chapters 4-5. We discussed how Cain killed Abel and the separation between the Children of God (the lineage of Seth) and the Children of the Enemy (The lineage of Cain). We analyzed why Cain killed Abel and studied how murder wasn't committed because of jealousy or anger, it occurred because of Cain's heart posture.*

Then, when discussing Genesis, Chapters 6-8, we looked at why the fallen angels took women for wives and joined with them in spiritual marriage. We delved into the power of women, and our unique ability to steer the fate of mankind. We witnessed God's decision to cleanse the Earth of all mankind, animals, insects, and birds and then restore them, after having been cleansed with the water of heaven. "But Noah found favor". It was one man that brought sin into the world (Adam), and one man that would replenish the earth (Noah). Yet, because God's Spirit wouldn't battle with flesh forever, God decided mankind would no longer live beyond 120 years.

Last week, when studying Genesis Chapters, 9-10, we acknowledged that Noah's obedience was pure and righteous in God's eyes, because Noah's obedience didn't require proof or a witness. Noah had 3 sons, Shem, Ham, and Japeth. Their names prophesied their future as the fathers of all nations, Japeth (meaning enlarge) becomes the father of Europe, and Ham (meaning father-in-law) becomes the father of Africa, Shem (name) becomes the father of Asia, and the father of the Hebrew Israelites (the chosen).

Genesis: Chapter 11 (The Tower of Babel)

- The entire Earth speaks one language.
- Then they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches Heaven. Let's make ourselves famous so we won't be scattered here and there across the Earth."

Genesis 11:1-4 MSG

Speaker Notes: *In the previous chapters, and throughout the lineage of Seth (Adam and Eve's 3rd son) the Spirit of God was involved in naming the descendants and heirs to the kingdom of God. We studied how those names prophesied what would become of each of Noah's descendants. In addition, it was confirmed when God instructed them to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. In the previous Chapter 10, we have the great grandson of Noah, Nimrod, who built his own kingdom in Babel before taking on 3 others and eventually the entire country of Shinar, and that's Before going to Assyria and building Nineveh.*

Now Fast forward to Chapter 11, and we get the details that help us understand the heart of Nimrod. He started out on the path that God ordained for him, walking in perfect alignment to His will. He was a great hunter created for the unique and divine purpose of discovering, capturing, and bringing all that he sought into submission. But now, after having subdued and conquered so much, God is no longer a part of Nimrod's decisions. He isn't walking with God, nor seeking God's will, and not because he doesn't believe in God. Nimrod just believes in himself more. He believes he is in control of his destiny and his purpose in life.

How many know you can forget the real source of your strength, when you're doing all the work?

Nimrod was no different than me. God called me long ago but I left him on read. I got the message and decided to do it, but I would do it my way and in my time. So I started building my own kingdom. My kingdom was the shiny throne in the executive suit. My hunt was about pursuing wealth, careers, and relationships that never kept me satisfied. And once I reached the

peak, there was nowhere to go but down. So like Nimrod, I always needed more. More titles, more pay, more power, more territory, more recognition. Just more.

It wasn't until I completely surrendered my life to God that I finally found what I was seeking. Purpose. Not just a reason to live. Like Nimrod, I had that. I was a hunter, a natural problem-solving go-getter. People relied on me. So I thought I could be their savior. I would carry their burden without their help, fix the most complicated issues that were affecting the business, the people I loved, and the assets I acquired. Over time I built a name for myself. Don't get me wrong, it's noble to desire to save others, but I was misguided. It just didn't look like it because I was rewarded and paid handsomely. I sat on thrones in boardrooms I wasn't qualified to be in, and had the ear of Kings. So I mistook my gift of problem-solving for the role of being the savior. I didn't treat God as our Lord and Savior. I treated Him as God in heaven, not God with me. I could do nothing without Him except have His gift.

But how many know we all have gifts?

The problem is without God leading you and the Holy Spirit guiding you, we have no idea how to use it. It's God that unwraps it, and it's the Holy Spirit who teaches you how to use it. Only God gives purpose. The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy purpose. He does it by giving you an indistinguishable counterfeit, a beautiful fake, the perfect distraction. It looks like purpose. It pays the bills, allows you to travel, gives you fame, favor, recognition, or maybe it gives you people that want you enough not to let you go, but not enough to love you like Christ loved the church. It looks like this is it! Or this is the one. Has to be. But why isn't it enough? Where is the misery, dread, drama, hurt, disappointment, and sorrow coming from?

But did you talk to your Father God about it first? Did you wait for His confirmation? Did you seek His will and not hear Him, or did you just not like what you heard? Did He tell you so loud that you waited for a whisper instead? Maybe you heard him, but didn't trust Him? Wait, did you even try to seek Him?

Every counterfeit is revealed by the test of God's Word, His Spirit of perfect peace, and His Light of discernment. That is why on our faith journey, we must refuse to take one step without Him. We're no longer looking for a counterfeit or falling for its charms. We're after God's heart. We're pursuing Him. We're pursuing His perfect Will for our lives and we are walking in perfect alignment with Him. Unlike Nimrod, who abandoned the Kingdom of God, to build his own kingdom to heaven.

How many know there will never be a tower tall enough, nor a battle bad enough, to reach above The Most High God?

But what happens when you try?

Genesis: Chapter 11 continued (The Tower of Babel)

- God comes down look over what they built with Him **Genesis 11:5 MSG**

Speaker Notes: *Just because someone abandons God, doesn't mean that God is not there. There is no hiding from God, there is only running from love.*

Genesis: Chapter 11 continued (The Tower of Babel Falls)

- Good looks at the people with one language and knows that nothing will prevent them from reaching the heights of evil.
- He says we will go and garble their speech
- God knocks down the tower scattering the people. **Genesis 11:6-9 MSG**

Speaker notes: *Even when we are successful in the world, and even if we build a mighty Kingdom, without God, you could never enter His Kingdom. How many know the Kingdom of God is here? That perfect peace, that heavenly oasis...is here on earth. It's yours already. You just need to invite God into your life. Clear the spaces where He isn't, and Seek Him like others seek the counterfeit that the world offers. Then you will find God was always there. God Is. He isn't a possibility, a suggestion, He isn't I'm coming, He isn't I'm close, He isn't I'm on the way. And He is NEVER I might! Our God is I AM!*

*I recently had the pleasure of meeting one of our newest attendees. I didn't realize I never saw what she looked like because she is so brilliant and beautiful, it's all I could see. I was captivated and inspired. All I could do was listen and celebrate her because I knew in heaven they were throwing a party like Beyonce walked in. I'm sooo excited for her faith walk and honored to journey alongside her. She was so innocent in her truth that she gave it away like a child trading a diamond for a ring pop. She had no idea the treasure hidden in heart. But when she phrased the best question we can ever ask God...She said "I want to know who **I am**?"*

*I took off running into my secret place to worship God. She flipped my world on its axis. So innocent, but more powerful than any words ever spoken. I gotta say it again! I said. She said, "I want to know who **I am**?"*

Did you catch it?

Our Father God is so good He told you before you asked. He even answered her before she knew to ask. Before the worlds were formed, He answered her. He answered me.

Father, Who am I?

He answered us all when he revealed His Name! I AM THAT I AM! God with us! You are the child of The Most High God, beautifully, and wonderfully made. You are the vessel who holds the Holy Spirit of God, and He will never leave you nor forsake you.

*So verse 9 ends with the lineage of Ham, in Nimrod's kingdom, scattered all over the world. Now we enter into the lineage of Noah's second born, Shem (Name). In Hebrew, it is considered disrespectful to call God by His Name. Similar to Christianity we say God, we don't say the name of God. **In Hebrew they say HaShem (The name).***

Chapter 11 Continued: The Lineage of Shem

- When Shem was 100 years old, he had Arphaxad. After he had Arphaxad, he lived 500 more years and had other sons and daughters. **Genesis 11:10-11 MSG**
- When Arphaxad was thirty-five years old, he had Shelah. After Arphaxad had Shelah, he lived 403 more years. **Genesis 11:12-13 MSG**
- When Shelah was thirty years old, he had Eber. After Shelah had Eber, he lived 403 more years. **Genesis 11:14-15 MSG**
- When Eber was thirty-four years old, he had Peleg. After Eber had Peleg, he lived 430 more years. **Genesis 11:16-17 MSG**
- When Peleg was thirty years old, he had Reu. After he had Reu, he lived 209 more years. **Genesis 11:18-19 MSG**
- When Reu was thirty-two years old, he had Serug. After Reu had Serug, he lived 207 more years. **Genesis 11:20-21 MSG**
- When Serug was thirty years old, he had Nahor. After Serug had Nahor, he lived 200 more years. **Genesis 11:22-23 MSG**
- When Nahor was twenty-nine years old, he had Terah. After Nahor had Terah, he lived 119 more years. **Genesis 11:24-25 MSG**
- When Terah was seventy years old, he had Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran had Lot. Haran died before his father, Terah, in the country of his family, Ur of the Chaldees. **Genesis 11:26-28 MSG**
- Abram and Nahor each got married. Abram's wife was Sarai; Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of his brother Haran. Haran had two daughters, Milcah and Iscah.
- Sarai was barren; she had no children.
- Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot (Haran's son), and Sarai his daughter-in-law (his son Abram's wife) and set out with them from Ur of the Chaldees for the land of Canaan. But when they got as far as Haran, they settled down there. Terah lived 205 years. He died in Haran. **Genesis 11:29-32 MSG**

Speaker Notes: *Can we talk about Milcha for a moment?*

She lost her father and married her uncle. I hope she found love. I hope she knew she could never lose her Father, God. I hope she knew it wasn't her fault. I hope she didn't live a lie thinking that's all she was worth. I hope she found laughter, real joy, and perfect peace. I hope she knew her name meant queen. I hope she wore her crown well. I pray she was a good leader. I pray she stewards her gifts well. I pray she is still here, in spirit, living in the fullness of who she was called to be. I pray she works for God now. I pray she releases anything that tells her different. I pray she lets her truth set her free.

Now can I talk about Iscah?

Iscah lost her daddy, and her husband wasn't even mentioned. I hope she was happy she was single. I hope it brought her closer to her Father, God. I hope she understood that time alone with God is much better than marrying an uncle. I pray she found a community of disciples that encouraged her in her gifts, and helped her to carry her burdens. I pray she grew strong enough in her faith to know her name meant vision. I pray that she shares her visions from God, in spirit,

and in truth. I pray that she understands that God speaks to prophets. I pray that she listens when He speaks and is sensitive to His voice. I pray that she walks with Him all the days of her life, even if it starts now. I pray God endows her with perfect peace, wisdom, and triumph. I pray she walks in purpose, on purpose and God shines His Light on her path. I pray she knows the gift of foresight removes the need for hindsight. I pray she understands if she listens before it happens, she will be ready when it happens. I pray she knows listening is more valuable than speaking and obedience is safer than freewill. I pray she gets understanding and multiplies her wisdom.

Can I talk about Sarai? While she married the exalted Father, she was barren. Sarai had the best husband. He was faithful, He accepted her as she was, even when she wasn't fulfilling her purpose. He took her everywhere, and she was His princess. He treated her like His treasure and accommodated her short-comings. He never made her feel insignificant, He never let her down. He was her greatest helper and He was her divine. And while He is her Master, He let her have her freewill. I pray that once she has Him, she never lets Him go. I pray she learns to trust Him because no one will ever love her more. I pray she knows that she is incredibly beautiful, radiant, brilliant, talented, and lovely, but all of it belongs to Him. I pray she knows I'm praying for her.

Homework: *This week each of us is to find an opportunity to let someone help us. It's easy for us to be there for our jobs, our families, our children, our kids, but do we allow others the space to support us in vulnerability? Do we cry on other shoulders or do we shoulder the burden of others? Let us practice both giving and receiving love. It is necessary to keep our cups filled and replenished.*

Next Week: On our next Soulful Saturday meeting, November 8, 2025, we will continue in the Genesis of Faith Series with Chapters 12-13. Feel free to read ahead and I look forward to discussing it with you then.

I love you!

See you soon!

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