

WELCOME TO WORD OF FAITH LIFE GROUPS **WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**

LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

The Ephesians Prayer of Revelation” Pt. 2

Thursday, September 29, 2022 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

LOGIN INFORMATION

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OPENING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

WELCOME TO OUR GROUP (5 MINUTES)

If this is your first time joining us, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has four purposes:

1. **L... Learning together from God's Word**
2. **I... Interceding through prayer**
3. **F... true Fellowship in the Spirit of Christ**
4. **E...Evangelizing the lost**

PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 MINUTES)

FACILITATION OF LESSON

Sermon Title: “The Ephesians Prayer of Revelation,” Pt.2

POINT I

We are the verge of a breakthrough. But keep in mind every breakthrough in faith comes from a breakthrough in revelation knowledge.

On October 14, 1947, Captain Charles E. Chuck Yeager became the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound. At 10:30 a.m. on that Fall morning, Chuck piloted the X1 to a speed of Mach 1.06 (700 mph) at 43,000 feet above the high desert of California. The sound barrier that so many feared was broken.

Finding a man willing to risk the unknown of supersonic flight proved to be difficult; no man had ever been there. Some pilots called supersonic flight the monster while others called it the unknown. Many thought that no pilot or plane could withstand the stress of flying at such a speed. Other’s speculated that as soon as the sound barrier was broken, the airplane would disintegrate. Chuck Yeager, a pioneer and an American hero, determined he would be the first to break the sound barrier. With his historic flight, Yeager

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ushered in the beginning of America’s launch into outer space and NASA’s modern space shuttle. Breaking the sound barrier also broke the fear of the unknown. Yeager later described his supersonic flight as a poke through Jell-O, sipping lemonade on the front porch, and a perfectly paved speedway.

QUESTION

1. Why are so many people afraid to explore the unknown?

The real barrier was not in the sky; it was in man’s lack of knowledge regarding supersonic flight. We as Christians very often face challenges and barriers doing the will of God. Can anyone attest to that? Even the most difficult barriers can be broken, and believers can go to places in God they have never been before.

QUESTIONS

1. What barriers do Christians face when venturing out to do something they never done?
2. Make it personal what barriers have you faced?

POINT II

The Apostle Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 1 contains the necessary ingredients for every Christians to breakthrough any barriers they may face. **Ephesians 1:17-18** says, *“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints”*

The Apostle Paul called this necessary ingredient the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation. That is the main focus of this prayer and the greatest need of every believer. As Chuck Yeager used the X-1 to break the sound barrier, the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation enables believers to see things they've never seen, go places they've never been, and receive things they've never received before. Since 1947, when the X-1 first broke the sound barrier at a supersonic speed of Mach 1 (700 miles per hour), our capabilities in the air have been completely transformed. On November 16, 2004, NASA's X-43A scramjet successfully operated at roughly Mach 9.8 (7,000 mph).

The first breakthrough in supersonic flight had a huge impact on the future. Can you see where we're heading with this? God desires for you to experience more than one breakthrough in your life. He wants you to go from Mach 1 to Mach 2 and all the way to Mach 9.8! God wants you to have ever-increasing breakthroughs in revelation.

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This prayer in Ephesian’s is not really asking that God would do something for us, but that we would see what God has already done for us and what already belongs to us in Christ. Paul is praying for a breakthrough in revelation!

QUESTIONS

1. What is the necessary ingredient that every Christian needs to experience breakthroughs in their lives? Describe in your own words.
2. How will your breakthrough affect others?
3. What is Gods will for your life? What does God want you to see?

POINT III

The barriers we run into are not because God’s plan of redemption is deficient. The real barrier is in our knowledge and understanding of what God has done for us in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. We need to see who we are and what we have in Christ. When we live in the light of revelation knowledge, we will not only enjoy the blessings of God, but we will also fulfill the call of God.

Every breakthrough in faith comes from a breakthrough in revelation. Every breakthrough in receiving the blessings of God comes from a breakthrough in revelation and understanding. Every advanced in fulfilling the call of God in our lives today comes from a breakthrough in the spirit of wisdom and revelation. The power that is available to us as believers is accessed through the supernatural revelation of God and His Word.

It is possible to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and not walk in the abundance Jesus provided for us. It is possible to come to church week after week and remain totally unaware of who we are and what we have in Christ. It is possible to rejoice and shout “Hallelujah!” with tears rolling down our cheeks, and go home sick, depressed, poor, and still defeated in life. It is possible to live far below our authority and privileges as children of God just because we cannot see the truth.

QUESTIONS

1. What are the real barriers we are facing as Christians? What do we need to do?
2. Why is it vital for Christians to have breakthroughs in light of what we just read?
3. What things are possible, based upon what we read in the last paragraph, however not experience? Explain. Make it personal!

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POINT IV

The Ephesian’s 1 prayer is not for heathens or sinners. Paul was praying for people who had been filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. Paul knew the importance of receiving the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. If you look in **Acts 19:1-6**, you will see the following: *“1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.”* In other words, they were believers, but they had not yet received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Paul then got very specific as to what they believed. Because anyone can say they are believers, but you need to know what they believe in. Saying you’re a believer is just Christian lingo! Verse 3 goes on to say, *“3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John’s baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”* They believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and received the gift of salvation. We said, the Ephesian’s 1 prayer is not for heathens or sinners. Paul was praying for people who had been filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. That’s why the very next verse says, *“6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”*

QUESTIONS

1. Who was the Ephesian’s prayer written for?
2. Do you know of any believers who are still not filled with the Holy Ghost? Why?
3. What will they miss out on?

Acts 19:11 tells us, *“And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul”* in Ephesus. Well, who was Paul directing this prayer to? To the Church in Ephesus. These believers were filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in other tongues. They even experienced tremendous revival and phenomenal miracles in

their lives and in their church. Historical records even say that the Church in Ephesus grew to more than one hundred thousand people! These people were on fire and **Acts 19:10** states, *“And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.”*

Yet, Paul wrote to them and said, I’m praying for you! **Ephesians 1:16** says, *“Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.”* What did prayer for them? **Ephesians 1:17** says, *“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him..”*

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QUESTION

1. Despite the fact that they were filled with the Holy Spirit, what need did Paul perceive in His Spirit that they needed?

POINT V

Brother John Osteen, a Baptist preacher (this was Joel Osteen’s father) who got hungry for the Holy spirit, knew there had to be more to experience in his walk with God. He started hanging around full gospel people. Brother Osteen shared, “The full gospel believers scared me the first time I attended their services because they were singing and playing wild music that I was not used to. People started jumping and dancing and running and shouting all over the place. I thought, my, my, my! What in the world is going on here? Finally, the service settled down and people went back to their seats. The minister stood up and said, ‘Now, we want to pray for all of you who are struggling with depression.’ He said, ‘As I watched, many of the same people who had been jumping, dancing, and running now got up and made their way to the front for prayer because they were struggling with depression. He said, I thought, ‘My Lord, if they are depressed, I don’t have a chance.’”

QUESTION

1. Why do we see people jumping up and down and doing all these things Brother Osteen saw, yet they are still in bondage? Any personal experience you want to share?

Full gospel people tend to have more inspiration than they do information, but faith comes by the information, not just the inspiration of the Word. The Word of God contains supernatural revelation knowledge that is essential for our faith to work properly. It is more than just feeling the anointing. It is more than just listening to sister so-and-so sing a moving worship song that caused a tear to roll down your cheeks. You and I need to know who we are and what we have in Christ. The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write down this prayer in Ephesian’s 1, so it must be important for every believer to pray it continually. This also must mean we are not going to receive what is included in this prayer, if we do not pray for it. This is not just Paul’s prayer for the Ephesian church. This is the prayer of Jesus for every believer.

QUESTIONS

1. What are full Gospel people lacking? Explain from what you just read!
2. What will be the results of not praying this prayer?

CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)

PRAISE REPORTS - *2-MINUTES PER PERSON

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PRAYER FOCUS / INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUEST (10 MINUTES)

Prayer focus:

- 1) Your Circle (friends and family)
- 2) Life Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
 - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian and the ministerial staff.
 - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

Have you reached out to your circle today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

1. Join the SWAT Team for their next outing Saturday, Saturday, October 8th and October 22nd. The SWAT Team led 35 People to the Lord. Let’s pray for them according to Ephesians 1, that the eyes of their understand will be enlightened and that they will know the hope of his calling. God has called us to make disciples of men.

Prayer begins promptly at 11:00 am. For more information contact Minister Julie Francis

2. Join us for Holy Communion, Sunday, October 2nd at 10:00 am. If you are joining us online or by phone prepare your communion elements in advance so that we can break bread together.
3. Generation 6:20 Youth Ministry, Friday Night Live, Friday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. There is a \$1.00 admission fee to Friday Night Live. For more information contact Minister Julie Francis.
4. Join us for Baby Dedication, Sunday, October 9th at 10:00 am. To register see Minister Abbott or call the church office at (340) 774-8617.
5. WOFICC Membership Classes, Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. To register please see Minister Abbott.
6. Join us for Early Morning Prayer, Monday- Friday from 6:00 am - 7:00 am and Saturday’s at 10:00 am. Join us on the Miracle Line where sickness disappear and wholeness appears through Jesus Christ on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at 11:00 am by conference call, Facebook, YouTube and the Word of Faith Website. The call-in number for the Early Morning Prayer and the Miracle Line is (717) 908-1834, access code 755875#.

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7. Then Join us for Noon Day Prayer, with Evangelist Sharon Walker. Join us for 1-hour to pray. This is an In-person Prayer Service at Word of Faith.

8. Pastor and Evangelist Walker have launched an initiative called **WOFICC CARES**. It is their desire to serve the needs of the families in our church, in our community and throughout the Caribbean. Your help is needed! Monetary donations are being accepted to be a blessing to those truly in need. When making your donation to please write "*Gift for WOFICC CARES.*" **WOFICC CARES** about our church family! **WOFICC CARES** about our community! **WOFICC CARES** about the Islands of the Caribbean!

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