

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

LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

The Ephesians Prayer of Revelation” Pt. 7

Thursday, November 3, 2022 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

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.7

POINT I

We are continuing our study of the Ephesians Prayer. People were always obsessed with the challenge of climbing Mount Everest. The first people to successfully make it to the top were Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay in 1953. Since they broke that barrier, over 700 people have climbed to the top of the world. If you want to climb to the top of Mount Everest, you cannot do so in a single weekend. If someone tried it, they would perish since it is physically impossible for the body to acclimate to thin air or a shortage of oxygen in such a short amount of time. It takes around three months to climb the world's tallest mountain. Climbers use this period to gradually make their way up the mountain by moving from camps located at lower altitudes to camps located at higher altitudes. Sometimes they remain at high altitude camps for as long as three weeks until their bodies adjust to the higher altitude. At every altitude camp, something happens in their blood. Red blood cells begin to increase because of the lack of oxygen. By the time they reach the final altitude camp, the red blood cells in their bodies have actually doubled in number to be able to carry enough oxygen to keep them alive. Something has to change in your blood for you to survive this kind of mountain climbing.

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1. From your understanding of what we just read; why is it so difficult to climb Mount Everest?

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POINT II

Psalms 24:3-4 is a Bible verse that comes to mind when I think about a climb like this and it reads, “*Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*” The Knox Translation says, “...*Who dares climb the mountain of the Lord?...*” In these verses, God is giving a challenge to anyone who wants to move up higher in their fellowship with Him. After he gives the condition of clean hands and a pure heart, he gives the promise in verse 5, “*He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*”

Listen closely, there are some blessings you cannot receive from the God at sea level. Every breakthrough in faith comes from a breakthrough in revelation. You will have to move up in revelation and in faith to move up higher into God’s presence. The red blood cells of your faith can double so that you can move up higher in blessing and fruitfulness in the Kingdom of God. Revelation knowledge is where faith actually begins.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the challenge to all those who want to move up higher in their fellowship with God?
2. In order to receive certain blessings from God, what must a person do?
3. What happens when you have revelation knowledge?

POINT III

You can get a giant book of systematic theology and study the Bible from a theological point of view. You can study the Bible from a historical perspective, finding out the time frame, the author, and the setting in which each book of the Bible was written. You can study the Bible from a geographical point of view, looking at the audience to whom the book was written and the area of the world where they lived. Finally, you can study the Bible from a doctrinal perspective, searching out the major emphasis or theme in a particular book of the Bible. However, for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to work in your life, you will have to get beyond the theological, the historical, the geographical, and the doctrinal perspectives of the Bible. You will have to enter the realm of the inspirational, where the bible is God talking to you.

2 Timothy 3:16 says, “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness..*” All scripture is given by inspiration or God breathed. When the Spirit of wisdom and revelation is release in your life, you enter into a realm of revelation knowledge where God breathes his Word into your spirit and talks to you personally. That is when the Word of God comes alive in your spirit. No longer is Paul talking to only the Ephesian believers in 50 AD, now, God is talking to you! Through the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, you begin to find yourself in the Word of God.

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QUESTION

1. Can you describe the different ways to study the Bible in your own words?
2. What must you do to get the spirit of wisdom and revelation to work in your life? Explain!
3. What happens when the spirit of wisdom and revelation is released in your life?

POINT IV

As a child, Jesus not only grew up physically, but he increased in the knowledge of God and the scriptures. When his parents discovered him missing on their trip home from the temple, they found him in the temple hearing and astounding the doctors with his answers. **Luke 2:40, 42-43** states, “**40** And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. **42** And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. **43** And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.”

They looked everywhere for Jesus but couldn't find him among the kinsfolks. This is a side note: Remember the days when everyone helped raised your child. If you misbehaved, you got beat by the neighbor and then you got another beating when you got home. Let's continue with **Luke 2:46** and it says, “*And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.*” Jesus is twelve-years-old. They didn't find him hanging out somewhere with his friends. If they had social media and video games back then; you wouldn't find this twelve-year-old boy glued to his telephone or computer.

QUESTIONS

1. Jesus was a teenager just like teenagers today; but where did they find Jesus when they went looking for Him? Where didn't they find him?
2. Can anyone relate to how children were raised back in the day? Share!

POINT V

You would find Jesus trying to find out about his Heavenly Father and who He is. He knew from the example of his father and mother where his priorities lied. That was the first place they looked when they got back to Jerusalem. They found him in the temple. Where do you find your children when you look for them?

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1. What example was Jesus following? What example should parents practice?
2. Today if you're looking for your children where do you find them? What are they doing?

POINT VI

That's a good question! You should find them in the Word of God and praying because of the example you set before them. Waxing strong in spirit and filled with the wisdom of God so you're not worried about where they are or where they are going, or what they are doing. We started back life groups for your youth so they can get more of the Word instead of just one Friday a month because parents nowadays don't bring their children to church every Sunday. They give them a choice. Stay home and watch T.V. and play video games or go to church. What are they going to choose? Then when they do come to church, they immediately get into the sleeping position, slouched down in the chair. Back in the day your parents didn't allow you to go to sleep in the church. Some of you got that pinch in the side. Don't give your children an option of church if they're living under your roof. That's what's creating the problem we're having today with our young people. They have no Word; no godly wisdom and they are weak in the Spirit. So, Thursday at 6:00 have them on that youth life group zoom meeting. It's only an hour! Sit there with them to make sure they are engaging in the conversation. The change in your youth starts there! **Luke 2:52** says, “52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.” If you want your children to succeed in this life it starts here.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it dangerous to allow your children to choose whether they want to go to church or not?
2. What makes Life Groups so important for teenagers? What should parents do concerning Life Groups for their children?
3. What are teenagers lacking in today's society? Where does change begin?

Jesus found himself in the scriptures. He found himself in **Psalms 40:7** where it says, “Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me..” Then In **verse 8** he says, “8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. The volume of the book contains Him.” **Hebrews 10:7** refers to the same verse in reference to sanctifying himself to do God's will and it states, “7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.” If you want your children to fulfill God's will for their life help them, find themselves in the volume of the book. That's they only chance they have in this warped world. Jesus found his destiny and his substitutionary work in the scriptures.

QUESTIONS

1. Where did Jesus find himself?
2. If we want our children to fulfill God's will for their life what should be our priority?

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CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)

PRAISE REPORTS - *2-MINUTES PER PERSON

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, Carmelo 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 us for Generation 6:20 Youth Service, **Friday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m.** Admission to Friday Night Live is \$1.00. For more information see Minister Julie Francis.
 2. Single with Purpose will be going to the movies on **Friday, November 11, 2022.** Invite a friend and meet us at the Caribbean Cinema Market Square. The time will be announced.
 3. Join the SWAT Team for their next outing **Saturday, November 12th.** Prayer begins promptly at 11:00 am. For more information contact Minister Julie Francis.
 4. Join us for **Baby Dedication, Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 10:00 am.** To register call (340) 774-8617 or email wordoffaithvi@gmail.com.
 5. Mark your calendar for the Word of Faith St. Thomas 25th Anniversary Celebration Weekend. With Ministry of the Word by Pastor Kevin Wright of New Beginnings Christian Life Center in Byram, Mississippi and special musical guest Minister Judy Turnbull.
 - Friday, November 18th is the Anniversary Banquet - Ticket Cost: \$30.00 – Ages: 11 Under and \$65.00 – Ages 12 and Up
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1. 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

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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#.

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.

2. 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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