



## LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

*“How To Live Life The Faith Way” Pt. 5a*

**Thursday, February 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

*Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching*

**VIP Silver Saints - Conference Call: (717) 908-1834, 755875# – Dial \*6 to Mute**

**OPENING PRAYER (2-3 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: “How To Live Life The Faith Way” Pt.5a***

**POINT I**

*There are three things that last forever. We believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit; However, when we get to heaven, we won't be prophesying,*

*We won't be speaking in tongues or giving one another words of knowledge. Those manifestations of the Spirit won't continue to operate forever, but three things will – faith, hope, and love.*

***Let's Look At: 1 Corinthians 13:8***

*Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there **be tongues**, they shall cease; whether there **be knowledge**, it shall vanish away.*

*9 For we know **in part**, and we prophesy **in part**.*

*10 But when that which is **perfect is come**, then that which is **in part** shall be done away.*

*When we reach heavens pearly gates they won't be needed, and we will know fully!*

*11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through **a glass, darkly**; but then **face to face**: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

*13 And now abideth **faith, hope, charity**, these three; but the greatest of these is **charity**.*

*Love is the greatest, or in the Greek, the biggest, because it is the basis for everything God does. It should be the basis of everything we do as well.*

### **QUESTIONS**

1. Why won't the manifestations of the Spirit continue to operate forever?
2. Of the three that will remain forever why is love the greatest?

### **POINT II**

*When it comes to hope: hope gives us a vision of what the future will be. It gives us the dream of the end result. Hope alone isn't sufficient to bring God's will to pass in your life, but it gets you in position for the thing that will.*

*Hope is like a dream, but a dream without action will never materialize. That's where the next eternal attribute comes in.*

### **QUESTION**

1. Explain Hope in your own words.

*After hope comes faith. Faith puts action to the thing for which you hope. Look At: **James 2:17**  
Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

*18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and **I have works**: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee **my faith** by **my works**.*

*People talk about their dreams and goals all the time. You have to ask them, what are you doing about it?*

*Have you gone to God about what school to attend?*

*Have you prayed about whether this is the time for you to pursue that dream? Without taking action, the young man who wanted to be a doctor could live his entire life and never fulfill his dream.*

*Without action the person who had a call of God on their life could live their entire life and never fulfill that call.*

### **QUESTION**

1. How does faith put action to what you hope for? Give an example.

### **POINT III**

*Hope alone has no substance, but it's important because it gives you the expectation that I can do this. It can happen for me. It gets you to the point of expectation.*

*When you pray for people, they should come to you in expectation, But unless they have gone to the Word themselves and found what God says about their situation, their hope doesn't have anything to give substance to.*

*When people come to you for prayer saying, I've found out what God's Word said about my situation. I have made a decision to believe it. I am up here in obedience to what the Word said, and I am participating in my deliverance. Manifestation will come!*

*Like Papa Hagin would tell people that were coming to his meetings to receive their healing, to keep saying: Today I'm going to receive my healing when I go to this meeting and he lays hands on me.*

*The laying on of hands was their point of contact. They believed that when his hands touched them, they would be healed. He said everyone that kept saying, keeping their hope alive eventually received their healing before the meetings were over.*

*So, you're participating in your healing by saying: when hands are laid upon me, I thank you, lord I receive my healing. I want to give you praise and glory. I am healed!*

*What happens, you are healed! Faith is the action that makes it possible for what you hope comes to pass.*

### **QUESTIONS**

1. Why is hope important?
2. How do you participate in your manifestation?

### **POINT IV**

*Christianity is not a fairytale, and God is not Santa Claus. Too many believers want someone to wave a wand over them so they can be healed, set free from addictions, or have their needs met.*

*Some people get angry in counseling sessions because they didn't receive an instant answer. They fail to realize that it took them 15 years to get into the mess they were in, but they wanted to be bailed out in 15 minutes. Hope is not an excuse for laziness.*

*Turn To: **Hebrews 6:12***

*That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through **faith and patience** inherit the **promises**.*

*You can have a dream and an expectation for good things, but there comes a time when you have to do something. If you have a marital problem, you will need to make some changes. If you keep doing the same things, you will get the same results!*

*To improve anything in your life, you will need to make a quality decision to fix you. The way to fix you is to be in the Word of God on a dailey basis. It takes some effort, it takes some discipline, but the payoffs is well worth it!*

### **QUESTIONS**

1. Why do people want a wand waved over them to receive an answer?
2. If you have a dream and an expectation, what must you do?

*When you invest time in the Word of God, it will give you an out every time. It will show you the way out of marital problems, financial problems, health problems, relationship problems, employer problems, and any other problem. Going to church should give you the hope, but the church should also teach you how to get the Word of God for yourself on any subject.*

*When you are slothful, you just want to give up; you won't operate in faith and patience. Patience means fortitude and long-suffering. Faith and long-suffering are connected.*

*Your trust, confidence, and belief, may need to sustain you for a long time. You might even have to stand in faith for years. Why not? God stood in faith for you for a long time. He's been standing in faith for you to get it right all this time.*

### **QUESTIONS**

1. What will investing in the Word of God do in your life? What happens if you are lazy in this area?
2. How are faith and long-suffering connected?

### **POINT V**

*The question is how do I remain patient. Question; have you ever prayed like this: "When, God, when? I prayed and believed you for a job, a spouse, a healing, and it, he, she hasn't manifested yet. When God when?"*

*If you find yourself sounding like that, you need to check your patience. Patience is a vital part of receiving, faith and patience inherit the promises. Maybe you know that you need patience, but you don't know exactly how to stay calmly persistence.*

### **QUESTION**

1. Have you ever prayed like we just read? What should you be checking? Why?

*Turn to: **Philippians 4:4** Because it gives us the solution to impatience.*

***4 Rejoice** in the Lord always: and again I say, **Rejoice**.*

*When you read the word rejoice in any scripture, do that very thing! Don't just think about it!' Make your mouth, your body, and your mind rejoice! When you are rejoicing, and you have a smile on your face; You'll stop thinking about how bad the situation is, and you can endure for as long as it takes for the manifestation of your faith to materialize. Let's rejoice right now! Put a smile on your face!*

### **QUESTION**

1. What is the solution for impatience? How will the solution affect you?

Now, after you rejoice, Paul said in: **Philippians 4:6** You Should Give Thanks.

**Be careful for nothing;** but in every thing by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God.

If you honestly believe that God is handling your problem, you should be sincerely grateful. You should say, thank you Jesus, you've been so good to me!

You should sing songs of praise and gratitude. After you sing and praise, Paul said be careful for nothing. That simply means, don't worry! If you are tempted to worry, just turn that thought into praise and thanks to God!

### **QUESTIONS**

1. After rejoicing what is the next step? Why?
2. When you are tempted to worry; what should be your response? Demonstrate!

### **POINT VI**

Another question is when do I apply patience? Read: **Hebrews 10:36**

For ye have **need of patience**, that, **after** ye have done **the will of God**, ye might receive **the promise**.

Well first, you need to do the will of God. Then you need to be patient. The word (will) means choice of God and God's decision. Before you receive the promise, you need to ask yourself, am I doing God's will, am I seeking his choice or am I doing what I want to do, and seeking what I want?

Where can you find God's choices? God's will and decisions are clear and easy to find; they are right in the bible. You can find what his choice is. You don't have to wonder; you don't have to guess. You don't need to seek popular opinion.

### **QUESTIONS**

1. Before you can receive the promises of God what must you do first?
2. Where and how can you find God's choice?

The world says it's acceptable to engage in sexual relations before marriage, and they will tell you that if a woman finds she has an unplanned pregnancy, there's a choice between letting the

*baby live or die. They will stand up in the middle of a church and scream out my body, my choice. God didn't say that! It's the same with homosexuality and transgenderism and gay marriage. God didn't say that!*

*Do god's will first, then after that, apply patience. Patience has become a dirty word to many Christians, but faith requires certain disciplines, one of which is patience.*

*Too many believers think they shouldn't have to wait for anything, but God doesn't operate on your calendar or your clock. God has forward vision; he's got pre-vision. He knows tomorrow better than you know yesterday. So, you need to trust that he is on your side. Exhibit cheerful endurance, stay thankful, and always believe!*

### **QUESTION**

1. What does the world say and why shouldn't we follow what they say?
2. What disciplines do faith require?

### **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:

1. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian, Carmelo and the ministerial staff.
2. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

#### **Have you reached out to your circle today?**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)**

Join "Read Along with Word of Faith" for its' upcoming Small Talks Series on the following subjects.

1. The Power of God's Word to Enhance Your Mental Health with Dr. Dionne Simmonds –

**Tuesday, February 21st at 7:30 p.m.**

2. The Word of God and Money with Dr. Tamara Lang – **Tuesday, March 14th at 7:30 p.m.**

The meetings will be held on ZOOM and Facebook. Meeting ID is **Meeting ID: 844 8529 1794**  
**Passcode: 202540.** Don't miss out!

5. The SWAT Team led 18 people to the Lord on **Saturday, February 11th.** Join the SWAT Team for their next SWAT Outing, Saturday, February 25th at 11:00 am. For more information contact Minister Francis.

6. Join Kid's World VI for an Ice Cream Social – **Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 10:00 am.** Yummy Vanilla, Strawberry and chocolate Ice cream with different toppings. You make it your way! FYI: FOR KIDS ONLY! For more information see Minister Abbott.

7. 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 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#.

8. 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.

9. 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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