

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

LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

“How To Live Life The Faith Way” Pt. 7a

Thursday, March 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.7a

POINT I

When talking about faith, you may ask “What is the faith?” Paul tells us in: **Romans 10:8**, *“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, **the word of faith**, which we preach.”* The church name Word of Faith was founded on this scripture.

The Greek word for “faith” is “*pistis*.” Our bible school in which registration is open until July carries that as its name. **Pistis** means *persuasion, it means conviction, it means confidence, it means trust, belief, and assurance*. Therefore, you could say the definition of Word of Faith is the message of *persuasion, conviction, confidence, trust, belief, and assurance*. Faith begins with making Jesus your Lord, as Paul states in verse 9, *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”* A few verses later, Paul reminds us of each individual’s role in sharing the gospel. Whether you are in full-time ministry or not, you are charged with the responsibility of preaching the gospel.

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QUESTIONS

1. What is the Word of Faith?
2. What's each person in the Body of Christ charge with?

POINT II

Someone needs to preach the Word so people can have faith in Jesus Christ. That's why Paul indicated in verse 14, *"14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"* They Can't! When you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord? What happened? Somehow you heard the great and glorious news that God loved you so much that He sent his Son to die on the cross in your place. Someone shared the way to be saved. Maybe it was your mother or father, or a teacher, or a friend. Perhaps it was your pastor or maybe even a television evangelist, but somehow you heard that Jesus is the Son of God who suffered and died to be a perfect sacrifice for your sins.

The Holy Spirit may have led you to **John 3:16**. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* But somewhere along the line, you heard the fullness of the gospel preached!

QUESTION

1. When, where and how did you receive Jesus? What did you specifically hear that enticed you to receive Him?

Ephesians 4:11-12 says, *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."* He set the fivefold ministry gifts in the church for a purpose. The church needs them! There is a popular trend that purports that Christians don't need pastors or any of the other five-fold ministry gifts. People who stand by this misconception say, *"I've got the Holy Ghost. He can teach me everything!"* The question would be; why then would God have placed the gifts of the apostles; prophets; evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers in the Body of Christ?

God put them in the church to help the Body of Christ grow. Paul asked, *"How shall they hear without a preacher?"* They Can't! The word "hear" is the Greek word *"akouō"* and it means *"to give audience, to attend to, consider what is or has been said to understand, to perceive the sense of what is said. to find out, learn to give ear to a teaching."* How shall they consider what is or has been said in the Word of God so that they can understand without a preacher.

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QUESTION

1. Why do people have the misconception that they don't need the fivefold ministry gifts?
2. Why did God give us the fivefold ministry gifts?

POINT III

Some may be called to foreign countries or somewhere outside their comfort zone like Pastor and Evangelist Walker. Others may be called to preach to their neighborhood like they did before they received the call to St. Thomas. Whether you are called to go or to stay, the Lord expects every one of his children to contribute so that others can hear the word of faith. We are grateful for every person that gives into this ministry; who makes it possible for us to minister the Word of trust, confidence, and persuasion about the faithfulness of God here and to the other islands and beyond. We're grateful for those who make it possible to keep the doors of this church open so that people can receive the Word of Faith.

You may already be saved, but you need to hear the Word of God preached on healing to increase in health. You need to hear the word preached on prosperity to increase in wealth. You need to hear the word preached on joy to grow in strength. Whatever you hear preached will bring increase into your life.

QUESTIONS

1. How does the Lord expect you to contribute?
2. Fill in the blanks! You need to hear the word preach on _____ in order to _____!

POINT IV

Everyone who hears the gospel doesn't choose to believe the gospel, but everyone who has believed the gospel heard it first. The Prophet Isaiah asked who accepted the report of the Lord. **Romans 10:16-17** says, "*But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" The prophet's query indicates that some believed and some didn't. In verse 17, the traditional King James version has the word "*cometh*" in italics. We like to have the bible accessible on our phones and tablets, but those electronic versions often times don't indicate the italicized words. Italicized words in the King James bible were words that were added by the translators in an attempt to bring clarity to a verse. The added words sometimes add clarity, but sometimes they can confuse the original meaning.

QUESTIONS

1. Does everyone who hears the Gospel believe? Why or why not?
2. Why are some words in the Bible italicized?

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POINT V

The original Greek of **Romans 10:17**, “*So then faith by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” Faith is by hearing and hearing and hearing! Did you notice that Paul didn’t say faith came from having heard? Faith comes through repetition. The Greek word that is translated “word” in this verse is “*rhema.*” Rhema refers to a spoken Word from God. When you attend church and you hear your pastor preach the Word of God over and over again, you should expect faith to come and grow in you. On the other hand, if you stop hearing the Word of God preached, your faith will diminish. Your faith will increase or decrease according to your hearing not what you have heard.

QUESTION

1. What should you expect when you hear the Word of God preached over and over again?
2. What happens when you stop hearing the Word of God preached?

Since faith comes by hearing and hearing, you need to put yourself in position to hear the Word of God. That means you should be at church to hear it ministered live. You should speak it out of your own mouth, and you should play the word in your vehicle instead of listening to music or the news and talk shows on the radio.

Whatever you put inside of you is what will come out when you are in trouble. Only the Word of God has the power to get you out of your problem. Make the effort to hear it and hear it and hear it!

QUESTIONS

1. What efforts should make in order to hear the Word of God?
2. What will be the results when you make those efforts?

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:
 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)

1. The SWAT Team led 22 people to the Lord at Mandela Circle on Saturday, March 11th. Check the announcements for the next SWAT Outing. For more information contact Minister Francis.
2. Join “Read Along with Word of Faith” for its’ upcoming Small Talks Series on the following subjects.
 - Trusting God when building or buying a home with Minister Jennifer Bachelor **Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30pm.**
 - The meetings will be held on ZOOM and Facebook. The Meeting ID is **844 8529 1794 Passcode: 202540.** Don’t miss out!
3. Join the **VIP Silver Saints** for as they learn to ZOOM. **Sunday, March 19th immediately following service.** Please bring your electronic device (Phone, iPad or computer.) For more information contact Minister Irene Williams.
4. Join Covenant Partners Ministry for their next meeting **Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm.** Invite a couple and bring a dish! For more information, contact Minister Oysterman by email at wofcovenantpartners@gmail.com.
5. Join us for **A Night of Prayer, Friday, March 31, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. until midnight.** *Men ought always to pray and not faint.*
6. **2022 marked Word of Faith's 25th anniversary.** We're selling coffee mugs with a special design to commemorate this momentous occasion. The price per cup is \$12.00 and orders must

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be prepaid. The minimum quantity needed to place an order is 100 cups. **The deadline to purchase is Sunday, March 19th** For more information or to place your order please see Sister Stacy Gregoire.

7. **Mighty Men of Valor** it is time to get ready, get ready for the **Mother's Day Switch, Sunday, May 14th**. Join Pastor Walker for your first planning meeting **Sunday, March 19nd immediately** following service.
8. Join us for **Pre-Service Prayer every Sunday at 7:30 am**. Come and experience the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. Service begins at 10:00 am.
9. 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#.
10. 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.
11. 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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