TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

"Have Faith In God (Back To The Basics) Pt.9 "

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

VIP Silver Saints ZOOM Meeting ID: 862 4383 0890, Passcode: **030571**
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Opening Prayer/Welcome

If this is your first time joining us and you did not give your name earlier, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has three purposes:

1. A PLACE TO CONNECT – I Corinthians 9:22 TLB
We were not made to do life alone. God created us for community, and Touch Groups provide a place to connect with others, share life, and grow in faith together.

2. A PLACE TO PROTECT – 1 John 3:16
It is through life together that our problems become smaller, and God uses others to bring support and encouragement to our lives. Touch Groups become a place where others don't just know your name, but care about what is happening in your life and want to support you in your spiritual journey.

3. PLACE TO GROW – Proverbs 27:17
We believe every person is created with God-given potential to make a difference in the world. Touch Groups are a place you can grow with others to become more like Jesus and reach the potential God has put inside you.

Icebreaker:

1. If you could see yourself the way God sees you, what do you think would surprise you the most?

Testimonies/Good news/What are you thankful for?

1. What are you thankful for?

WOF's Purpose:

1. We teach and educate - exercising believer's rights through practical application
2. We are a holistic church- development of spirit, soul, and body
3. We are a mission's church - serving both domestic and international

Short review of what was preached at service on Sunday

1. Share one or two main points that really stood out to you.
2. Share how you can apply that word to your life this week.

Facilitation of Notes:

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The outward man, which we look at, is not the real man, but only the house in which the real man lives.

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:1
"For we know that if our earthly house [our body] of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."
Notice that it says *eternal*. That is our spiritual house!

Drop down to **verse 6-8:**
"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

The body of man was made with hands; the inward man was not. When our body is placed in the grave, we still have a building with God that is not made with hands.

The question is: Who is going to be absent from the body and present with the Lord? It is *we* in verse 8! The Bible speaks of the inward man as being the real man—the real you.

Questions:

1. What distinction is Paul making concerning the body?
2. What happens at death?

Read: Philippians 1:21–24

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."

Paul is saying here that the choice is left up to him. He does not know whether he is going to choose to continue living here for a while or to die.

Some people say, "Oh, that is all in the hands of God." No! It is in your hands. Many have missed it, thinking they were leaving it up to God as to whether or not they died, not realizing they were actually leaving it up to the devil. The devil is the author of death, not God.

Paul died in exactly the way he wanted to die. He said, “I don't know which I am going to choose.” He did not say, “I don't know what God's will is,” or, “I don't know what God is going to choose for me,” or, “I'm just praying that the will of the Lord be done.”
No! That is where we miss it.

Paul said, “I [the inward man] don't know whether I shall choose to stay here [in the flesh] a while or whether I shall choose to go on.”

The inward man (the spirit) is the real man.

God is a Spirit. He became a man, for Jesus was God manifested in the flesh, living in a human body. He took on a physical body, yet when He did, He was no less God than He was before He had a physical body.

Even so, when a man leaves his physical body at death, he is no less a man than he was when he had his physical body.

This was true of the rich man; it was true of the beggar Lazarus; and it is true of you.

Questions:

1. Why was Paul in the valley of decision? What decision did he have to make?
2. Do we leave it up to God as to whether we live or die? Why or why not?
3. What part of man makes the decision? Explain. What change takes place when he leaves his physical body?

It is the inward man (the spirit) who contacts and knows God. We cannot know God through human knowledge or through the mind. God is revealed to man only through the spirit.

When I say *through the spirit*, I am not referring to the Holy Spirit; I am referring to man's spirit. It is the spirit of man that contacts God, for God is a Spirit.

Jesus has a physical body—a flesh-and-bone body, but not a flesh-and-blood body.

Do you remember that, after His resurrection, He appeared to the disciples? They were frightened and supposed they had seen a spirit or a ghost.

What did Jesus say to them?

Read: Luke 24:39
“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.”

He did not say flesh and blood. He said flesh and bones.

Then, in **verses 41–43:**
"And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them."

There was another time when Peter said, "I am going fishing," and the others went with him. Suddenly, they saw Jesus standing on the shore. He spoke to them, and they went to Him. He had fish on the fire and ate with them.

So, yes, Jesus has a physical body right now a resurrected, flesh-and-bone physical body.

Questions:

1. What part of man makes contact with God? Explain.
2. What did Jesus have? Explain the example He used.

God is a Spirit. Notice that I did not say God is spirit, because some think that God is spirit, meaning He is a sort of impersonal influence.

No, God is a Spirit.

However, the fact that God is a Spirit does not mean that He has no shape or form in the spiritual realm, because He does. Angels are spirits, the Bible says, and they have a form, or a spirit body.

In the Old Testament, the prophet of God prophesied deliverance when the city was besieged. Everyone laughed at him because they were experiencing starvation, hunger, and famine. Even his servant reprimanded him.

So, Elisha prayed:

Read: 2 Kings 6:17

"And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

Elisha was not talking about his servant's physical eyes, but his spiritual eyes.

When the eyes of his spirit were opened, he saw that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire surrounding Elisha.

Sometimes, as God wills, angels have the ability to take on a form or appearance in the material realm where we can see them but only as He wills.

Question:

1. What is God? Is He a mere influence? Explain.
2. What did Elisha pray, and why?
3. When did his servant see what Elisha saw? Did the angels have a form? Explain.
4. Can we see angels anytime we want? Why or why not?

The Bible says that God talked to Moses face to face, so we know He has a face. A cloud was there, however, and Moses could not see God's face, for God said:

Read: Exodus 33:20
"And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live."

Then God said in **verses 22–23:**
"And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen."

My point is this: God is a Spirit, yet He is no less real because He is a Spirit than He would be if He had a physical body.

Jesus, with His physical body in heaven now, is not more real than the Holy Spirit or God the Father.

Spiritual things are just as real as material things—more real, in fact.

Question:

1. What is the point of all of this?

Read: 1 Peter 3:4
"But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

The inward man, the spirit, is called the *hidden man*. He is a man of the heart, of the spirit. He is hidden from the physical or natural man.

The natural man does not know that he is there—but he is, and he is the real man.

In **Romans 7:22**, Paul says:
"For I delight in the law of God after the inward man."

The terms *inward man* and *hidden man* give us God's definition of the human spirit.

Man is a spirit; he has a soul; and he lives in a body.

- With his spirit, man contacts the spiritual realm.

- With his soul, man contacts the intellectual realm.
- With his body, man contacts the physical realm.

Question:

1. What is the inward man?
2. What are the different responsibilities of the makeup of man?

Time of Prayer: Submit your Prayer Request

1) Your Circle (friends and family)
2) Touch Group members
3) Word of Faith Leadership:
   a) Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Mr. Josef & Minister Promise Fielder, Brittany and Christian, Carmelo, Mom Cuyler and Mom Walker and the ministerial staff.
   b) Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler
   c) Reverend Kenneth and Gloria Copeland

Have you reached out to your circle today?

Your Circle: (Family, Friends and those you have influence with) How's it going?

Announcements:

1. **Happy Birthday** and **Happy Anniversary** to everyone celebrating in the **Month of November 2026**.

2. Pick up a copy of the Bible reading calendar for the **Month of November 2026**.

3. Join Pastor and Evangelist Walker **every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.** as they minister the Word at Roy L. Schneider Hospital. For more information call the church office.

4. Calling everyone dealing with sickness or disease from seniors to children! Join us **Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m**. for ***"I Am Healed School"*** with Evangelist Sharon Walker. Come expecting the healing power of God!

5. Join a Touch Group, the next meeting is **Thursday, November 19th.** Touch Groups are small gatherings of believers who come together every Thursday on Zoom for prayer, the Word, and fellowship. We invite you to be part of this life-changing experience by joining one of our groups:
   - Generation 6:20 Youth Touch Group at 6 pm
   - VIP Silver Saints at 7 pm
   - Covenant Partners & Singles at 7 pm

   To get connected, simply call the church office or speak with a

ministry leader right after service. Don't miss the chance to grow in faith and family through a Touch Group!

6. Word of Faith International Christian Center is preparing to bless **100 senior citizens** this Thanksgiving with food and essential items.

   Collections begin immediately! We invite our church family to donate nonperishable food and essential supplies to help make this outreach a success.

   Drop-Off Locations:

   - Roy Lester Schneider Hospital
   - Word of Faith International Christian Center – Old Mill

   Distribution Day: Saturday, November 21, 2026 - Volunteers are needed to assistance with distribution.

   Together, let's share God's love and be a blessing to our seniors this Thanksgiving!

   For more information see Pastor Walker, Evangelist Walker or Minister Creque

7. There will be a meeting on **Sunday, November 22, 2026 immediately** following service for the **VIP Silver Saints** to discuss activities coming up before the end of the year.

8. Join us for a special **Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30 p.m.** as we gather to give God thanks for His goodness, faithfulness, and countless blessings. Come with a grateful heart, ready to praise and worship the Lord!

   Psalm 107:1 *says, "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."*

9. Join the VIP Silver Saint for the following events:
   a. **Tuesday, December 1st** and **December 8th at 5:30 p.m.** for Christmas rehearsal.
   b. **Thursday, December 10, 2026** at **Lucinda Millins Home** to bring Christmas cheers and blessing to the 85 seniors and at **Ebenezer Garden** to bring Christmas cheer to 41 seniors. Ministry of the Word by Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr.
   c. **Sunday, December 13, 2026 -** Christmas Gift exchange for the VIP Silver Saints members minimum $10 and up. Let this Christmas be a season of joy and blessings to your sisters and brothers in the Lord. For more information see Minister Maria Creque.

10. Do you desire to grow deeper in God's Word? Do you want to strengthen your faith and gain a greater understanding of the Bible? We invite you to join **Layperson's Bible School**, There is a sign-up sheet in the back. For more information see Pastor Walker.

11. Volunteers are needed for every auxiliary, Children's Church, Youth Ministry, the Media Team, God's Green Hands, Ushers & Hostesses, ZEST Team, the Sound Team and the Parking Lot Ministry. To join an auxiliary, speak with a ministry leader.

12. Join us for **Early Morning Prayer** – **Monday – Friday at 6:00 am and Saturday at 10:00 am. Join** us in person or on Facebook, YouTube, the Word of Faith website.

13. Pray for an Hour in Tongue every Sunday with **Evangelist Walker at 7:30 am. Ministerial prayer at 8:50 am** and **auxiliary prayer at 9:00 am.** For more information see Evangelist Walker.

Dismissal: