

FWCC Sisters' Bible Class Quarter 3, 2024 Review

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Class Mantra

There is nothing too hard for God.

I am a daughter of the King.

God sees me!

He has great plans for me!

I will strive to live as a Christian should.

I will inspire and encourage my sisters to do the same.

Lot's Wife: Why Are You Looking Back?

Luke 17:32 (NLT)
*32 Remember
what happened
to Lot's wife!*

- What is keeping you looking back?
- What keeps coming up from the past that keeps you from moving forward?
- Why do you think that God cared that Lot's wife looked back or if we look back?

Points to Ponder

- What is God asking you to let go of so that you can experience a deeper and more intimate walk with him today?
- Don't trip over what's behind you and miss the blessing God has for you!

Miriam: Accepting Our Place in God's Plan

- Miriam – considered “God’s Gift” in her leadership role to the Israelites
 - Her role in the life of Moses:
 - Given much and more responsibility as a child, observing and carrying out her faith and courage, inspired by her mother and by her dedication to God
 - Her role in leading the people:
 - Led songs of praise and Thanksgiving; a leader, especially among women
 - Lost her way due to pride and envy, prompting her to speak out against Moses alongside her brother Aaron
 - Her tragedy:
 - Because of her rebellion, the Lord required her to be exiled from the camp
 - Because of the respect the Israelites had for her, camp remained in place during her isolation and reconciled with her afterwards
 - Legacy tarnished: She is not mentioned again in scripture until she dies and is buried at Kadesh 40 years later

Miriam: Accepting Our Place in God's Plan

- Key Learnings from Miriam's life, labor, and legacy
 1. God can use us in the midst of hardship
 2. Just as our praise elevates our spirit, our pride can bring use down
 3. Our complaining hurts people, especially us
 4. Having a positive attitude of acceptance comes when we look to God

Dinah & Tamar: My Help, My Healing

One of the
biggest personal
traumas one
could experience
... Sexual Assault

- Not new; not uncommon. First recorded in Genesis 34:1-7
- 1 in 5 women will experience completed or attempted Sexual Assault in their lifetimes

From God's
Word...

- Dinah's Story Genesis 34:1-7
- Tamar's Story 2 Samuel 13:1-15

Dinah & Tamar: My Help, My Healing

- God doesn't want us to feel devalued or defeated
- Mt 10:29-31
 - *Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are numbered. So don't be afraid. **You are worth more than many sparrows.***

Dinah & Tamar: My Help, My Healing

God's word ... read it
Prayer and meditation
Our Christian family
Professionals
Healing takes time

- Even after sexual assault, we can still have an ABUNDANT LIFE!





Question:



Have you been asking God for something and waiting for an answer? Do you feel like He is not listening?



Think about it...



While you are waiting on God – He may be waiting on you to honestly cry out. God knows your heart!

Hannah: All in
God's Time,
NOT Mine!

Hannah: All in God's Time, *Not* Mine!

1. Pray Earnestly!
2. Have Peace that God got it!
3. Wait for Gods Answer!
4. Praise God!

Hannah: All in
God's Time,
NOT Mine!



When God says it's TIME, things
happen quickly!



BE READY!!!



Ecc1 3:11-He has made everything
beautiful in its time. He has also set
eternity in the human heart; yet no
one can fathom what God has done

Priscilla: A Marriage With a Mission – Working Together in Ministry

- Priscilla and Aquila
 - Hosted bible studies in their home
 - Supported Paul in his efforts to spread the gospel
 - Explained to Apollos the way of God more adequately and he became a great minister of the gospel
- Maybe Priscilla and Aquila enjoyed a marriage that exemplified Ephesians 5:21-33.
 - When a husband and wife take a deep dive into these scriptures and apply them correctly, they can create a marriage that's built on a mutual love and respect for each other
 - Their marriage partnership does not diminish the husband's role as the head/leader, *which comes with a great deal of responsibility*
 - Nor does it create a "hostile" environment where the wife feels less than
 - Their marriage will be centered on Christ with a goal to glorify God
 - They will find ways to work together in ministry with a mission - to bring souls to Christ and to keep souls saved.

Priscilla:
A Marriage
With a Mission
– Working
Together in
Ministry

- Answer the following...
 - What work(s) can you & your husband do TOGETHER to bring honor and glory to God?
 - How can you make your marriage a ministry that brings others to Christ?
 - Have you talked to your husband/future husband about his goals for leadership in the church?
 - Have you talked to your husband/future husband about your goals for working in ministry for the church?

Priscilla:

A Marriage With a Mission – Finance



God has called us to live debt-free lives

Romans 13:8 - Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law



My TOP 3 Pieces of Financial Advice

#1 Get Out of Debt!

#2 Get Out of Debt!

#3 Stay Out of Debt!



WHY???

God wants us to focus on loving others so much that we're willing to give abundantly. Not just our money, but our time, our listening ear, our empathy, our love.

When we run after things, we're probably run into debt

Debt can take us away from our mission of bringing souls to Christ and keeping souls saved



God wants us to keep the Kingdom first.

Matt 6:33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Martha & Mary:

Sitting or Standing? Posturing Ourselves as Disciples

Sitting AND Standing – both are necessary; we must discern when to appropriately posture ourselves as disciples

Lessons learned →

True hospitality is fundamental for Christians (especially Christian women)

Comparison only breeds anxiety, discontent, and disconnects us from Christ

Go to the best source (Jesus) first

We can tell Jesus ANYTHING

The path to peace begins with one thing: focusing on our relationship with Him

Martha & Mary: Sitting or Standing? Posturing Ourselves as Disciples

What are our
present-day
directives?

When we
concentrate on
Jesus first, we
discover that we are
never truly alone or
without help

- **Hebrews 13:5** (NASB) *make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER ABANDONED YOU"*

We experience that
His grace is
sufficient for all that
we face

- **2 Corinthians 9:8** (NIV) *And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

We find inner peace
and strength to face
whatever comes our
way

- **John 14:27** (KJV) *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid*

**"It's not the load
that breaks you down,
it's the way you carry it."**

- LOU HOLTZ -



*Express Yourself
by alison bay*

Rachel's Story: When Having it All Isn't Enough

Sense of Self

Imposter Syndrome

Facing Challenges

Recognizing Trauma

Esther

Don't Mistake God's Silence for Absence

- God is always present in the midst of it all. (Entire Book of Esther)
- Even when it seems He is afar of, He is placing things in order. (Esther 1)
- God is faithful. He follows through even when things look bleak. (Esther 3)
- His timing is impeccable, your work is not in vain. (Esther 6)
- There is no prayer too small or too large! (Esther 9)

In the midst of everything you are experiencing just know God is present and faithful!



The Persistent Widow: Don't Give Up!

God Sees You!
Will God keep putting you off?

Don't Give Up
"How many will He find on earth who has faith?" Faith like the persistent widow?

Why Persistent Prayer?

Pray Until Something Happens

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Matthew 7:7-11 NLT

7 “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? 10 Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! 11 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

God has a perfect plan for your life.

There will be tough days, you will get tired. But trust His ways and His perfect timing. Your blessings are coming. And while you are waiting, know that your prayers can make a big difference.

Pray. Wait. Trust.

Preserve Through Persistent Prayer

Stay With God, one more day, one more time and one more prayer. **Stay with God** because there is no other.



One concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying.



Influence, Leadership, Helper, Perspective

- God-given gifts; we all have our portion, but must work to focus our efforts for His purpose

Mount Tabor - Take me to where the light and sight are good

Godly Influence:

- Motivation from God's word, not people's opinion
- Discipleship
- Boldly live out God's word and strive to motivate others to do the same

It is not our ability, but our availability that brings us to our full potential in God's will

Deborah:

Prophetess, Wife, 4th & Only Female Judge, Military leader, Mother to Israel, Intelligent, A Helper & Deliverer



Our Influence & Leadership

Class Survey



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