



WOW!

WITH FRIENDS

Facilitation Guide



Introduction to WOW! with Friends

“WOW!” is short for Women of Witness. “WOW! with Friends” is designed as a small group gathering, with the aim of hosting believing and/or pre-believing friends and families, for a time of fellowship. It also serves as an invitation to build and encourage each other as we come together. You may host these gatherings in your homes or any preferred conducive venue.

Our desire is to empower you to become an effective witness where you are, and this package has been designed to assist you to host your friends. It will include:

- **Online sermonette**
- **Facilitation guide**
- **E-Salvation guide for you to lead your friend(s) to salvation in Jesus Christ.**
- **E-Hosting Kit which includes a downloadable DIY Photo booth props, posters, and personalized e-invites.**

We will love to stay connected with you and to keep you and your small group in prayer, so do let us know where and when you will be hosting WOW! with Friends.

[WOW! With Friends Guest Access - Connect with us here!](#)

Password: [witness2023](#)

Let us be inspired, equipped and empowered to become effective witnesses for Jesus!



Format of Facilitation Guide

1. Introduction & Focus points	Facilitator can introduce “WOW! with Friends” and share the focus points with the group.
2. Watch Video Sermonette	Watch the 10 - 15 min video sermonette.
3. Key Scripture & Elaboration	Use the notes and scripture references to elaborate on the focus points in the Facilitation Guide to help with the learning experience of the group. The facilitator is encouraged to share her personal stories and testimonies as well.
4. Discussion Questions	Engage the group in the discussion and have them share their views and personal experiences.
5. Challenge	Invite participants to a call of action in their daily lives and walk with God.
6. Closing & Prayer	Conclude by sharing key focus of sharing, pray for one another and close in prayer.



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Sermonette: The Blessedness of Dwelling in the House of God - Part 1

Introduction

Psalm 84 is one of the psalms of Zion, these psalms celebrate God's presence in Jerusalem, the city where His temple was built. Today it is not necessary to go to Jerusalem to draw near to God, for God is near to those who trust in Him.

Psalm 84 was written by the sons of Korah. 1 Chronicles 9:19 tells us that the sons of Korah were gatekeepers of the House of God. They had an intimate knowledge of the Temple precincts, including the birds that inhabited the courts of the Lord. This psalm is written with all the tenderness and love for one who is devoted to the service of the house of the Lord.

The psalmist expresses a beautiful imagery of God's redeeming love and brings encouragement to believers to remember that it is in His presence, we are able to find safety and security in the midst of life's difficulties. And through abiding in His love we will experience a wellspring of joy and peace.

As we dig deep into Psalm 84, we pray that it will bring you peace, hope and direction for navigating through the difficulties that you may face on a pilgrimage.



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Focus Points

1. Blessed are those who have access to the House of the Lord, His dwelling place is a place of beauty and peace.
2. God loves and cares for you.
3. Focus on the joy and contentment that comes from being in the Presence of God and you will begin to see how valuable you are to Him.

Watch Video Sermonette 

[Click here to watch video sermonette](#)





Key Scripture & Elaboration

- Psalm 84 is divided into three parts, each section focuses on a different aspect of the psalmist relationship and it is liken to the different aspects of our experiences and relationship with God.
- 1. The blessings of those who have access to the house of the Lord (v 1-2)
- 2. The blessings of a life lived in fellowship with our lovely Lord (v 5-8)
- 3. The blessings of trusting in the Lord (v 9-12)
- *¹ How lovely is Your tabernacle,
O Lord of hosts!
² My soul longs, yes, even fairs
For the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young—
Even Your altars, O Lord of hosts,
My King and my God.
⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;
They will still be praising You. Selah
- Psalm 84:1-4 (NKJV)*





- Verses 1-2 begins with the psalmist acknowledging the loveliness of God's dwelling place and as we enter into His presence.
- Lord of Hosts, Lord of Heaven's Armies, or Lord Almighty, paints a picture of an all-powerful and sovereign God. The psalmist was overwhelmed by the display of God's power and beauty.
- The encounters with God are lovely to the memory, to the mind, to the heart, to the eye, to the whole soul. The psalmist had an immense desire for God, his whole body and soul cries out for more of His presence. This is an expression of a deep longing and yearning to draw close to God; the passion of the pilgrim.
- ¹¹ *"You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created."*
- Revelation 4:11 (NKJV)
- God created us for His pleasure and it brings Him pleasure when we draw close to Him. We were created to be in communion with Him. Therefore, there will be a longing for God's presence and a spiritual hunger in each and every one of our hearts. True satisfaction is found in the presence of God!
- Love in relationships grow and develop over time through experiences and understanding. Love also requires time, effort and commitment. The psalmist had entered God's sanctuary that caused him to recognize and acknowledge His Greatness and His Holiness, that led him to long and faint for more of God.





- Verses 3-4 reveals the heart of God to provide for all of His creation. If God cares and provides for common birds like the sparrows and swallows, He will surely provide for us too. This is the promise for the pilgrim.
- *¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*
- John 3:16 (NKJV)
- God loves you! You are exactly the one whom God is interested in. God is a giver and He is ever ready to give, and no good thing will he withhold from those who believe and who love Him.
- *¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
The Lord will give grace and glory;
No good thing will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly.*
- Psalm 84:11 (NKJV)
- *¹⁰ and the rich man is to glory in being humbled [by trials revealing human frailty, knowing true riches are found in the grace of God], for like the flower of the grass he will pass away.* - James 1:10 (AMP)
- God reveals to us our limitations and weaknesses through the storms of life. Those who praise God finds strength and trust in Him. We are called to love God during trials and remain steadfast in His love. And our posture and response during trials determines our standing in God.





- *¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. - James 1:12 (NKJV)*
- The psalmist is resolved to remind us that the good life is not about having everything you wanted; it's about having *God*—even if it's in the midst of nothing you wanted.
- *²⁵ “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
- Matthew 6:25-26*
- When our focus is set on the joy and the contentment that comes from being in God's presence, we will begin to see how valuable we are to Him.
- *³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. - Matthew 6:33*
- Praise is a life-giver and it flows through the mouth of those who dwell in His House; living a life of endless praise!





Discussion Questions

1. Have you experienced Psalm 84:1-4 in your faith journey? What was the most captivating moment for you?
2. Were there seasons where you struggled to praise God? How did you overcome it?

Challenge

1. List down 10 things that are praiseworthy and start praising and declaring the name of the Lord every morning.
2. Share your Psalm 84:1-4 moment or your salvation story with a friend and family member within the next 2 weeks.

Closing

Dwelling in the presence of God is where the greatest blessings are found. We want God to take permanent residency in our hearts, and let our whole being (spirit, soul and body) exalt and praise His Holy Name!

Prayer

1. Pray for one another to return to our first love and to have an insatiable hunger and desire for the Lord.
2. Pray for one another to be humbled when going through a trial and to also trust in the Lord's working which will help us to grow in maturity.

