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Facilitation Guide



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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!](#)

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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 2

Introduction

Dwelling in the presence of God is where the greatest blessings are found! Psalms 84 captures the expressions of a pilgrim that deeply longs for God. As he journeys through the peaks and valleys, joy and tears, he chose to remain steadfast in God. His responses allowed his relationship with God to be elevated. Dwelling in the House of the Lord is choosing to live with an attitude of heart that expresses constant praise and worship despite challenging circumstances.

To dwell means “to inhabit or live” and to dwell in the House of the Lord requires us to live in communion with Him. Often, God’s visitation is an invitation for us to build for Him, a habitation. We are all made to host God’s presence. Ephesians 2:22 says, in whom you are also being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. We are the living stones of God’s holy dwelling place being fitted together into His living Temple.

“The primary quest in my life is to learn how to host the Presence of God. There is no greater privilege than being a host to God Himself. Neither is there a greater responsibility. He is looking for people who will host His Presence without using it for personal gain, and He will give us the measure that we will jealously guard.”
– Pastor Bill Johnson

Psalm 84 (v 5 -12) helps us to understand what drives and enables pilgrims to continue their faith journey and how God’s blessings can flow when we choose to live in fellowship and trust Him in the midst of trials and difficulties.




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Focus Points

1. God can turn your circumstances around and make them places of blessing and refreshment.
2. He is our strength and shield.
3. It is better to dwell in the House of the Lord.

Watch Video Sermonette 

[Click here to watch video sermonette](#)





Key Scripture & Elaboration

- *⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.*

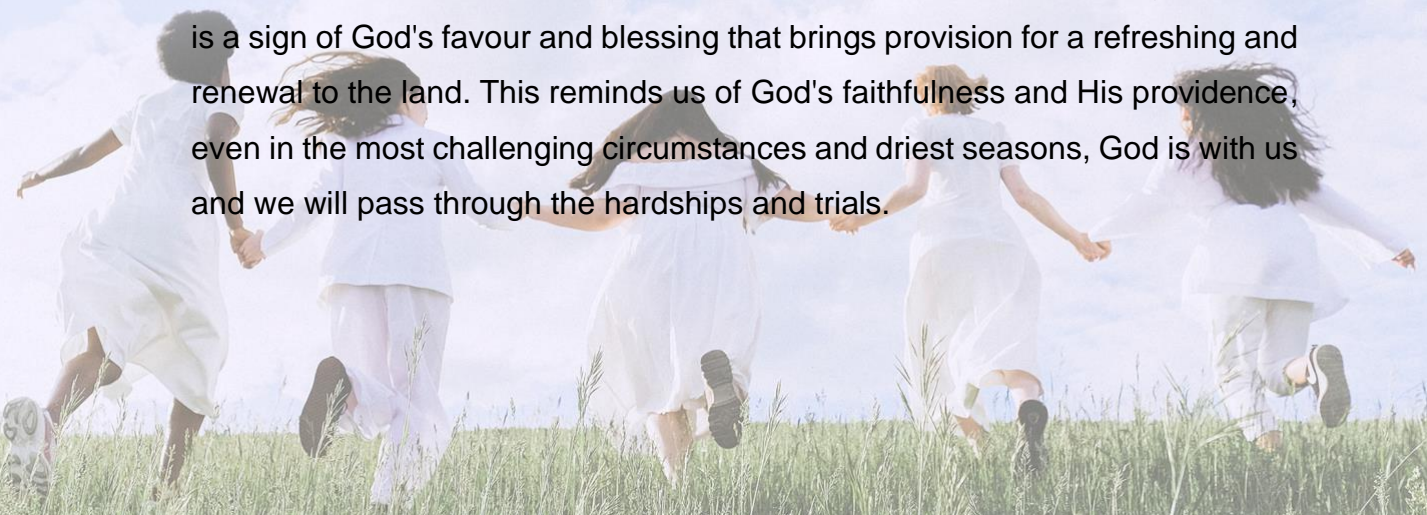
⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools

⁷ They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

⁸ Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.

- Psalm 84:5-8 (NIV)

- Verses 5-8 speaks to us about the blessings of a life lived in fellowship with our lovely Lord. In our faith journey, one of the most precious truths is that we can be partakers of the Lord's divine strength. We are able to do all things through Christ who strengthens us.
- Let us set our hearts on pilgrimage and be prepared to pass through the Valley of Baca to reach Zion. May we be ready for whatever comes our ways and let nothing deter us from moving forward.
- The Hebrew word for the Valley of Baca means places of weeping and tears. It is an actual physical landscape in Israel, where water is scarce and the land is dry and barren.
- The autumn rain is a very crucial source of water, for crops and vegetation. It is a sign of God's favour and blessing that brings provision for a refreshing and renewal to the land. This reminds us of God's faithfulness and His providence, even in the most challenging circumstances and driest seasons, God is with us and we will pass through the hardships and trials.



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- We have to trust in the goodness of God to find hope in Him. God is able to transform our sorrows into places of springs and wells of victories. He turns our circumstances around and bring joy, blessing and refreshment to our spirit, soul and body. It is through encountering His power that we may be inspired and empowered to help others in their sorrows.
- The Valley experiences cause us to grow from strength to strength, progressing from one level of glory to another and slowly but victoriously ascending Mount Zion; God's resting place.
- *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*
– *Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)*
- ⁹*Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.*
- *Psalms 84:9 (NIV)*
- The shield is a defensive weapon which signifies God's provision for protection in our lives. The Lord is our shield and He protects us from the fiery darts of doubts and fears that the enemy throws at us.
- The psalmist then pleads for the Lord to look upon his face with favour. Likewise, we need to seek, pray and cry out to God for His mercy and grace to walk us through our valleys' experiences. Have faith, trust in God and find rest in Him. There is safety and security when we choose to abide in His presence.
- ¹¹*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.* – *Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)*



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- *¹He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
² I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust.” – Psalm 91:1-2 (NKJV)*
- *¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.
¹² Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.
- Psalm 84:10-12 (NIV)*
- The psalmist rejoices for the privilege to be a humble servant in God’s glorious house. He expresses his gratitude and appreciation for that privilege, declaring that dwelling in the House of God is better than a thousand days spent in the vain pursuits of life.
- Living in this world, we will have interactions with the wicked, unjust and those who will compromise. Thus, we should walk circumspectly not as fools but as wise daughters because the days are evil. To dwell in the tents of wickedness serves as a warning against compromising your faith and values for the sake of temporary worldly gain and pleasures. Dwelling speaks about permanency, it is making a deliberate decision to choose God above everything else.



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- Like the sun in the centre of our solar system, giving light and life to all on earth, the Lord is to be at the center of our lives. He provides us with strength, joy and is a light unto our path. He is also a shield that delivers us from temptations and disappointments.
- He blesses those who choose to walk uprightly in the ways of the Lord. And bestows us with an abundance of His grace and favour giving us divine enablement to accomplish every task He commissions us to do.
- Let us all make a conscious choice to prioritise God's presence and to seek living a life that is pleasing to Him. We need to have the holy and reverent fear of the Lord so we are enabled to live a sanctified and holy life that is pleasing unto God.



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Discussion Questions

1. Share one of your experiences on how God turned your circumstances around and made them places of refreshing.
2. Share how you have dwelt in the House of God daily.

Challenge

1. Encourage and pray for someone who is going through the Valley of Baca.
2. Share your insights and convictions on Psalm 84 with a friend or family.

Closing

Psalm 84 anchors our hope in God. It reminds us that despite challenging circumstances, the Lord is with us and He is our provider; our source of strength. He radiates love and will not hold back anything good from those who walk uprightly. Let us continue to put our trust in our Lord, allowing Him to empower us to live a victorious life through His power and grace. May we all desire to dwell in the house where His glory resides and praise Him all the days of our lives.

Prayer

1. Pray for each other to seek and see the beauty of God's dwelling place and to make a conscious decision to remain in His presence.
2. Pray for God to be our sun and shield and cause us walk uprightly in the Holy Fear of the Lord.

