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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!](#)

Password: hiswitness

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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Speaker: Pastor Daphne Yang

Sermonette: An Awakening from God - Part 2

Introduction

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see a rod of an almond tree."

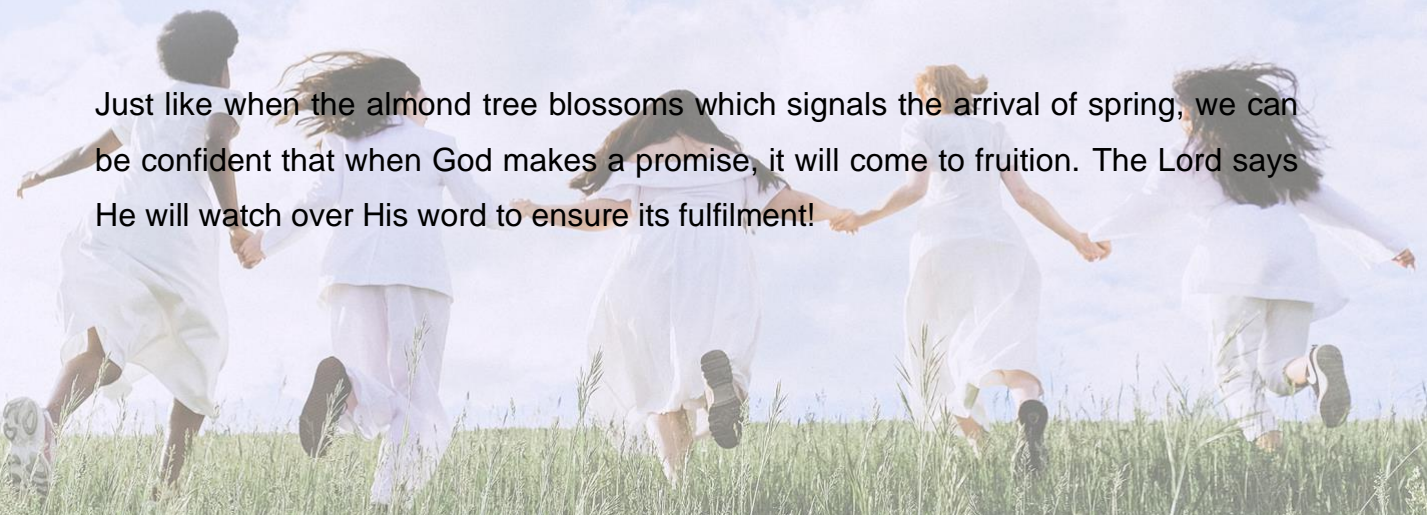
*12 Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."
- Jeremiah 1:11-12 (NKJV)*

Almond trees are known for being among the first trees to bloom in Israel, almond trees symbolize the arrival of spring and the promise of new beginnings. Despite being early bloomers, they are one of the last trees to bear fruit, with their harvest occurring in autumn.

The prophecy in Jeremiah 1:11-12 uses a play on words that carries a profound truth for both Israel and us. The Hebrew word for 'almond tree' is (shaw-kade'), while 'am ready' translates to (shaw-kad'), which means "to wake, watch, awake and be alert."

In context, God issues a solemn warning to Israel through Jeremiah, entrusting him with a significant role. *"I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant."* - Jeremiah 1:10 (NKJV). Following this weighty assignment, Jeremiah witnessed the powerful vision of the almond tree. This tree goes beyond a simple representation of seasonal changes—it becomes a symbol of hope and reassurance for Israel. The early and vibrant blossoming of the almond tree is a reminder of God's promises of renewal and fulfillment of His covenant with the nation.

Just like when the almond tree blossoms which signals the arrival of spring, we can be confident that when God makes a promise, it will come to fruition. The Lord says He will watch over His word to ensure its fulfillment!



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Focus Points

1. Seeing by Faith.
2. Yielding to God's Will.

Watch Video Sermonette

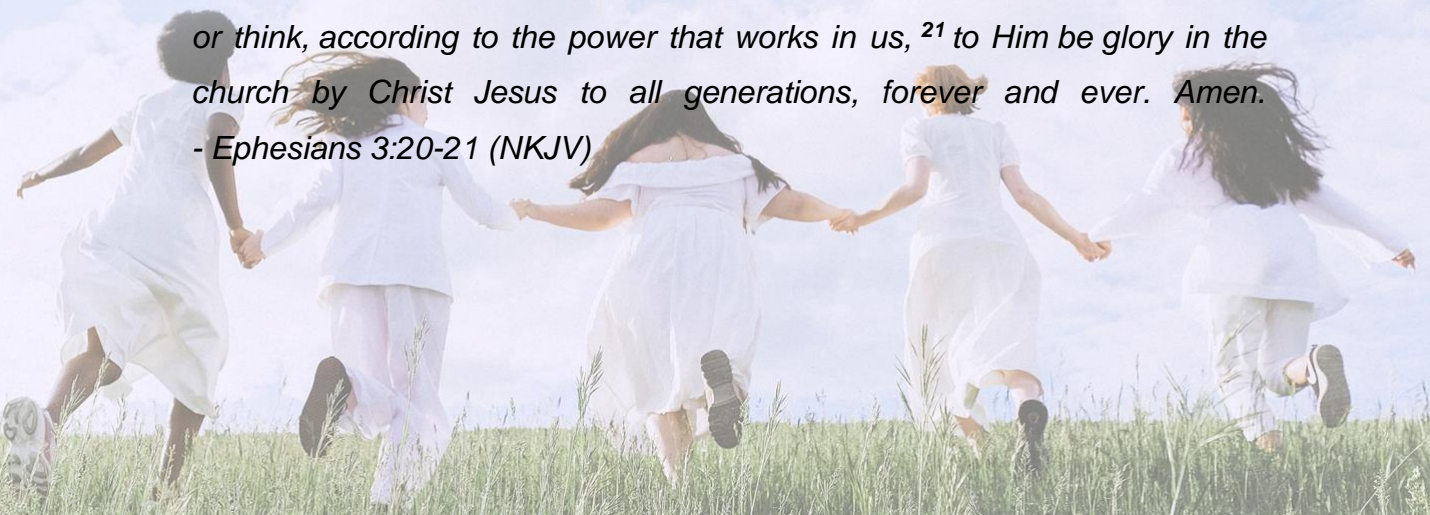
[Click here to watch video sermonette](#)





Key Scripture & Elaboration

- *¹¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. – Hebrew 11:1 (NKJV)*
- Seeing by faith allows us to see far beyond the limits of our natural vision, assuring us of what we hope for but cannot yet see with our physical eyes. This spiritual sight is a gift from God, allowing us to see our lives through His lens. When God awakens us and opens our eyes, what do we see?
- Most Christians aim at nothing, and they hit nothing. You can only aim at what you see. Begin to see and grasp the vision that God has for you, and through Him, let it be accomplished in your life. God sees His kingdom expanding and enlarging without limitations and His vision knows no bound. God desires to give you a greater vision of who He is and the plans He has for you.
- *² “Enlarge the place of your tent,
And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings;
Do not spare;
Lengthen your cords,
And strengthen your stakes.
³ For you shall expand to the right and to the left,
And your descendants will inherit the nations,
And make the desolate cities inhabited.
- Isaiah 54:2-3 (NKJV)*
- *²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
- Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)*



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- Jeremiah experienced a profound vision through the lens of faith, a sight that stirred something deep within him. Similarly, God desires for us to cultivate eyes of faith, enabling us to witness the miraculous works which He orchestrates in our lives. God seeks to awaken within us a deeper understanding of our calling and destiny.
- Jeremiah's vision of the almond tree symbolized awakening and readiness, God's desire is for us to be awakened to the purpose and divine plans He has for us. Embracing the perspective of faith opens our spiritual eyes to the extraordinary possibilities and destinies that God has prepared for each one of us.
- Why do we need to see by faith? Scripture becomes alive when God illuminates it for us. If God does not reveal the truth to us, we cannot see it. When we put on the lens of faith, the Bible moves from mere typewritten words on a page to Spirit-breathed words that changes us and gives us understanding to the deep things of God.
- Begin to let the Holy Spirit reveal what God sees for you and pray for the faith to fulfill His will! The Holy Spirit will guide you to align your heart with God's desire so that when you do according to your heart, it becomes delightful and wonderful.
- *³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. - Romans 12:3 (NKJV)*
- *⁸ I delight to do Your will, O my God,
And Your law is within my heart." - Psalm 40:8 (NKJV)*

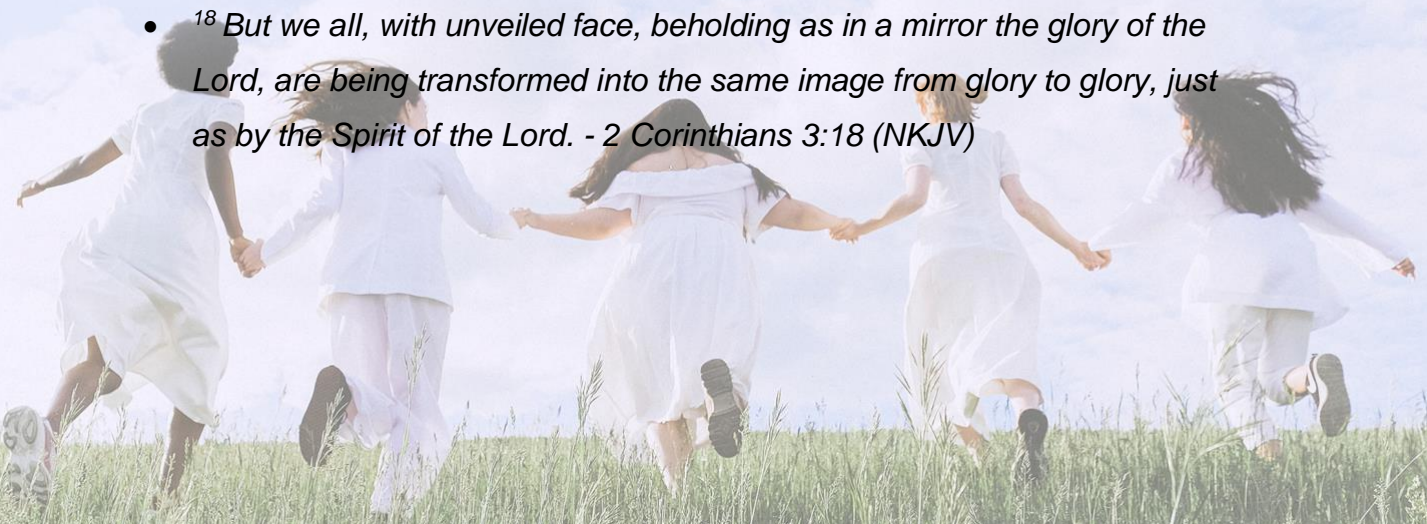


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- *“God is not interested in your works; He is interested in His works. He is not going to anoint your works; God anoints His works. The glory of God will never come on what you do, the glory comes on what He does. It is not us trying, it is us yielding to the anointing.” – Pastor Daphne Yang*
- Similar to how a yield sign signals giving way to others, yielding to God involves surrendering and giving our lives to Jesus. It means making a commitment to follow Him and allowing Him to take the lead in our lives.
- *⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. - John 15:5 (NKJV)*
- As we are awakened to the soaring realities of life in Christ, let us not be crippled by the fear of trials and sufferings. Instead, let us be yielded and submitted to God recognizing that our Heavenly Father's sovereign care, mercy, and grace are ever-present. A life abiding in Christ will be blessed.
- *“Let us not sleep as others do but let us keep awake and be sober”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:6.*
- Rise up! Woman of witness, step into the identity He has ordained for you! Let us consistently yield to God and progress from one level of glory to another until the Lord returns.
- *⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; - Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)*
- *¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. - 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)*





Discussion Questions

1. Walking by faith can take us out of our comfort zone and it can also go against our feelings. Share a moment on how the Holy Spirit encouraged you to walk by faith?
2. What is an area of your life that you need to surrender to God? And how are you doing?

Challenge

1. Wait on God and sit in His presence with your journal. As God speaks, journal down the impressions and verses that He has place in your heart. Journals can serve as “stones of remembrance” to remind us of God’s faithfulness.
2. Share your recent faith adventure with us [here](#).

Closing

God did not bring you this far to leave you, hold on to the promises of God when times get tough. Rediscover your passion, realign yourself and know that by His grace your journey will end in victory. You are God’s almond tree be alert and watch the plans and promises of the Lord unfold. Woman of Witness, what do you see?

Prayer

1. Pray and ask God for Him to reveal His purposes for your life through dreams and visions. As God promised in Joel 2:28 *“I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions”*.
2. Pray for one another to have the grace and strength to be yielded to the purposes of God.

