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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

<b>1. Introduction &amp; Focus points</b>	Facilitator can introduce “WOW! with Friends” and share the focus points with the group.
<b>2. Watch Video Sermonette</b>	Watch the 10 - 15 min video sermonette.
<b>3. Key Scripture &amp; Elaboration</b>	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.
<b>4. Discussion Questions</b>	Engage the group in the discussion and have them share their views and personal experiences.
<b>5. Challenge</b>	Invite participants to a call of action in their daily lives and walk with God.
<b>6. Closing &amp; Prayer</b>	Conclude by sharing key focus of sharing, pray for one another and close in prayer.



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**Speaker: Pastor Sandra Westerdahl**

**Sermonette: See the Salvation of The Lord**

**Introduction**

*25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:*

*29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,  
According to Your word;*

*30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation*

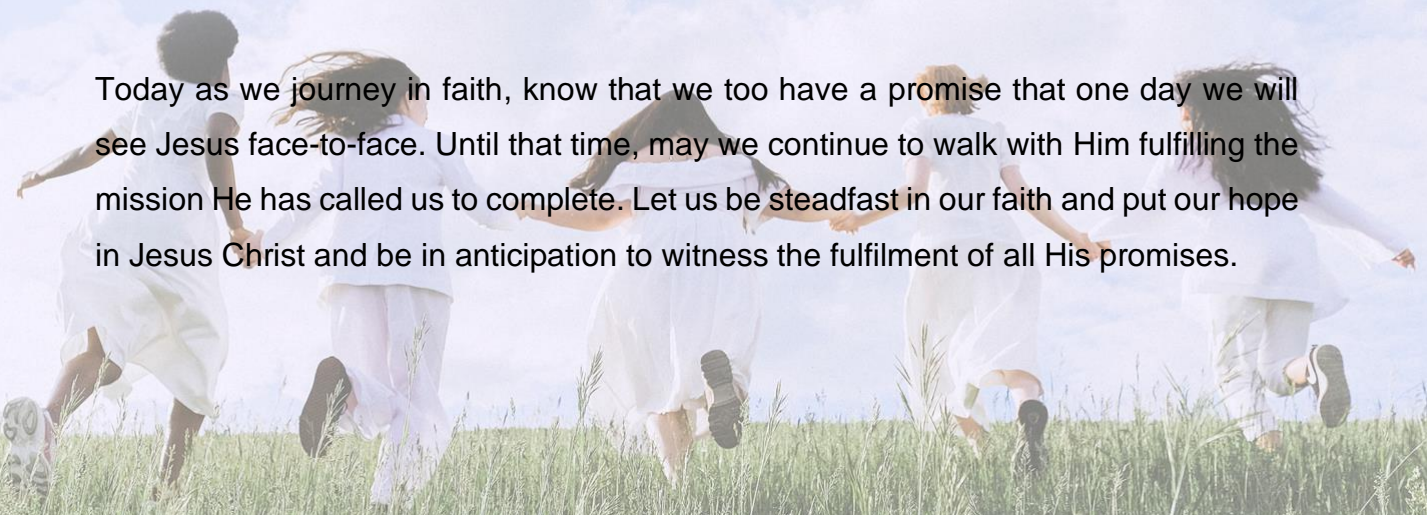
*31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,*

*32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."*

*Luke 2:25-32 (NKJV)*

In this passage, we encounter a man named Simeon who, through a compelling promise from the Holy Spirit, is assured that he will not experience death until he sees the Lord's Christ. This promise, akin to the prophecies in the Old Testament about the Messiah's arrival which serves to confirm the reality of His coming. Simeon's patient anticipation is ultimately rewarded when the Holy Spirit led him to the temple, allowing him to witness the Messiah during his lifetime.

Today as we journey in faith, know that we too have a promise that one day we will see Jesus face-to-face. Until that time, may we continue to walk with Him fulfilling the mission He has called us to complete. Let us be steadfast in our faith and put our hope in Jesus Christ and be in anticipation to witness the fulfilment of all His promises.




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### Focus Points

1. The Promise
2. The Journey
3. The Fulfilment

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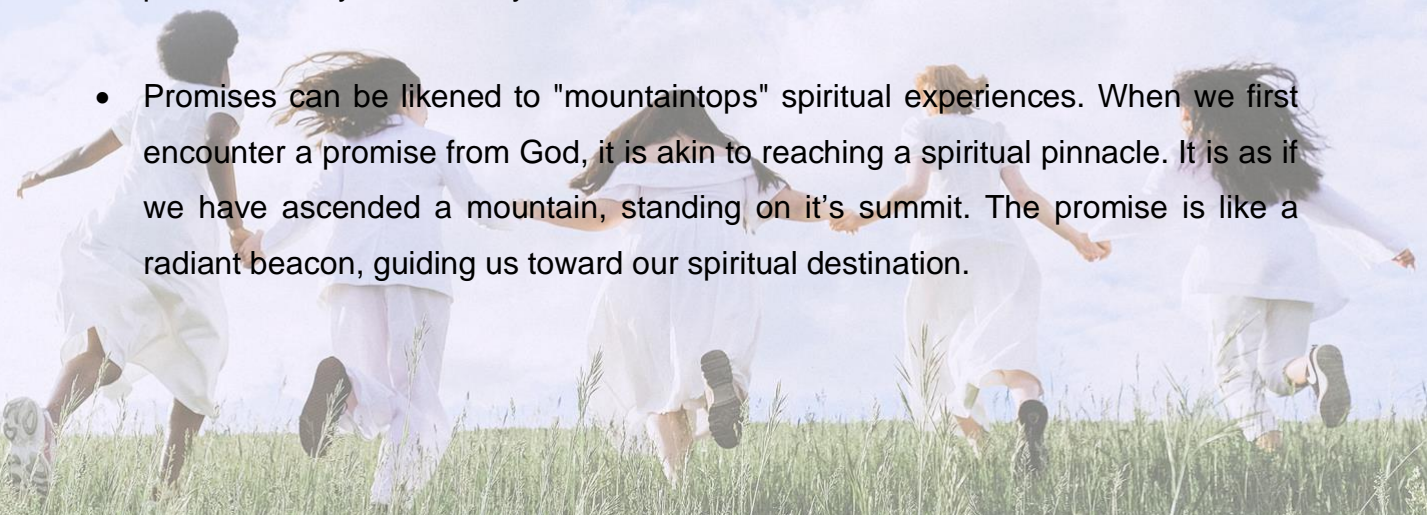




### Key Scripture & Elaboration

#### 1. The Promise

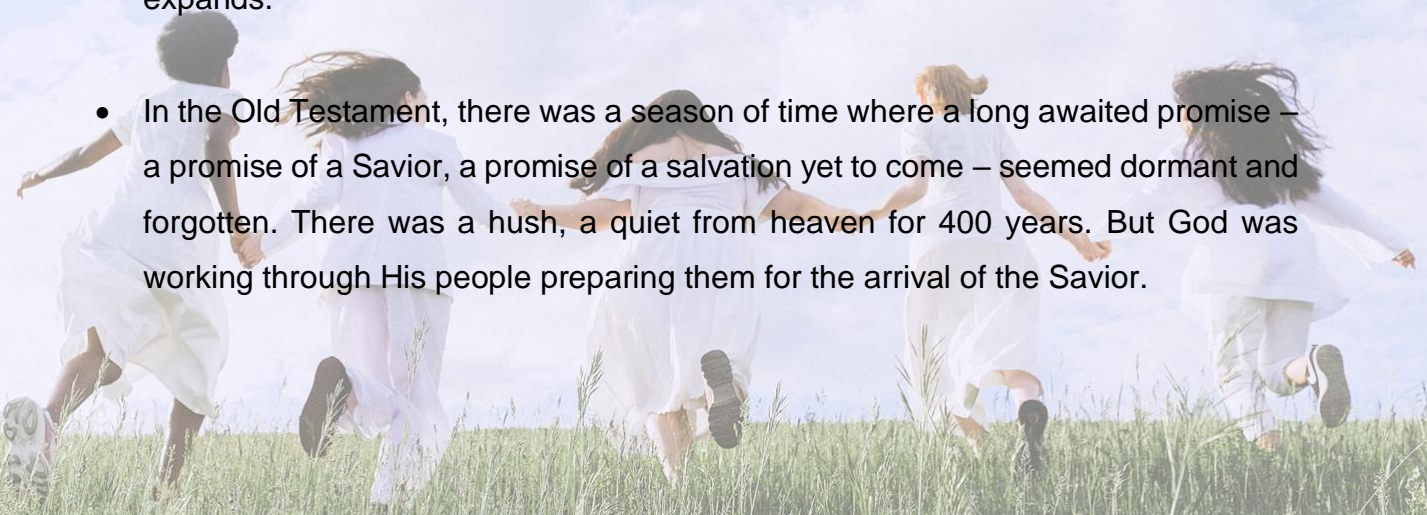
- Simeon faithfully upheld the great promise that he would see the Messiah before his passing. He exemplified steadfast commitment to the promise by watching and awaiting patiently to the answer with a profound sense of hope and eager anticipation.
- He was longing for the deliverance of Israel. His hope was not misplaced in a man, a circumstance, or a particular scenario, rather, it was placed in God from whom the consolation would come.
- He allowed the Holy Spirit to guide his steps so that the promise could be fulfilled. We can learn much from his example as we wait on the promises that God has given for our lives.
- *<sup>45</sup> Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass. - Joshua 21:45 (NKJV)*
- *<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. – 2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)*
- Like Simeon, we must hold to the promises of God. God never speaks a promise that He does not intend to fulfill. God is the Promise-Keeper, He will fulfill every promise, every word, every covenant He has made.
- Promises can be likened to "mountaintops" spiritual experiences. When we first encounter a promise from God, it is akin to reaching a spiritual pinnacle. It is as if we have ascended a mountain, standing on it's summit. The promise is like a radiant beacon, guiding us toward our spiritual destination.





### 2. The Journey

- God does not go back on His word. All of the promises of God are fulfilled in his perfect timing, according to his wisdom.
- *<sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. - Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)*
- *<sup>19</sup> “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? - Numbers 23:19 (NKJV)*
- Between the promise and its fulfillment lies a significant and transformative journey. Valley experiences are part of our journey, it is the path which we must tread on. It is a time of testing, growth and development. The journey often involves challenges and trials that serve to refine our faith and character.
- The journey of faith underscores that this process is not instantaneous. Rather, it is a voyage of belief, trust, and reliance on God's assurances. Faith is the vehicle that propels us forward on this path.
- As we journey forward, we will encounter and recognize God's salvation unfolding in our lives. The process might involve stages of growth and transformation, as faith deepens and our understanding of God's salvation expands.
- In the Old Testament, there was a season of time where a long awaited promise – a promise of a Savior, a promise of a salvation yet to come – seemed dormant and forgotten. There was a hush, a quiet from heaven for 400 years. But God was working through His people preparing them for the arrival of the Savior.



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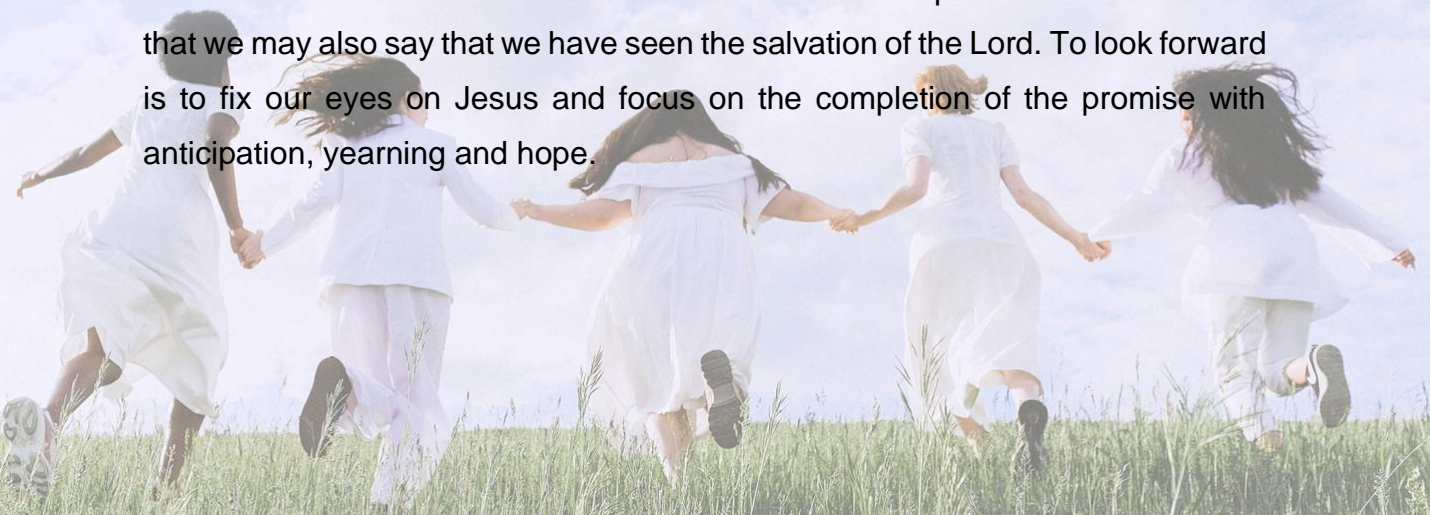
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- Simeon was a just and devout man and the Holy Spirit was upon him. When the promise was given, he did not idle in the waiting but he was constantly seeking the Lord with an expectancy. No matter how long he waited on that promise, he kept close to God and kept his heart pure.
- God's quietness should not be mistaken for Him being absent because He is still at work!

### 3. The Fulfilment

- *<sup>28</sup> he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:  
<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,  
According to Your word;  
<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen Your salvation  
- Luke 2:28-3 (NKJV)*
- Simeon held the very embodiment of salvation for humanity. In his arms, he held both the promise and the Savior. What God had spoken came to complete fulfillment.
- The fulfilled promise serves as a testimony to God's grace, His faithfulness and ability to bring the plans to completion. Similarly to a mountain climber's journey which results in an awe-inspiring story, our journey between the promise and fulfillment will become a testimony to God's glory.
- Let us continue to look forward to the fulfilment of God's promises in our lives so that we may also say that we have seen the salvation of the Lord. To look forward is to fix our eyes on Jesus and focus on the completion of the promise with anticipation, yearning and hope.





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### Discussion Questions

1. What are some promises in the bible that you hold on to?
2. Share the common struggles that you faced while waiting for the fulfillment of the promises of God.

### Challenge

1. Journal the promises that the Lord has spoken to you in chronological order.
2. Share with someone how you have seen the salvation of the Lord in your life.

### Closing

"Seeing the salvation of the Lord" is not a one-time event but an ongoing journey. It is about continually seeking God's presence, deliverance, and guidance throughout our lives, acknowledging that He is our ultimate source of salvation. Let us continue to seek the face of the Lord and may He reveal His heart and plans to us.

### Prayer

1. Pray for continuous strength to trust in the Lord especially during challenging times.
2. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and govern our hearts and actions till the promise has been fulfilled.

