

Life Group Notes 2/23/2025

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No doctrine is a given unless it has been found in the Word given by the Holy Spirit and received by you. If you have observations or questions, feel free to send me an email with your comment or observations at tbeachhead@comcast.net. Thank you for taking the time.

– *Pete Mehegan, the Scribe.*

Remember: Be good to one another. Be sensitive and kind. Let God heal our heart and guide our discussions.

Leaders: please pre-read these notes and choose the direction that is appropriate for your group. All come armed with questions, thoughts, ideas and insights.

Be cognizant of your group's time and be sensitive. *Some groups would like to dwell on a single idea. Let the Spirit be your guide. Never feel obligated to complete this study.*

Note: I have highlighted suggested discussion questions that Pastor Victoria Adewumi has raised this week, 2/23. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to guide all our discussions, using the highlights as trail blazes. ***The purpose is to minister to one another.*** I include each of the passages mentioned in full, to facilitate the enjoyment of these notes. Footnotes are not meant to distract. This week's footnotes include:

- [1. On the secret place of the Most High.](#)
- [2. On translations and knowing all things.](#)
- [3. On The Spirit of God rushing on David.](#)

Take a moment to discuss what you heard, learned or thought about the two ministries represented for Missions Sunday: Family Promise and Care Women's Center/CareNet. What do you know of these ministries? Do you have a testimony?

Victoria's introduction to her message began like this: "The words that we get to share about Jesus, they are spirit, and they are life. They are not of our own flesh. They are not of our own works or our own efforts which do not profit anything. The Holy Spirit quickens...He gives life and restores life and increases life." Then she asks, "Who would like this, this morning: restoration of life and increase of life?"

1. Answer her...who wouldn't like restoration of life and increase of life?
2. What does encouragement bring in its wake? What is the fruit of encouragement?
3. Describes how anticipation of a good gift, like an Amazon package,

- combines with hope and expectancy to bring health in challenging times.
4. Look up Matthew 13:52. **52** Then He told them, "For this reason, every scribe who has been disciplined in the kingdom of heaven is like a homeowner who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old." What old lesson did Victoria review?
 5. What treasure came as new to you in Victoria's message?

Victoria went back to David.

Look up 1 Samuel 16:

5 "In peace," he replied. "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice."
 Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. **6** When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and said, "Surely here before the LORD is His anointed."
7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or height, for I have rejected him; the LORD does not see as man does. For man sees the outward appearance, but the LORD sees the heart..."
10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel told him, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."
11 And Samuel asked him, "Are these all the sons you have?"
 "There is still the youngest," Jesse replied, "but he is tending the sheep." "Send for him," Samuel replied. "For we will not sit down to eat until he arrives." **12** So Jesse sent for his youngest son and brought him in. He was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for he is the one."
13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. Then Samuel set out and went to Ramah.

1. What do you see? Explain verse 7.
2. This message is entitled "Called, Anointed and Appointed." Explain.
3. When was David Called? When was he anointed (with oil poured on him)? When was he appointed?
4. What was David appointed to? List David's gifts to us and to all who believe.

I. CALLED

Victoria pointed out that, "...when David went to the field that morning, he was not expecting to be anointed king that afternoon. He was faithfully doing the thing he had been doing the better part of his life every single day. It probably felt monotonous."

1. Put yourself in David's shoes: Why was he alone tending the sheep, when all seven of his brothers were at the feast with Samuel the judge and prophet of Israel?
2. How much power is there in being the youngest son of eight?
3. How did David prevent frustration, loneliness and bitterness?
4. Look at the psalms. What did David draw power from?

5. What did David's years in the field as the youngest prepare him to face? Explain.

Look up Psalm 91:

***1**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. **2**I will say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." See the [footnote 1](#) below.*

1. How safe was David alone in the field? What dangers do you know of that he faced as a child alone in the field?
2. Looking at this psalm, what did David learn alone in the field from the lion and the bear?
3. Left to do the chores alone by his older brothers, at what point was David forgotten or abandoned?

Victoria prophesied, saying, "Whatever you are doing faithfully in secret, God is ready to reward you openly.

Look up Matthew 6:

***16** When you fast, do not be somber like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they already have their full reward. **17** But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, **18** so that your fasting will not be obvious to men, but only to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

1. Is Victoria right?
2. Explain how this works.
3. Do your good deeds impact God? Whom do they impact?
4. Why is your neighbor so important to the Father Who sees in secret?
5. How has God chosen to bless your neighbor?

Victoria points out a principle: "Sometimes we're driven to 'go forth and find' the plan of God in our lives, like it exists over there and not over here...and no doubt He does lead us in that way. But there are times where the plan of God might look more like staying exactly where we are, being faithful in the small things, until He brings the change and promotion into our situation.

She spoke of the ten long years working in the health department, as people around her, even those who came after her were being promoted, and she waited...until that day came where her promotion was greater than any she had hoped for.

1. Can you relate?
2. Explain...Do you have a testimony?
3. How are you doing today? What are you waiting for?
4. What did David have to do to get promoted?

5. What songs have you written?
6. How was David's heart different from yours?

Examine Luke 16:

9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, they will welcome you into eternal dwellings. **10**Whoever is faithful with very little will also be faithful with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. **11** So if you have not been faithful with worldly wealth, who will entrust you with true riches?

1. What does it take in your situation to be faithful?
2. Look up Matthew 25: **20***The servant who had received the five talents came and presented five more. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'* **21**His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master!' Compare these verses with what Jesus taught in Luke above.
3. What does it mean to be faithful?
4. Can you take a break for one day? Explain.
5. There is a French proverb from a classic movie that states, "Honor is like a match. It burns once." Can you explain this?

Victoria points out that before the great champions of faith of the Bible became great champions of the faith, they were ordinary people. Fishermen became mighty apostles... after years of fishing to live. Before they were leading people into battle they were farmers so scared they had to thresh their wheat in a wine press. No one was betting in these people to do extraordinary things for the Lord, until they stepped out into the fray. She asks, "Can we be faithful in the work at hand while we are awaiting the call? Can we consider the work at hand God's task while awaiting the destiny God's fixed for us?"

1. Comment.
2. Answer her question?
3. What does this mean for you?

II. ANOINTED

Victoria spoke of the days of the Charismatic renewal, saying that with the coming of the Holy Spirit into the meetings, manifestations were expected, sometimes exuberant. She reflected that she has come to understand that the coming of the Spirit can be gentle, with healing and wisdom, giving homemakers wisdom and authority and discernment for their children and favor in their household. For those in a technical role, He brings tactical skills with insights and problem solving insights. For those working in health care he can come with supernatural diagnosis, seeing problems with insights into the cure before the tests bring back the results. She says anointing oil of the Holy Spirit is the lubricant that reduces all tension and friction in the body that prevents movement and progress.

1. What do you remember of the Charismatic renewal?

2. What has changed over the decades?
3. How does Victoria's description square with your insights?

Look up 1 John 2:

20 You, however, have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. 21 I have not written to you because you lack knowledge of the truth, but because you have it, and because no lie comes from the truth. How does this agree with what Victoria said? Who ultimately teaches us truth?

1. She adds, "The anointing imparts that which you do not so that you can accomplish that which you could not do on your own." Explain.
2. What does "...all things..." mean? (See [footnote 2 below](#).)
3. Is anything not included?

Victoria interjects a review on the gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit.

1. Can you list the fruit of the Spirit?
2. Victoria says, "That is fruit that is produced in our lives." How is the fruit of the Spirit manifested?
3. Is any fruit controversial? Why or why not?
4. How many of the gifts of the Spirit do you know? Look up 1 Corinthians 12: *7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in various tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who apportions them to each one as He determines.* What do you notice?
5. Are any of the gifts controversial? Explain.
6. Victoria says these gifts are given to know something, or to say something or to do something. Which is which?
7. How often have you witnessed any of these gifts?
8. She says, "These are gifts...which means they are given." How are they supernatural and therefore different from natural talents?
9. She says, "These are gifts that are given to assist us in the work we are called into." Look again at verse 11 above. How does this work?

Review 1 Corinthians 13:

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a ringing gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have absolute faith so as to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and exult in the surrender of my body, but have not love, I gain nothing. How does the fruit of the

Spirit join with the gifts of the Spirit to do the work of the Spirit?

1. Can you receive anything from an angry, bitter friend?

Victoria points out that the fruit and the gifts have something in common. She says, “Holy Spirit...absolutely. And gifts and fruit are both things that are produced without your effort. If it’s a gift, you cannot have worked for it. If it’s fruit, I know we have some gardeners here, but fruit is being produced by the plant. Your husbandry is necessary, but the work is being done by the plant itself.”

1. Discuss this.
2. Do you garden?
3. If you’re a good husbandman to what you’ve planted, how healthy is the fruit?
4. If you neglect the planting, what happens?
5. Ultimately, where does the fruit come from? Whose design is this?
6. Can you be a husbandman to the Holy Spirit within you? Explain.

She says, “In the Old Testament, three different groups were anointed with oil and set apart. They were either prophets, or priests or kings. These were people set apart by the Lord for divine service.

Now look at Exodus 19:

5Now if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you will be My treasured possession out of all the nations—for the whole earth is Mine. 6And unto Me you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites.”

1. What is God foreseeing here?
2. Whom did He include?
3. Describe your role in the kingdom?
4. How significant is this covenant with Moses in the gospel of the Kingdom of God?
5. Victoria says, “This was always God’s vision for His people, but they never quite got there.” What happened?
6. Look at 1 Peter 2: *8They stumble because they disobey the word—and to this they were appointed. 9But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.* And are we doing any better? Has the calling changed? 7. Has the purpose changed?
8. How has the anointing changed?
9. What limits are there to this anointing?
10. Are we waiting to be chosen? Or has this choice happened already?
11. Victoria says, “When we believe that the Holy Spirit has done this, it begins to manifest in our lives.” Explain. What does our faith have to do with the anointing?
12. If our body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, to what degree does He indwell us? To

what end and for what purpose?

Examine Titus 2:

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to everyone. **12** It instructs us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live sensible, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **13** as we await the blessed hope and glorious appearance of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. **14** He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

1. Put Paul's words into your own words.
2. Look at verse 13 in terms of David's wait, tending sheep in the field, knowing the door to a greater destiny was imminent.
3. What do you think: Does Christ appear outwardly first, like fire in the sky, or inwardly...in you, as you grow in grace, in the knowledge of God? What are your expectations? Which will your family see first?
4. Who is training us in righteousness? Explain.

III. APPOINTED

Victoria mentioned something that she learned from a pastor friend from Singapore. She said, "We think that we need to first get qualified to be able to do something, and only then we can step into that post, But when you look at the scriptures, you see that first you are called, and then you are equipped. The calling comes first. Before you are qualified to do anything, you are called and then equipped on the journey. David was called and anointed king long before he ever sat on the throne. However something did change when he was anointed.

Victoria examined David's anointing, shown above in 1 Samuel 16:**13** *So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and **the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.*** You can examine the word in [footnote 3](#) below. Notice, David was saturated, filled with, and prospered by the Holy Spirit. Victoria says from that day forward, David experienced success.

1. List David's mighty successes.
2. What equipped him to deal with Goliath?
3. List more.
4. Victoria asks, "If this was true for David, how much more is it true for you and me?" Answer her.
5. She says, the Holy Spirit is not in us to lie dormant and do nothing. Explain.
6. What does this make you think?
7. How is the Holy Spirit limited? Who imposes the limits?
8. What do you know of your calling and appointment? What have you seen so far?
9. Have you said, "Yes?"
10. Victoria calls us to "...live listening." What does that mean?
11. What have you heard?
12. Did you go to the "serve fair?" Did you see anything there?

Look at Exodus 4:

1 Then Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to my voice? For they may say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'" *2* And the LORD asked him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.

1. What do you see?
2. What did Moses have to offer? How can a stick free people? Explain.
3. What do you have in *your* hand?

The Follow-up Application:

1. Use the SOAP journal studies below each day this week.
2. List the gifts of the Spirit, and examine them. Pray each day that God activates these gifts in your own life, and become aware of new insights, ideas and inspiration.
3. List what we have to look forward to with the Holy Spirit in the days ahead. Write down your prayers. Say yes to the call.

Take the time to pray.

Scribe's Footnotes:

1. On the Secret Place of the Most High—We looked at Psalm 91:1. Many translations speak of the "shelter of the Most High." Others speak of the "secret place." The Hebrew word David uses is סֵתֶר, *cether*, pronounced "SAY-ter"), and it...*primarily denotes a place of concealment or protection. It is often used metaphorically to describe God's protective presence or the safety found in His care. The term can refer to both physical and spiritual forms of shelter, emphasizing the security and refuge provided by God.* You're not only sheltered...but you're hidden from harm as well.

2. On translations and knowing all things—In the book of 1 John there are more than one controversial variant in the translations that can be looked at without fear, and easily understood. 1 John 2:20 is one such verse. The Berean standard, and many other modern translations says, **20 You, however, have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know [the truth].** However, the King James version, and those translations derived from the Textus Receptus, the majority text, says this, "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things." There is a clear and significant difference in meaning between "knowing all things," and simply knowing the truth. This difference comes from the variants that exist in the historic manuscripts that form the basis of our translations, and can be easily explained and distilled down to the choice of each translator. The original Greek manuscripts have variants that amount to ancient transcription errors made when the copies were transcribed manually, and sent to the various libraries and schools. Copyists then copied the variants, and so these were passed on. In this case, the Greek reads either: οἴδατε πάντες, *oidate pantes*, "you all know," or οἴδατε πάντα, *oidate panta*, "you know all." This is one of those passages where, when a two-letter ending of the Greek adjective changes, yours is the best guess. Victoria's choice, that you know all things... concerning parenting, concerning your work,

your conflict resolutions...is strongly backed by the fullness of the Gift of the Holy Spirit, sent to "...lead us into all Truth," and to teach us that which Jesus had not yet taught, according to Jesus' own words in the gospel of John.

3. **On the Spirit of God *rushing* on David**—The Hebrew word used to describe the Spirit of God "rushing on David is *צָלַח*, *tsalach*. It means to rush, to cleave, to penetrate, to advance, to succeed, be profitable and to prosper. In ancient Israelite culture, prosperity and success were often seen as signs of God's favor and blessing. The concept of "tsalach" is deeply rooted in the covenantal relationship between God and His people, where obedience to God's commandments was believed to lead to prosperity.

SOAP—For further study:

Take a moment each day this week to apply the **SOAP method** (**S**cripture—Copy the scripture. / **O**bservation—Write what you see. / **A**pplication—What is God saying? / **P**ray—What is your response?) to some of the scripture we looked at this week:

Monday: Matthew 13:52
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:6-7
Wednesday: Psalm 91:1-8
Thursday: Matthew 6:16-18
Friday: Exodus 19:5-6
Saturday: 1 Peter 2:8-10
Sunday: Titus 2:11-14

Once again, some passages suggested here have more than the usual number of verses. This is not to increase the burden but to provide clarity of context. Pick the verses that speak to you most clearly, and run these through the SOAP steps.

