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Deeply Rooted Bible Study (Bi-weekly)

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Summary

This Bible study meeting, attended by Steph, DCM Meseley, Nicole Parker, Yvonne M., Markee, Elisa Williamson, Simone Tunstall, Carolyn Meseley, Ingrid B., Courtnei Moon, and Rooted in Christ Deeply, explored God's detailed instructions, timing, and the importance of faith, obedience, and surrender to His will in all life aspects, including work and ministry. Participants shared personal testimonies illustrating God's work in their lives, emphasizing the significance of representing Christ's character through actions and the fruit of the Spirit. Next steps include transitioning to the Spaces by Wix app for improved communication, with prayer requests for financial support, and scheduling in-person and virtual Bible study meetings on April 12th and 21st, respectively.

Details

- **God's Detailed Instructions and Timing:** Steph shared their interpretation of a scripture passage, emphasizing God's detailed instructions and the importance of faith and obedience in receiving what they desire. They noted a parallel to their own life experiences, where following God's instructions, even when unclear, leads to positive outcomes. DCM Meseley echoed this, highlighting that trust and obedience lead to miracles ([00:00:00](#)).

- **God's Timing and Ecclesiastes 3:1-11:** Nicole Parker connected the discussion to Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, emphasizing that "there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven". They noted how God's timing is crucial, even preventing premature actions influenced by outside forces or demonic interference ([00:02:02](#)).
- **Avoiding Premature Action and God's Will:** Yvonne M. shared how they understood God's guidance to involve incremental steps and adherence to His timing. They emphasized that even if the process appears unconventional, God's way ultimately leads to the best outcome, surpassing human expectations ([00:02:02](#)) ([00:03:43](#)).
- **God's Unpredictability and the Need for Surrender:** Nicole Parker described their personal journey with the Bible study, explaining how God consistently altered their plans, demonstrating that they should not try to confine or predict God's actions ([00:03:43](#)). They stressed the necessity of drawing near to God for guidance and surrendering to His will, irrespective of feelings of preparedness ([00:04:32](#)).
- **Weakness and Reliance on God:** Markee highlighted the significance of recognizing personal weakness and complete reliance on God. They stated that their dependence on God allows Him to shine through their actions and receive the glory for accomplished tasks ([00:05:14](#)).
- **Surrendering Capabilities to God:** Elisa Williamson expanded on the idea of surrendering not only weaknesses but also strengths and capabilities to God. They emphasized the beauty of surrendering even when feeling capable, thus demonstrating humility and trust in God's plans ([00:06:01](#)).
- **The Best First, Not Last:** Nicole Parker shared a summary from their Bible, which states that life with God is better than life without Him. This contrasts the worldly concept of "saving the best for last," showing that the best should be sought first with God. Simone Tunstall affirmed that this idea contradicts the world's perspective ([00:08:04](#)).
- **God's Intentional Actions and Divine Intervention:** Carolyn Meseley connected the discussion to Isaiah, highlighting that God often operates oppositely to the world's ways ([00:08:04](#)). Yvonne M. added that God's actions are intentional and prepared, illustrated by Jesus's first miracle and three-day preparation ([00:09:03](#)).

- **Gradual Revelation and Faith Building:** Markee reflected on how God reveals information gradually to avoid overwhelming people, building their faith incrementally through miracles rather than forcing belief ([00:09:50](#)). Yvonne M. added that the first miracle of turning water into wine was a simple yet powerful act chosen for its impact on faith ([00:10:36](#)).
- **Jesus's Humble Beginnings and Breaking Down Walls:** Nicole Parker discussed Jesus's origin from Nazareth, highlighting how He exceeded expectations by coming from humble beginnings. They noted that God's actions often defy human predictions ([00:11:36](#)) and that His character continues to be revealed through ongoing experiences and relationships ([00:12:26](#)).
- **Jesus's Invitation and Engagement:** Steph and Ingrid B. emphasized the significance of Jesus's invitation to the wedding and the involvement of His mother ([00:13:11](#)). Ingrid B. added points about family connection, the ministry's early stages, God's abundance, and the family's social connections ([00:14:20](#)). DCM Meseley reinforced the importance of relationship through the story's background ([00:15:19](#)).
- **Mission Accomplished in Joyful Times:** Nicole Parker highlighted the importance of integrating faith into social occasions. They emphasized that Jesus valued these events for reaching people and that the mission can be accomplished during joyful celebrations, creating balance ([00:16:14](#)).
- **Work as Assignment and God's Presence:** Elisa Williamson discussed how workplaces can be viewed as assignments from God, not just places of provision. They emphasized that God's presence is not confined to specific situations, suggesting a holistic approach to faith integration in all aspects of life ([00:17:05](#)).
- **God's Unseen Purpose in Work:** Markee shared a personal testimony about their experiences in banking, illustrating how seemingly negative situations ultimately led to spiritual growth and tangible blessings such as homeownership. They highlighted the importance of obedience to God's will, leading to beneficial outcomes, both spiritually and materially ([00:18:26](#)).
- **Ministry Beyond the Pulpit:** Yvonne M. underscored that ministry extends beyond formal religious settings and emphasized the importance of living as a light in any situation, whether joyful or challenging. They noted that genuine faith is evident in actions and character rather than mere aesthetics ([00:20:37](#)).

- God's Unmockable Nature and Planting Seeds:** Courtnei Moon shared a personal anecdote about encountering someone who made light of faith ([00:21:29](#)). Nicole Parker connected this to the concept that God cannot be mocked, emphasizing the importance of planting seeds of faith, even if met with resistance ([00:23:16](#)). They noted that such resistance may stem from demonic influence ([00:24:07](#)).
- Witnessing in Uncomfortable Situations:** Yvonne M. highlighted the importance of witnessing in uncomfortable situations, suggesting that responses to challenges can create opportunities to share faith ([00:24:07](#)). Simone Tunstall added that the unattainable standards sometimes associated with Christianity deter individuals from faith ([00:24:50](#)).
- The Importance of Actions and Fruit of the Spirit:** Simone Tunstall shared a testimony of how their actions and demeanor influenced a student facing cancer. They emphasized the significance of living out the fruit of the Spirit, highlighting that it's more impactful than verbal proclamations ([00:25:32](#)). The student's subsequent remission is noted ([00:26:49](#)).
- Convicting Others Through Example:** Elisa Williamson connected the discussion to the Holy Spirit's work of conviction, suggesting that it's not the responsibility of believers to directly address others' resistance to faith, but rather to let the Holy Spirit work through their examples ([00:26:49](#)).
- Knowing the True Enemy and Empathizing:** DCM Meseley emphasized that understanding the true enemy allows for greater empathy and the ability to pray for others who display mocking behavior ([00:28:35](#)). Yvonne M. further reinforced that actions and the fruit of the Spirit speak louder than words ([00:29:20](#)).
- God's Purpose in Challenging Situations:** Simone Tunstall shared their reflection on a student's cancer diagnosis, highlighting how it brought them closer to God ([00:30:11](#)). Yvonne M. added that challenging circumstances often draw people closer to God ([00:30:51](#)). Markee emphasized the importance of consistent prayer for colleagues and team members, regardless of current circumstances ([00:31:23](#)).
- Using Opportunities for Ministry at Work:** DCM Meseley shared how they utilize their supervisory role to guide their team from a godly perspective. They emphasized integrating faith into their daily work, refusing to compartmentalize it ([00:31:23](#)).

- **God's Use Despite Imperfect Surrender:** Nicole Parker shared a personal testimony about a previous work experience, illustrating how God used them to positively impact a colleague even before they were fully surrendered to Him ([00:33:01](#)). The colleague's improved situation and subsequent revelation is discussed ([00:33:51](#)).
- **Childlike Faith and the Holiness of God:** Simone Tunstall shared an interaction with a child who demonstrated unwavering faith, prompting reflection on their own faith's maturity ([00:35:38](#)). They emphasized the importance of understanding God's holiness and the need to strive for greater alignment with it ([00:36:19](#)). Nicole Parker added the distinction between God's tolerance and His approval, highlighting that God may allow choices with which He is displeased ([00:53:32](#)).
- **Jesus's Anger and Handling Injustice:** Nicole Parker noted Jesus's righteous anger towards injustice and sin, contrasting it with anger driven by trivial desires ([00:54:24](#)). The silencing of Yvonne M.'s microphone is addressed, highlighting a spiritual battle and the power of prayer ([00:55:31](#)).
- **Emotions and Sin:** DCM Meseley clarified that anger is a legitimate emotion, emphasizing that the key is to avoid sinning through anger ([00:56:09](#)). Yvonne M. and Markee referenced the scripture, "Be angry, but do not sin," highlighting the importance of self-control and learning from Jesus's example ([00:56:50](#)).
- **Signs, Belief, and the Church as Body:** Yvonne M. discussed how reliance on signs can hinder faith, emphasizing that God's presence is not contingent on visual demonstrations ([00:57:31](#)). They highlighted Jesus's statement that the temple refers to His body and spirit rather than a physical building ([00:58:20](#)).
- **True Worship and Purity:** Markee connected the discussion to Leviticus, explaining that true worship requires purity and offering oneself completely to God, unlike the commercialized practices Jesus condemned in the temple ([00:42:29](#)). Elisa Williamson underscored the sanctity of the temple and the Holy Spirit's indwelling within believers ([00:43:47](#)).
- **Sacrifice and Cleansing:** Markee related personal struggles with defiling the temple of the Holy Spirit to Leviticus's sacrifices for uncleanness. They explained the value of allowing God to cleanse and purify us, surpassing any self-imposed rules ([00:45:01](#)). Nicole Parker added the concept of sharing in Jesus's suffering to share in His glory ([00:47:11](#)).

- **Reverence and Relationship with God:** Elisa Williamson connected the discussion to reverence, emphasizing the significance of knowing God's character and developing a personal relationship with Him, which fosters a desire to avoid sinning ([00:47:51](#)). Nicole Parker added that intimacy with God helps avoid actions that would hurt His feelings ([00:48:59](#)).
- **Representing Christ's Character:** Markee highlighted the importance of representing Christ's character in daily life, explaining that actions and demeanor are more impactful than religious knowledge in influencing others ([00:49:50](#)). Nicole Parker reinforced this by emphasizing that people recognize the fruit of the Spirit in the lives of true believers ([00:50:36](#)).
- **God's Holiness and Patience:** Simone Tunstall emphasized the importance of understanding God's holiness and the distinction between patience and tolerance ([00:51:48](#)). Nicole Parker connected this to their study of David and Saul, clarifying that God gives people their choices, even if those choices lead them into sin ([00:52:35](#)). They highlighted that God may allow sin but is not pleased with it ([00:53:32](#)).
- **The Nature of the Church:** Participants discussed the true nature of the church, agreeing that it is not defined by buildings or material possessions but by the presence of God's spirit ([00:59:10](#)). Yvonne M. emphasized the importance of God's word as a guide in situations where the church may not seem like a true church ([00:59:49](#)).
- **Kindness vs. Niceness:** The group distinguished between kindness and niceness, with Nicole Parker arguing that niceness is superficial while kindness is rooted in genuineness and truth. They debated the misconception that being a Christian means allowing oneself to be mistreated, asserting that true Christianity involves righteous judgment and authority ([01:00:43](#)).
- **The Impact of God's Presence:** They explored how carrying God's light shifts atmospheres and influences people's behavior without needing explicit statements ([01:02:05](#)). Yvonne M. described personal experiences where their presence caused people to modify their language and behavior ([01:02:43](#)).
- **The Sufficiency of God's Word:** The discussion highlighted the sufficiency of God's word, emphasizing that it doesn't need additional human efforts ([01:03:17](#)). They argued that true faith and obedience are necessary for receiving revelations from God ([01:07:28](#)).

- **David as a Model of Faith:** The group analyzed David's life as an example of a man after God's own heart, focusing on his unwavering commitment to God despite his mistakes. They noted that David's worship and repentance, exemplified in the Psalms, demonstrated true faith ([01:09:01](#)).
- **The Meaning of Worship:** The participants delved into the meaning of worshiping "in spirit and in truth," concluding that it involves authentic, vulnerable communication with God, laying bare one's flaws and weaknesses ([01:11:32](#)). They emphasized the importance of heart posture and a complete surrender to God's will ([01:12:22](#)).
- **Worship as a Way of Life:** Elisa Williamson shared their experience of integrating worship into their daily work, highlighting that it's about doing everything unto God, resulting in unexpected blessings and promotions ([01:14:37](#)). They clarified that these blessings are byproducts of a heart postured in worship ([01:15:35](#)).
- **Transitioning to a New Communication App:** Nicole Parker announced the transition from a group chat to a new app called Spaces by Wix ([01:22:29](#)), aiming to improve communication and provide prayer request features ([01:26:58](#)). They requested prayers for financial support for the new app ([01:23:27](#)).
- **App Features and Functionality:** Rooted in Christ Deeply explained the new app's features, including a Bible study section for discussions, a prayer request feature for prayer warriors, and a member directory for easier identification ([01:26:58](#)). They also clarified account creation and invite processes ([01:28:48](#)).
- **Upcoming Bible Study Details:** The group finalized plans for the next Bible study, scheduling an in-person meeting on April 12th at a clubhouse, with a virtual meeting to follow on April 21st ([01:31:45](#)). They also discussed gathering RSVPs for the in-person meeting ([01:34:06](#)).

Suggested next steps

- ☐ The group will pray for financial support for the Forever Home app.
- ☐ The group will join the Spaces app using the provided link and invite code, creating profiles with their names and pictures. They will also invite others to join.

- ☐ DCM Meseley will update the Spaces app with details for the next in-person Bible study on April 12th at the clubhouse, including location, address, and RSVP functionality.
- ☐ Rooted in Christ Deeply will add an RSVP feature to the Spaces app for the in-person Bible study on April 12th.

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