

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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Among
Friends

James 3:13-18

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

John 8:32

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:36

So if the son sets you free, you are free indeed.

God's _____ isn't for us to _____ humility and grace as a slap in the face, but a gentle _____, best heard when we _____ the things around us that may _____ with it.

Things that steal your attention:

Criticism of ourselves and others.

Focusing on works instead of the word.

Busy doing and not receiving.

Exhausting ourselves with the mundane and not making time for Messiah.

When God speaks _____ and _____ into us, it's not meant to be a slap in the face, but a gentle whisper that draws us in, to listen _____, best heard when outside noise is _____.

Matthew 22:36-40

36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

LOVE _____ SO YOU CAN LOVE _____ WELL.

How do we _____ ourselves well?

By _____ in humility and grace that God _____ freely with no _____ attached.

When God _____ us to humility and grace, it’s not a slap in the face. It’s a gentle _____ best heard when we _____ the things around us.

There’s a God _____ it all. He has a _____ whisper for you.

James 4:11-12

11 Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. 12 There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

When God calls us to _____ and _____, it’s not a _____ in the face. It’s a gentle whisper best _____ when we silence the things _____ us.

It doesn’t take _____ to gain _____. It takes _____.