

Ladies Friendship Connection Review

Let's take a quick look at the goals that we set out to teach in this group. But I first want to set the stage for what we were trying to accomplish on why we started with the Holy Spirit helping us become Temple Caretakers. Naomi2Ruth teaching was based on a very important Old Testament story. It gave us the basis for our on-line teachings. In this connection group, we have been concentrating on how Jesus and the Holy Spirit affects our lives today.

In the Old Testament, God gave His people the **Tabernacle**. It is a very carefully planned place where God dwells and speaks to His people. It seems almost too specific and almost confusing until you realize how important every little detail was to God and now to us.

The **Tabernacle** compared to the New Testament use of the word **Temple**:

One entrance only -Jesus is the door

The **Bronze altar-Jesus became our sacrifice on the cross**

The **Bronze Laver- Cleansing/Baptism**

The **Holy Place** included:

*The **Golden Lampstand** of 7 branches of Oil - **Jesus is the Light***

*and The **Holy Spirit** is considered 7 Spirits in Revelations*

Table of **Showbread-Jesus is the Bread of Life**

Altar of Incense- *our prayers through Jesus are sweet incense to God*

Massive curtain separated the Holy Place from the presence of the place where God dwells—**The veil was torn in two through the sacrifice of Jesus** which tore the barrier between us and God.

We now have direct access to God when we accept Jesus as our Savior.

Throughout our 7 group sessions we have talked about our bodies being **God's temple**.

We discussed how the Holy Spirit is the one who helps us become **temple caretakers that brings glory to God**. The **Tabernacle** was the place to meet and honor God. It was a place of **forgiveness, excellence, beauty, sustenance, and great power**. It was the way to **connect with the creator through Worship**.

As God's Temple, we are now to be a place of Worship through everything we do and say as well as our prayers and communication with our Father. We have been given this honor through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

We also talked about becoming **WOW (Women of Worth)** ladies in that we are **highly valued** by God and **because of the Holy Spirit we are full of power and all the resources we need to be conquerors**. We know that Satan will constantly try to invade God's temple or steal our joy through discouragement, busyness, sickness, or any weakness that he can use to trip us up so we always need to be on guard.

One of the **important tools** God gives us is to put on our **Armor** daily so we reviewed each piece of Armor.

Another important tool is to dwell in **gratefulness, worship and praise**. A good way to resist Satan's attacks and cause him to flee is to live in constant praise to our Lord. Worship lifts our spirit and helps us rise above our circumstances.

The **extra tool** that we added to this group was the opportunity to use personal connections and friendships to pray and encourage each other by making a commitment to at least one person each month. It has been a great privilege to get to know each of you a little better and know how to pray for you.

We have been praying for each of you. As we close this group, we will continue to pray for you. Please feel free to share any additional prayer requests at any time. We would love to be available to you whenever you would need an extra person to care, pray and possibly give you a loving hug.