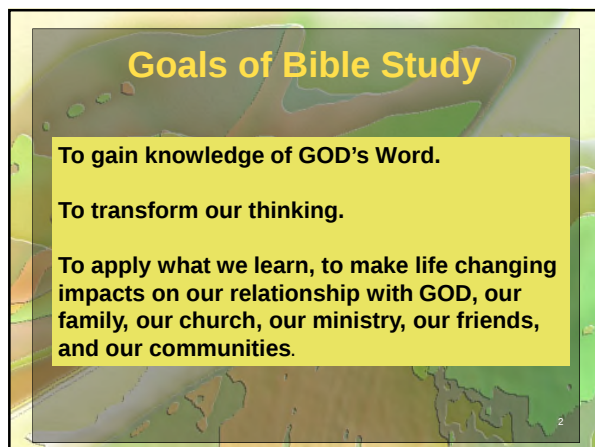
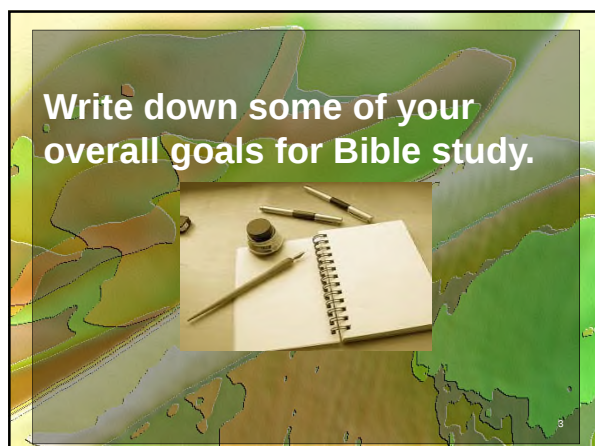








Operation "JESUS"

The Bible is a Christian's life expression, it is Holy, it is not full of condemnation, but it is full of love. The Bible is the greatest love story every told. No matter what mankind did, God still loved us enough to give us His son- Jesus.

So our battle plan/guide on this mission is in our strategic handbook- the "Holy Bible"



Operation JESUS

- Mission- to seek and save the lost.
- Pattern after what God did, he sent Jesus into the world to save the lost.
- Jesus sent his disciples out to save the lost (The Great Commission).
- We as Christians have been chosen for the purpose of expanding the kingdom of God, saving the lost.

CHRISTIANS! START DOING THIS... *Now!*



MATTHEW 28:18-20

What is the worlds largest religion?

What is the fastest growing religion in the world?

Then he said to his the disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37-38)

Mission- Sabotage

- I don't know enough
- People know my past
- It is still confusing to me
- Don't want to be challenged
- Not confident speaking
- Other reasons
- What scriptures refute the self defeating sabotaging of focusing on the mission?

Ephesians 6:10-11; 14-18 (NIV)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

14 Stand firm with the belt of **truth** buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of **righteousness** in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of **peace**. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of **faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of **salvation** and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**. 18 And in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of **prayers** and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.



THE ARMOR OF GOD

Belt of Truth- belt around the waist to keep everything together, holds everything up; the truth of God's word keeps everything in place.

Breastplate of Righteousness- protection of the vital organs of the body- the heart is the main one; Jesus' righteousness is our heart's covering.

Gospel of Peace (Feet)- protection for the journey and the firm stance in the good news of Jesus which is our hope and peace.

Shield of Faith- main defensive protection, our belief and trust in God and His power is our main source of protection.

Helmet of Salvation- vital protection for the head/brain that controls the body; salvation secures our ultimate victory.

Sword of the Spirit (Word of God)- Offensive weapon, what we fight with, the Word of God to defeat the enemy.

Prayer- constant communication with the Commander "in" Chief which is our Father in Heaven for all provisions.

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Do you put on the full armor, or is there one or more parts of armor that you rely on more?



Why?

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Truth

Psalm 40:11 Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord; may your love and your truth always protect me. (NIV)

John 17:15-18; 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. (NIV)

Ephesians 1:13-14; 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession- to the praise of his glory. (NIV)

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Righteousness

Romans 1: 16-17; 16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel **a righteousness from God** is revealed, **a righteousness that is by faith** from first to last, just as it is written: "**The righteous will live by faith.**" (NIV)

2 Corinthians 6: 4-10; 4 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses, 5 in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger, in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; 7 in truthful speech and in the power of God; with **weapons of righteousness** in the right hand and in the left; 8 through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; 9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on, beaten, and yet not killed; 10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. (NIV)

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Peace

Isaiah 9:6-7; 6For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. (NIV)

John 14:27 **Peace** I leave with you; **my peace** I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (NIV)

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Faith

Hebrews 11:32-39; 32 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. 35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. 36 Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. 37 They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated 38 the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and caves and holes in the ground. 39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. (NIV)

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Salvation

John 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, he has crossed over from death to life." (NIV)

Ephesians 2: 4-5; 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions- it is by grace you have been saved. (NIV)

Romans 10: 9-10; 9 That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. (NIV)

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The Word of God

Jeremiah 23:29 Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? (NIV)

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than a double-edge sword, it penetrates even dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (NIV)

2 Peter 1:20-21; 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' (NIV)

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Prayer

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. (NIV)

Psalms 17:6 I call on you, O God, for you will answer me: give ear to me and hear my prayer. (NIV)

Philippians 4:6-7; 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

James 5: 16-17; 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (NIV)

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Operation Jesus

Discussions Points

- Casualties – what you lose, or have to give up, sacrifice for the mission.
- Battle scars- testimony, how we overcome.
- War stories- overcomers that have gone on before us- fought the good fight of faith.
- Victory- What is the final outcome?

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Takeaways

You + God= Endless Possibilities

Jesus replied. "What is impossible with men is possible with God." (Luke 18:27 NIV)

You + Jesus= Salvation to the World

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth. (Acts 13:47 NIV)

You + the Holy Spirit= Power, Control, Comfort, and Righteous Leadership

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. (John 16:13 NIV)

You + God + Jesus + the Holy Spirit + the Other Saints of God=A mighty force on this earth, to do the will of the Father, just as Jesus did.

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one. I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17: 20-23, NIV)

Operation JESUS will be a success, will you be a part it? The victory has been promised.

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:16, NIV)

Join the “Women of Hope” as we pursue the things of Christ and continue the mission until Jesus returns.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. (James 1:22, NIV)



What are you doing or going to do to carry out the mission?

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen. (KJV)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (NIV)

The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (MSG)

