

Speaker 1 ([00:16](#)):

Everyone, my dear sisters in Christ. I am excited to be a part of this conference with all of you. Hallelujah. Today I will focus on Ephesians four, chapter four. This entire chapter is really profound, but before I proceed any further, let me introduce myself. My name is Anne Lynn, and I can't wait to immerse into his word because his word shall change our lives. A man. Hallelujah. My heart is fond of all of you indeed. Yet I have a confession to make. I have compassion for pastors and leaders in the church.

Speaker 2 ([01:10](#)):

We

Speaker 1 ([01:11](#)):

Are all knitted in love. We have undergone tremendous burdens, face, spiritual battle,

Speaker 1 ([01:25](#)):

Edifying the sheep, building up hearts of believers and carrying great responsibilities and more. And we can't give up. We can't give up. I can surely understand because I am myself, a leader as a pastor's wife and part of the pastoral team at church. I am truly humbled, um, to be called, to be a part of that work. And it's not something that I'd signed up just because I am married with a man after God's own heart, as a pastor. And I've learned so much over the years, this journey is not easy, but yet there is a lot more joy. Joy will always overcome solemn moments. It's important that we build up in the spirit and the word a man. So now back to Ephesians four in, in, in its entirety is a powerful spiritual booster to raise us up. It's so powerful. Let us impart his word through Ephesians four and we'll be focusing on selected verses all verses in the entire chapter are very beneficial and I chose what placed on my heart, verse 11 and it reads now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church, the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers verse 12. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church. The body of Christ

Speaker 1 ([03:39](#)):

Verse 13. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and our knowledge of God's son, that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Verse 14. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies. So clever. They sound like the truth.

Speaker 2 ([04:50](#)):

Verse 15. Okay.

Speaker 1 ([04:53](#)):

Instead we will speak the truth in love growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church, let the church say a man. His word is so amazing. And in that verse 11 through 15, as I think about that, I realized that this section applies to one of my favorite stories in the Bible I'll share this with you, but you can read it at home to know more in-depth about it. And so that story is found in Matthew 25 verses one through 13. And the story out is really about the summary about five wise women and five foolish women. So there were five wise women and of course the five foolish women, The five wise women were prepared and had enough oil to feel the tilt in their lamp.

Speaker 2 ([06:22](#)):

Five

Speaker 1 ([06:22](#)):

Foolish women didn't bring extra oil and thought nothing about preparedness. They thought what they had would suffice. They were looking for and expecting the bride groom. Yet as night wore on, they got tired and sleepy. And when the bridegroom finally arrived, the women got up and the five wise women had extra oil because they were prepared and their lights would not go out. The five foolish women didn't come prepared and their lamps were almost out of oil. And these foolish women pleaded for help from the five wise women. I encourage you to read the rest of that chapter and that scripture in depth, but now how can that story apply to Ephesians four, 11 through 15 in particular. Now the five wise women chose to encourage one another equip one another, as they grew closer to the Lord. Whereas the five women who chose a half committed lifestyle, assuming they had time to approve, uh, they were like, God understands. He understands everything. And, and they were very sympathetic to the world. They thought all of them ought to be respectful of various cultures and norms,

Speaker 2 ([07:57](#)):

But let

Speaker 1 ([07:57](#)):

Us focus on the last verse in this selection, verse 15, which says growing in every way more and more like Christ

Speaker 2 ([08:13](#)):

Die.

Speaker 1 ([08:14](#)):

Dad gave us different gifts and skills. As he encourages us to increase in depth of our relationship with him. It doesn't matter if you've been a Christian for many years, or if you just got saved and you are on fire for the Lord and so eager yet, God is not a limited. And doesn't give us a simple package. He has plenty and a whole lot more to give us tools, to help us grow with him,

Speaker 2 ([08:47](#)):

To

Speaker 1 ([08:47](#)):

Become more like Christ.

Speaker 2 ([08:54](#)):

Ephesians really

Speaker 1 ([08:56](#)):

Is like a sword. When someone places a sword in your hand for the first time, it will feel heavy and cumbersome. It is a bit of a challenge to handle the sword. Yet with practice, you become effective in

handling that sword. We know how to carry his sword effectively. We practice in stature with love. People may not be kind yet. We hold onto God's truth. His unchanging word, his word never fails. Never runs out, never runs out of style. It's never old fashioned. His word never returns, void, plentiful, and steal around for more than 2000 years.

Speaker 2 ([09:54](#)):

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Speaker 1 ([09:55](#)):

That's why we need to thrive and grow in Christ.

Speaker 2 ([10:01](#)):

Grow

Speaker 1 ([10:02](#)):

In every way. Seek him, get to know him more. Yes. So now back to the story in Matthew 25, How can we become like the five wise women instead of the five foolish women?

Speaker 1 ([10:28](#)):

How do we avoid being like those foolish women? How can we be like the wise women continuing to grow in our relationship with God, don't give up, keep going, seek deep things of God. Your eyes have not seen your ear ears have not heard the abundance and your heart have yet been filled up to overflowing with what God has prepared for you and wants to give you more. So in the story among five wise women and five foolish women, it is interesting to note that in Matthew chapter 25, verse nine, this specific verse, the five wives, women replied to the five foolish women. When they asked for some oil, The five wise women replied, no, there won't be enough for you. And for us go instead to those who sell all and buy some for yourselves. Now, did you notice what was different? Did the five wise women act rudely and callously toward the five foolish women? No. The wise women responded as they were speaking the truth in love, growing more and more like Christ.

Speaker 1 ([12:08](#)):

Hmm. So I want to explain to you a little bit more think about it. How can we grow to be more like Christ when the world is calling one another out, canceling people, nitpicking, slandering, and telling lies, even towards our pastors and leaders, what can we do? We can speak the truth in love because we want to get more and more intimate with Christ. More like Christ, more like Jesus. So have you ever considered what the difference between the five wise women and the five foolish women were? What's the difference between them? The difference is perspective.

Speaker 1 ([13:14](#)):

Their perspectives were different. Now think about this. The wise women knew. They knew that as long as it would take waiting all night for Jesus to arrive, there would be joy. Eventually their hearts were prepared and ready. Even with a short nap, they continued praising and praying and proclaiming that Jesus is Lord and almighty. God hallelujah. Now the five foolish women they waited to, but they were nonchalant that applies now to you. And that SI having the right perspective, it changes everything. It changes our future. And we have to choose to have the right perspective so we can grow into Christ.

Speaker 2 ([14:29](#)):

Do you know,

Speaker 1 ([14:32](#)):

Do you know why the world says to us What we need in order to achieve? It's the three PS, the PPP, and I call those the pride. The world says we need, they say we need to have position so that people can look at us. And they say that we need to have power. The world exalts, these three perspectives, pride position, and power, But we should have the perspective as those five wise women. And those are God's three PPPs. And those are prayer, powerful prayer

Speaker 2 ([15:35](#)):

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Speaker 1 ([15:37](#)):

Powerful praise say in hallelujah, speaking that praise out of your mouth, praise the Lord and his name, which is greatly to be praised. And the last P to achieve God's way is proclamation proclaiming, proclaiming saying it's all right. Not people may look at you and say, what's wrong with you. You must be crazy. Of course, people will think that. And they will gossip about you, but that's okay. You keep going for you. And I were created in him. He has not forgotten you with all power of praying. Miracles shall happen, signs and wonders. Shell manifests tests will result into testimonies.

Speaker 1 ([16:41](#)):

Our mess becomes a message and we can share that with others, what he has done for you. So keep going, forget pride. Get rid of that. Pride positions are not all of that. Even if you have power, that's nice, but you know, you can't bring that power to heaven. Hello? You can't take that pride, that position or that power to heaven. Hello? Someone don't copy the ways of the world. You can bring the three PS God's way to heaven, prayer, praise and proclamation. Hallelujah. Yes. Yes. You can stand strong. Change your perspective. Continue praying for your church, your ministry, your pastors and leaders, pray for them. And maybe you've been praying and there seems to result in no. The important thing is to keep praying, because God hears your prayers, keep going and don't give up. And that's the difference between the five wise women and the five foolish women, because their perspectives were different. The five wise women, you see their perspective of how they knew that they needed to keep their all have enough oil for their lamps. But the five foolish women had half full or limbs. And that's the difference. The five wise women with full oil lamps, they were looking for the bridegroom to come. They were ready because they know that they were the bride of Christ. They were students of the Holy spirit, spectators of the soon coming King, excited and joyful

Speaker 2 ([18:51](#)):

In hope,

Speaker 1 ([18:53](#)):

Waiting for the King to come, not being passive or nonchalant. They were excited and had an expectancy and was full of hope. Hallelujah. So it's important. You have to choose which side you're going to be on the five foolish women with the half full all lamps. They were lolly gagers procrastinator.

Speaker 2 ([19:23](#)):

Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([19:23](#)):

Oh, God understands. And we call that lukewarm Christians. They are neither hot and zealous or stone cold in heart. They are in-between. But what does scripture say in revelation three 16 about lukewarm? Do you think Jesus will squeal with joy, clap his hands and tell you to come in for hugs? No, he will spit you out of his mouth and say depart from me. And you don't want that. That's why you and I must be zealous and seek him, keep building up and edifying one another. He is worth every sweat worth. Every tear drop that falls worth every hard labor because when you receive the reward, nothing else matters. It will be out of this world. Yes. The perspective has to change and it changes everything. That's why in this, in this entire chapter of Ephesians four, especially the last part where it tells us not to partake in gossip and slander, spreading lies and other evil behavior.

Speaker 1 ([20:45](#)):

And having that in our heart. Once you continue with this kind of behavior, your heart grows, bitter and bitterness will spread throughout the entire body. You will end up hurling negativity at others. As you try to deflect negativity upon yourself, you will develop spiritual cancer. Yes. The Bible says that as it is written in second, Timothy, two 17, you don't want to develop spiritual cancer with all that bitterness being hard-hearted and given up, look, God will never leave you. God will never forsake. You never. He is always with you. You only have to believe in him. Trust him and change. Your perspective. Time is at hand. Our King Jesus is common sown. Anytime change your perspective. Don't delay. Don't wait until you get your life right? And your finances get better. Don't wait until your relationship with your husband or your children get better. Don't wait until all is well with your family and at work. No, start now. Start right now. Change your perspective because you want all the power to be imbued in you so you can grow into Christ. Hallelujah. Change. Your perspective.

Speaker 1 ([22:20](#)):

Time is at hand don't delay four. You have a choice to make. You can be like those five wise women, or you can choose to be like the five foolish women. The five wise women. Those are what I call kingdom seekers. They chose to seek out of everything. Seek first, the kingdom of God, hallelujah, and the foolish women were kingdom sleepers. They were nonchalant. Didn't have a care in the world, not alert. And they weren't diligent li seeking God. They were blind. You have to know how you can invite the Holy spirit to activate your quench within you. The Holy spirit will alert you and teach you, warn you and guide you be aware of the devil or Satan as it is working overtime, trying to blind you. And once you develop the tools, the Holy spirit will help you to unmask the devil, watch and call out the devil by telling it, you know, what they are trying to do to discredit you.

Speaker 1 ([23:41](#)):

But no, I can do all things through Christ and I will grow with Jesus because he is my everything. He will help me change my perspective. He has the power to change me and exalted me above those things. What the enemy and the world wants to offer you is cheap. But what the Lord has to offer you is eternal and it's powerful. His eternal love his eternal wisdom, and he will give it to you freely. I want that. And I know you want that too. So pray for your pastors. Pray for your leaders. Build up each other more and more in the work of Christ. Change your perspective. Be like those five wise women don't be like those foolish women.

Speaker 2 ([24:31](#)):

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Speaker 1 ([24:34](#)):

I encourage you to become kingdom seekers, seek the Lord. And when you seek, you will find him. Let us pray. Dear heavenly father, thank you for opening my spiritual eyes so I can see all wonderful things about you, your glory. I want my eyes to be open and see you shining in all of your glory and power. Show me what I need to do to change my perspective at a family. Lord. I want to be like those five wise women. I want to become a kingdom seeker. Always seeking you. Yes, you are worth every sacrifice. Thank you for protecting me for reminding me to keep praying for pastors and leaders against those who plot evil against them. I decree so prosperity over our pastors and leaders and grant them the strength with the power of God. Upon them. I proclaim that our pastors and leaders shall dwell in the shadow of the most high. Thank you for the victory. I now receive and forever more in Jesus' name a man, be blessed and be a kingdom seeker for him. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.