

Open My Eyes

BY YOLANDA MOORE | APR 7, 2019

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. (Ps. 119:18)

When Breast cancer. Husband's job loss. Loss of loved ones. Slander. Spiritual dry seasons. Life's journey is not always easy. We encounter trials and interruptions all along the way. These daunting circumstances have driven me to prayer and God's Word—the only place to seek and find peace and hope in the midst.

The psalmist had also faced some difficult times in his life. He had suffered deeply at the hands of others in disappointment, loneliness, persecution, worthlessness, abandonment, and slander. He had also seen the dangers from within: his own pride and weaknesses. Yet, the author longed to live. He knew the sources for refuge and joy were God and his Word. The word open in verse 18 had to do with an uncovering of the eyes. The author didn't need new eyes or a new revelation; he needed to see with the eyes he already had. Paul experienced this when he was converted (see Acts 9:18).

The psalmist recognized that he could not see what he could and should from God's Word without God's enlightenment. He needed what Tony Evans, in his book *Victory in Spiritual Warfare*, explained as *rhema*—the revealed word of God as an utterance from God to the heart of the receiver via the Holy Spirit.

Go to God and his Word. They are the source of all wisdom, training, revitalization, light, and joy (see Ps. 19:7–9).

Begin a routine of consistent Bible reading, prayer, and mutual accountability

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Sermon Notes:

Luke 13:10-17

**1. Jesus _____ her and
_____ to her**

Genesis 2:1-3

Matthew 14:14

Mark 1:41

**2. Jesus _____ her and she
was healed instantly**

Luke 13:14

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Mark 2:27

**3. Jesus calls her a _____
of Abraham**

Luke 13:15-16

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the *next step* is for our lives. Have you stepped into the truth that you are a son or daughter of Almighty God?

Who are some “invisible people” within your school/place of work/or marketplace? How might the Lord be leading you to minister to them with the relentless grace of God?

Challenge: This week I will pray for the following family or friends who are unsaved:

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Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

FOCUS Small Groups

Are you interested in connecting with others throughout the week? We have several Small Groups meeting and some who are preparing to start additional groups. Here are the groups already gathering during the week:

~ Women's Group - 11 AM Wednesdays - Upbeat Café

~ Men's Group - 11 AM Wednesdays - Upbeat Café

~ Women's Life Group - Wednesday Evenings 7 PM - Life Group member's Home, Sadieville, KY

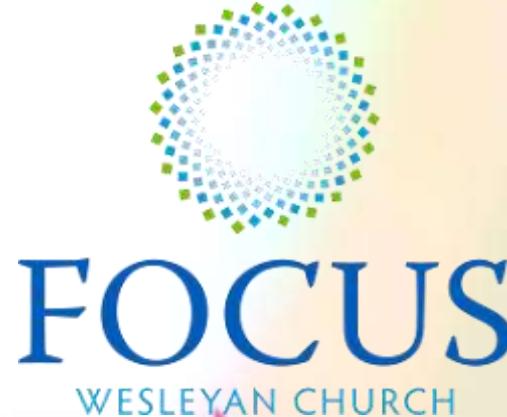
*If you would like more information about joining or starting a small group please contact Pastor Anton.
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Fresh Cut Flowers for the

Resurrection Cross

For anyone who is able, please remember to bring fresh cut flowers Easter Sunday, April 21. We will use them for "bringing to life the Resurrection Cross" during a special combined service at 10 AM that morning.

*Note we will not be having normal Sunday school classes that day.



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FOCUS Board Meeting

The FOCUS Local Board of Administration will be meeting this Tuesday night 6:30 PM for a Ministry Meeting.

