

THE COLLECTIVE

EQUIP



SUMMER 2021



"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17, NIV

WELCOME *Beautiful* COLLECTIVE WOMEN.

Summer is here, the warm breeze has blown in, and long days bring joy and hope to our hearts! It's been a YEAR. But – now it's time to gear up for battle. There is a war being waged every. single. day. A war for your heart, your time, your attention, and your very soul. That's what we are here to do tonight. We're here to equip ourselves -- to gear up for a battle that rages outside these walls. A war on truth, freedom, and righteousness.

Sit tonight- rest, drink deep from the words of the Lord spoken over you. Worship Him with us. Learn with one another. Equip yourself for the day of battle. Be like the horse in Proverbs 21:31, who readies himself for battle, but then knows that 'victory belongs to the Lord.'

SERVE THE CHURCH. BLESS THE CITY,

The Collective Leadership Team

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STAGE 2C

FINDING REFUGE: UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

WEST TOWER – 2ND FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM

COLLECTIVE CONNECT: MENTORSHIP

WORSHIP CENTER

Join us for a discussion about discipleship-based mentorship.
We might just surprise you.

EMBRACING YOUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES: GOD'S GRACE IN WHAT HE'S GIVEN YOU

STAGE 2A

God made you to lead. Whether you're flourishing or failing, come learn how God's grace is sufficient for both.

INTIMACY WITH GOD

STAGE 2B

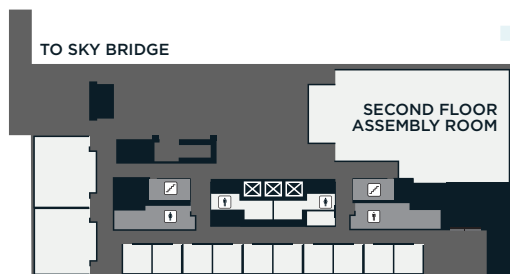
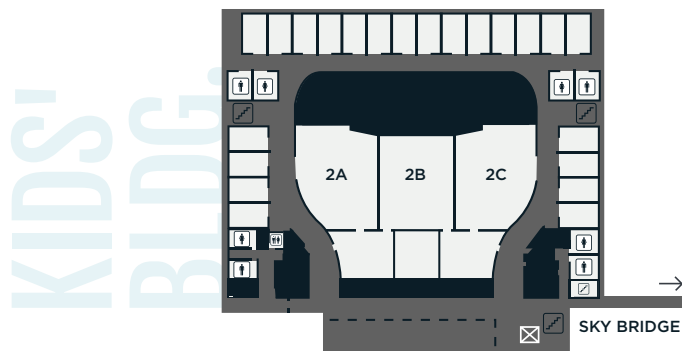
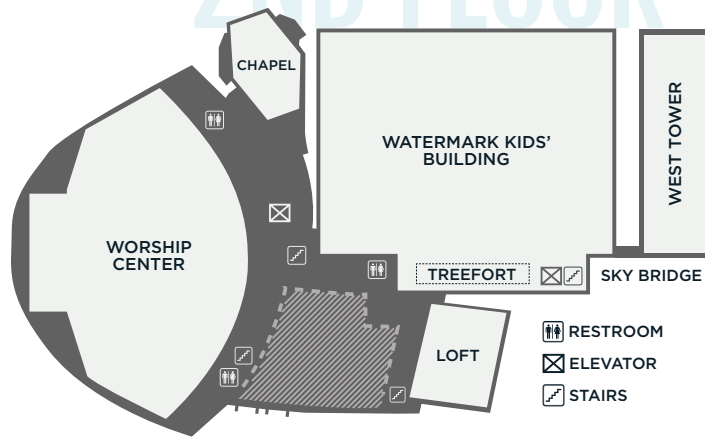
Our hearts long to sit at His feet and trust Him at His Word -
come be encouraged on ways to renew and deepen your
relationship with the Lord.

IDENTITY: BEAUTY IN THE BROKENNESS

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There is beauty found in knowing Christ and trusting how He created us, despite our imperfections.

2ND FLOOR



*Contentment
with God's
Gift*



Aimee
Mahoney

Three years into marriage, Aimee and Jeremy Mahoney talked seriously for the first time about kids. He had always wanted them. She didn't. For months, they disagreed over their family's future.

“Our community spoke so much truth to us during that hard time,” said Aimee. Men in Jeremy's life encouraged him to go to Aimee and ask for her forgiveness for his part in their conflict. Even though Jeremy couldn't imagine a life without kids, he went home and got on his knees, and begged Aimee's forgiveness. They reconciled, and Aimee agreed to spend time seeking God on what He wanted for their family.

She read the story of Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would give birth to the Messiah (Luke 1: 26-38). Mary's response changed Aimee's life: “I am the Lord's servant; may it be to me as you have said.”

“Mary basically says, ‘I want to show my obedience, trust, and faithfulness by being God's servant,’ Aimee reflected. “I was convicted I was being selfish. I knew motherhood would make me die to myself, and I didn't

want that. It was through Mary's story that I finally surrendered to God and said, ‘I want to be your servant.’”

Nothing about the journey was easy. The Mahoneys spent four years in and out of fertility clinics. On April 15, 2019, just a few weeks into Aimee's first pregnancy, they found out their baby had no heartbeat. They grieved their child's death, but they prayed and held on to hope, both surrendering to what God wanted. On April 15, 2020, they got another positive pregnancy test. That December, they welcomed baby Addison into their family.

Now, Aimee often looks back on what resonated for her in Mary's story. “People are often discontent with what the Lord doesn't give them. I had to learn to be content with what the Lord wanted to give me—a family. I hope others see in me a willingness to truly be God's humble servant, whether or not He gives what I want. I hope that inspires others to want the same.”

BREAKOUT 1 TAKEAWAY

BREAKOUT 2 TAKEAWAY

WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS?

Takeaways

MADE *for* MORE

Emily Utz



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27 years old, I came to the end of my rope. Although I learned about Jesus through Young Life in high school, I didn't know how to apply the Bible to my life, so I found myself in a cycle of sin patterns as a young adult. I was wrapped up in the party scene, alcohol, and jumping from one unhealthy relationship to another with men trying to find validation. When a job opportunity with my company opened up in Dallas, I was quick to say yes.

"I can see now that the Lord was done watching me fumble. He pulled me out of my environment in North Carolina and gave me a new start in Dallas. It felt like the Lord was quieting my life. My friend who invited me to Young Life in high school now lived in Dallas and encouraged me to get involved in a local church. The Lord was helping me say yes in little ways to grow in my relationship with Him.

"God changed my life and taught me what faithfulness looked like through community and participation at Watermark and The Porch, Watermark's young adult ministry. It was such a fun season, but things shifted as I got older. Faithfulness

and serving Jesus didn't look like being in a 'fun' or 'high visibility' ministry anymore, but it still required small daily obedient actions. Again, God gave me time to be quiet and ask through prayer what He wanted from me next.

"I consistently told God my desires to be a mom and be married. I asked Him more and more how He wanted me to be obedient in this new season. My community group helped me prayerfully consider the possibility of fostering a child. I kept pushing this idea back to God and my community group out of fear and uncertainty, but it became clear that I was stalling on something the Lord was calling me to do.

"I specifically asked in my prayers to God, Have I defined 'motherhood' incorrectly? I wanted to make sure that my definition of motherhood matched God's definition. I always thought motherhood was getting married and having biological babies. But I realized that I was defining motherhood by the world's standards and not by God and His Word. My intentional time with the Lord helped me see other areas I was also

defining on my own terms and not from Scripture. How do I define 'love'? How do I define 'fun'?

"Fast forward to now – after prayerful consideration, conversation, and trainings, I am now a foster mom. Foster parenting doesn't make sense on paper for me. I am 37, single, working, and I have a newborn. I don't have everything perfectly planned out. I haven't done this before. I don't know how I'll be emotionally if she goes back to her parents, but there is a God that knows. He knows every detail. This process has helped me grow in my faith and trust with the Lord, and He has reassured me time and time again that He has everything covered. Finally, I am saying yes in obedience because I trust Him.

"If you feel God has put something in your heart, pray about it and act on it. Obedience to the Lord can be scary. You need people that know God's Word, know you, love you, and care about you to say, 'Go! You need to move forward.'"

**I AM
WEARY
AND DOWNCAST
I FEAR MY
SORROW WILL LAST
FAR PAST WHAT I CAN STAND
I DID NOT ASK FOR THIS
BUT I KNOW TO COME TO YOU
EVEN IN MY DOUBT
FOR MY DOUBTS DO NOT DISAPPOINT YOU, DISGUST YOU
BUT INSTEAD LEAD ME TO TRUST YOU
FOR YOU ARE NOT A GOD WHO IS CAUTIOUS IN YOUR TENDERNESS
YOU'RE NOT ABSENT IN STILLNESS
AND I CANNOT WAIT UNTIL I SEE YOU FACE TO FACE
AND EVEN IF MY SITUATION ON THIS EARTH WILL NEVER CHANGE
I CAN HAVE JOY BECAUSE OF YOUR GRACE, YOU ARE ENOUGH FOR ME;
YOUR BEAUTIFUL EMBRACE YES YOUR SANCTIFYING CLOSENESS FAR OUTWEIGHS
EASY OR WORLDLY, COMFORTABLE DAYS & SO I WILL PRAISE**

RACHEL LANDINGHAM

FURTHER EQUIPPING

- **THE COLLECTIVE PODCAST** – In season 2 we tackle topics such as suicide and depression, pride, Sabbath, and so much more! Find us on all platforms.
- Want to continue in your growth after what you heard tonight? We've created a playlist just for you! Search **COLLECTIVE EQUIP** on Spotify.
- **WATERMARK WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Join us for In Process: A Four-Week Bible Study to learn about your identity Christ, experiencing intimacy with Him, suffering well, and your God-given purpose. Register at watermark.org/women
- **THE EQUIPPING PODCAST** from Watermark Community Church exists to sharpen your thinking on issues that matter. With new episodes each week, The Equipping Podcast examines the intersection of current events with discipleship, theology, and apologetics. Subscribe and share- on all podcast platforms.
- Want to learn how to develop a more intimate relationship with God? **EQUIPPED DISCIPLE** is a three-part training ministry that teaches and clarifies the disciplines that root, deepen, and strengthen your walk with Christ. Find us at watermark.org/disciple!

WHAT'S NEXT?

- **LOVED TONIGHT?** Save the date for our LAST Collective event of 2021 on **OCTOBER 16TH**
- **INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM?** Email us at collective@watermark.org
- Want to join us at a **COLLECTIVE CONTINUED** event?? Text **40585** for more info.
- **WANT TO GO BACK THROUGH OLD COLLECTIVE JOURNALS?** Visit watermark.org/collective

RESOURCES

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BREAKOUT 1

MOTHERHOOD AND WORK

Wonder Woman *by* Kate Harris

BREAKOUT 2

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Becoming a Church that Cares Well for the Abused
by Brad Hambrick

BREAKOUT 3

COLLECTIVE CONNECT: MENTORSHIP

Spiritual Mothering *by* Susan Hunt

BREAKOUT 4

LEADING IN STRENGTH & WEAKNESS

The Emotionally Healthy Leader *by* Peter Scazzero

BREAKOUT 5

INTIMACY WITH GOD

Abba's Child *by* Brennan Manning

BREAKOUT 6

IDENTITY

Finding I Am *by* Lysa Terkheurst

WANT TO GO DEEPER AFTER SOAKING IN WISDOM FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE BREAKOUTS THIS EVENING?
CHECK OUT THE RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY.

