

Supply.



THE COLLECTIVE

Dearest friend,

We are so incredibly grateful for the chance to be with one another tonight. Oh, how we wish we were with you in person! We can't be together because of an invisible global pandemic that invades our world. Our cities are on fire. Our country is in racial upheaval. And friends, now more than ever, we are in desperate need of the peace, grace, and clarity that being 'together' brings – that our kind God brings.

While so many things look different, the heart of The Collective has not wavered. We seek to serve the church and bless our city. We pray that tonight might bring a place to heal, space to grieve and lament the senseless death of precious souls made in the image of God, and a timid but tenacious hope to step forward into our next best step of faithfulness. You might not know your next step, but the Lord knows. Ask Him.

We pray that tonight you would feel united, inspired, equipped, and unleashed to know and serve our King exactly where you are. We prayerfully long for the day we can be reunited in person but thank the Lord for the ways He's allowing us to connect. We're praying for you, and if we can serve you in any way, we would love to hear from you.

All our Love,

The Collective Leadership Team

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A Story of Faith

The impact of studying God's word together is powerful, transformative, and life-giving. Women's Bible Study provides a space for women of all ages in all seasons to come together and grow in their faith. It is so much more than Bible reading. In WBS, women join one another to learn truth, sharing their hurts and their hopes in a community of grace and love. It is a time of fellowship and discipleship. In WBS, women not only hear truth spoken from the stage, but have the opportunity to dive deeper in the lesson in small groups. This time of encouragement is a gift to glean wisdom from women in different seasons of life, women whose stories are both remarkably different from their own and stories that feel very familiar. Together, in the most vibrant setting, women get to come together with the sole purpose of teaching, sharing, and knowing the love of Jesus, hearts and lives lit afire for His glory.

Growing up Muslim, Eman didn't feel safe. Leaving the faith is a dishonor and disgrace to

one's entire family, however, in her heart she always felt something was missing. In Arabic, Eman literally means faith, and upon moving to the United States she was surrounded by people who claimed Christianity as their faith. Hearing about this Jesus that she only knew as a

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prophet, she bought a bible to learn about Him on her own. But it was a friend's invitation to attend Women's Bible Study that really captured Eman's heart. “I immediately felt safe. I felt a connection to the women as they shared their stories of grace and hope.” It was in WBS that Eman's heart for the Lord grew exponentially,

seeing the Word come to life and lived out loud at her table. “I saw through the book of Acts that Paul was not afraid. And if he could be changed and live a life without fear, I could, too. I knew that I needed to say out loud what I believed in my heart.” For Eman, the difference in an online bible study and WBS was in the personal connectivity. “There is a sweetness to WBS. The teaching, the table time, and the kids’ ministry for my children. I feel alive! It is evident that this ministry is built on God’s love and people running the same race together.” Eman no longer lives in fear. Her favorite verse from Psalm 119, “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you,” is evidence of her trust and faithfulness to her King and Creator. In memorizing God’s Word and living for His glory, the Lord has used her as an instrument of change in her husband’s heart. No longer an atheist, together they are seeking the Lord together with Eman getting to serve in WBS and her husband being baptized this year. The friendships she gained in WBS are invaluable to her, a boon to her faith. “My time in Women’s Bible Study continues to be a wonderful extension of God’s love, a place of great wisdom and incredible beauty.”

Questions for Reflection

1 What have you been feeling lately?

Is there any pain that you might be passing through too quickly? What do you think it looks like to sit with Jesus in your pain?

“Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why the unease within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him...” Psalm 42:5

2 Ask God to expose any sins, thoughts, or behaviors that call for your grief and require your repentance.

*“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”
2 Chronicles 7:14*

3 What might be your next step of faithfulness?

“Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.” Psalm 143:8

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

Looking for More Encouragement?

Mark your calendars for The Collective's next event on **OCTOBER 10**. Regardless of the restrictions, we will be bringing you something amazing.

Don't miss the updates, follow us on Instagram [@WATERMARK_COLLECTIVE](#).

Want more time with women of The Collective? You don't have to wait until October. Check out **COLLECTIVE CONTINUED!** In compliance with guidelines, our Collective Continued events will resume meeting this summer. Text **"COLLECTIVECONTINUED"** to **40585** for details and sign-up information.

Want to hear more on this conversation and others? Tune into **THE COLLECTIVE PODCAST**. We hope to bring women closer to Christ through stories of faithfulness and life change (plus a whole lot of fun)! New episodes dropping every week. Available in [iTUNES](#) and on [WATERMARK.ORG/COLLECTIVE](#)



Guided Prayer

Tonight we will be entering into a time of guided prayer together. Follow along as the Scriptures are read and prayed over.

Psalm 145

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
One generation commends your
works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
They speak of the glorious splendor
of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
They tell of the power of your
awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

**The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on
all he has made.**

All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all
generations.
The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.
The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.

Psalms 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a
clean heart, O God,
and renew a right
spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Ready to take your next step?

Sign up for our **FIND YOUR PEOPLE STUDY**.

REGISTRATION goes live July 1.

Listen to **THE EQUIPPING PODCAST** where you
can sharpen your thinking on issues that matter.

Thinking ahead to Fall? **REGISTRATION** is open for the Monday morning
women's-only **EQUIPPED DISCIPLE** class beginning September 14.

Have a specific hurt or need right now?

Many of our **CARE AND RECOVERY MINISTRIES**
are continuing to meet virtually.



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