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### **Women's Bible Study**

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Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

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**Subject:** What Do You Want? (Chapter 3)

**Scriptures:** Philippians 2:13, Psalm 37:4 & Romans 12:1-2

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#### **Philippians 2:13 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

#### **Psalm 37:4 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

#### **Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)**

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

#### **Text References**

The first recorded thing God said was, "Let there be light." Light illuminates. What you really want is for your spirit and your mind to be illuminated – you want to obtain insight and wisdom. When it feels as if you are wandering in the dark and can't figure out what to do, stop

and command, "Let there be light!" Trimm, C. (2007). Commanding Your Morning: Unleash the Power of God in Your Life, p.9.

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He is constantly at work in us, sanctifying us, changing our personality to suit His design for us. And the more we surrender to Him and are conformed to the image of Christ, the less of a gap there will be between what He wants and what we want. (p.52)

Immersing ourselves in the Word, actively listening for His voice within, watching for His activity around us, and living in obedience to His directives – these are the ways we participate with the Lord's work in us. (p. 54)

If we surrender to the work He is already doing in us, we'll be surprised to find that where we once resisted His direction as being too difficult or risky or potentially embarrassing, we now find that we want it – at least more than we want the alternative of moving forward without Him. (p. 57)

In the meantime, give Him your hands to do His work, your feet to walk His path, your back and shoulders to perform His ministry, your sexual members to enjoy His purity, your ears to hear His voice. (p. 59)

Shirer, P. (2012). Discerning The Voice of God: How to Recognize When God is Speaking

### Discussion Questions:

1. What do YOU want? vs. What do You (God) want? Write a list of the things YOU want. Ask God to illuminate – give you discernment (wisdom and insight) into each situation.



