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Topic: Young Adult Life Orientation (YALO) – Part 1 of Youth Inspiration

WOAC will be addressing 23 questions presented by Youth, over the next few Episodes.

Role Play - Questions to Youth on WOAC On Air Broadcast:

Carina If you were a grandmother what legacy you would leave for your grandkids, and is there a scripture to back your legacy building?

Thashan If you were a parent what is the 3 most important values you would instil in your children, why you chose those values, and what scripture would you use as a basis to support your value system?

Youth Questions posed to WOAC On Air – Angelina

Question 1 Why does God take away people that we love and that are good? How do we move on from the pain of the loss?

Answer:

Part 1- Why does God take people that we love and that are good?

a. Exodus 23:25-26 - But you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water; and I will remove sickness from your midst. There shall be no one miscarrying or barren in your land; I will fulfil the number of your days.
b. Psalm 91:16"With a long life I will satisfy him.
And let him see My salvation."

Scripture that highlights premature death:

c. Genesis 6.3 "And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."
d. Ecc 7.17 Be not overly wicked, neither be a fool. Why should you die before your time?
e. Proverbs 18.21 "Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit."
f. Ephesians 6.1-2 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth."
g. **2 Kings 20 - Hezekiah's Illness and Recovery** In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.'" **2** Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, saying, **3** "Now, O LORD, please remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done

what is good in your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. [4] And before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: [5] "Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the leader of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD, [6] and I will add fifteen years to your life.

Part B - How do we move on from the pain of the loss?

1 THESS 4.13-17"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so, shall we ever be with the Lord.

2 cor 5.6 "Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Hebrews 12.1 **The Race of Faith -** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us,* and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.
"great cloud of witnesses" are those who have gone to heaven before us. They are cheering us on. Your loved ones who are present with Christ are cheering you on.

Question 2 Who is the Holy Spirit? And what is praying in tongues?

Answer:

Part 1 Who is the Holy Spirit?
1 John 5:7-8 states "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and **these three agree as one.** Matthew 28:19 Go therefore make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Again, here we read that God is 3 persons and together they each have a part in the God head relating to creation and life eternal.

John 12.49 "For I have not spoken on My own *authority;* but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. 50And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak." Here we read God provides Jesus with a plan and Jesus executes the plan of God. I am reminded of the beginning of creation where we see God the Trinity at work. **Genesis** 1In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2The earth was without form, and void; and darkness [a]*was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness….here we see Jesus speaking, Holy Spirit acting on the words of Jesus and the plan to speak the Word was God our Father. In verse 26 we read that there is more than 1 person creating "**26Then God** said, "Let **Us** make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over [g]all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27So God created man in **His** *own* image; in the image of God, He created him; male and female He created them."

Greek for "Then God" is plural "Divine ones" more than one. So here we read that Holy Spirit was part of creation. He acts on the Words of God to bring it to pass, He is the power of God at work in the universe.

The Nature of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a person with a personality, and He has emotions. Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Here we see the nature of Holy Spirit. When we spend time with Him then His nature becomes contagious and we begin to exercise His nature, isn't that just amazing.

Did you know we can grieve the Holy Spirit?

Ephesians 4.30 " **30**And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Paul says in Galatians 5 Walk in the Spirit I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **17**For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **18**But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

How we grief the spirit of God is through works of the flesh?

Galatians 5.**19-26** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: [d]adultery, [e]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **20**idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **21**envy, [f]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **22**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23**[g]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **24**And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25**If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26**Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

John 3-4 "Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."
3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.[a]"
4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"
5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit[b] gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You[c] must be born again.' **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit." The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for everyone who accepts Jesus as Lord and savior. For religious people out there, please note Baptism in the Holy Spirit and gifts of the Holy Spirit is relevant to all Christians and not only a few.

John 16.13 says "However when He, (Person) the Spirit (Spirit) of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak from Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come. i.e., Jesus is the Truth, so whatever Jesus tells the Holy Spirit, He reveals it to us.
John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of me.

Part 2 And what is praying in tongues:

1 Corinthians 14:2 For he who speak in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him, however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. 1 Corinthians 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. Romans 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be utter.

Mark 16.17 states [7]" And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues."

Question 3 How does one go about telling people about living a Christian lifestyle without forcing it or offending anyone?

Answer:

Why we minister the Word of God?

1. **To show people the way to the cross - Salvation?**

John 14.6 "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 3.16 [6] For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
1 tim 2.4-5 3For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, 6who gave Himself a ransom for all.

2. **Prosperity and Long Life**

Proverbs 3.1-2 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

Deut 11.19-25

19And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 20And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: 21That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

How do we minister to unbelievers and the Christian communities?

a. **To the Unbelievers: Evangelise, preach (Book of Acts is an account of how evangelism is executed)**

Matthew 28.18-19 (The Great commission) John 3.16

[18] And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit [20] and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."[d]

Luke 24. “And He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47**and in His name repentance and*d* forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. **48**You are witnesses of these things. **49**And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But remain in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

On the day of Pentecost, they were baptized, people mocked saying they were drunk, and suddenly Peter through the inspiration of the HolySpirit Peter began to witness and 3000 were saved and signs and miracles were done through their hands. Book of acts Peter evangelises by preaching about the good news of Jesus Christ redeeming mankind…

17‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.
18And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.
19I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath:
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.
20The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.
21And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.’

22“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— **23**Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you [f]have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; **24**whom God raised up, having [g]loosed the [h]pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. **25**For David says concerning Him.

b. To Believers: Rebuke, Correct, Train - Audience here are Christian communities:

2 Tim 3.16-17 **16**All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [c]instruction in righteousness, **17**that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work..”

All – Pasa (The Whole)

God-breathed- theopneustos **(divine inspiration)**

Profitable, beneficial

Instruction (teaching as it applies to lifestyle)

Correction (straightening up again, reformation, rectification)

Training - discipline; training and education of children, hence: instruction; chastisement, correction

Righteousness – justice/righteousness 1343 */dikaiosýnē* ("divine *approval*") refers to *what is deemed right by the Lord* (after His examination), i.e., what is *approved in His eyes*.

1 Corinthians Chapters 6-9 *"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God"* (6:9). Paul warns believers to be careful how you live, "For *you have been bought with a price"* (vs 20)

Paul Titus - In chapters 2-3, *"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men".* While the believer is worshiping and serving God on earth, they are saved from the binding power of sin, this is Sanctification, *"Instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age".* When a believer's life comes to an end they go to be with Jesus Christ.

Titus 2.1-10 –**1**But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: **2**that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; **3**the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— **4**that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, **5***to be* discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

6Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, **7**in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,[a] **8**sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of [b]you.

15Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

hapters 1-2, Peter addresses the issue that believers are to live a life of personal holiness as God's people, even during times of suffering and persecution. He teaches that all Christians are to expect suffering; it is normal and Scriptural for Christians to suffer persecution and even imprisonment and death. Peter explains that our salvation in Christ is secure and that He took our sin on the cross and, *"for by His wounds you were healed"* (2:24).

Peter ministering to the church in 1 Peter chapters 3-5, Peter explains that in living holy lives the believer is to, *"sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence"* (3:15). A part of living a holy life is obeying the commands of Christ and Peter claimed that we are obligated to preach the *"Hope that is in you".*

Families –

Ephesians 6:4 "As for parents, don't provoke your children to anger, but raise them with discipline and instruction about the Lord."

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 - “These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up.”

Proverbs 22.6 - Train up a child in the **way** he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Way “actions, conduct, course, direction, example, highway, journey, manner, mission, path, pathway, roadway, safely, street, toward, walk, way in the direction, wayside, wherever.