

# Using PWOCI Online Bible Studies

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## 1. What are they?

These Bible studies were written by and designed for women, especially women attending Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC). This project was sponsored by PWOC International and funded by the Chief of Chaplains of the Army. The writers are wives of active duty or former active duty US military personnel. The topics are as varied as the writers. There are now 8 studies available on the website ([pwoconline.org](http://pwoconline.org))

## 2. Current Titles

- *Extreme Makeover : Heart Edition* by Rhonda Sturgill
- *Desperate Housecries: Discovering a Genuine Hope in God* by Rhonda Sturgill
- *Change in Perspective: Adjusting to Major Life Changes* by Julie Stoll
- *Life on the Lighter Side* by Maria Curry and Julie Palekas
- *Prayer: More for the Day* by Christina Wood
- *Your Signature Fragrance: Spreading the Aroma of Life* by Christina Wood
- *loggingontocourage.calm* by Becky Shirey and Christine Wood
- *Looking Through the Prism of Promise* by Machaela Curry

## 3. Notes for Facilitators

- Once you decide to use one of these studies, download a complete copy of the leaders guide and pupil's materials for the study you are considering to determine the volume of paper needed. (Each study and leader's guide is over 50 pages long.)
- Facilities for these studies require rooms large enough to move chairs from a large group circle to pairs and small groups. Tables are not necessary for these studies.
- These studies were designed on the adult learning model. The teacher is not the disseminator of information, but all participants are co-learners together.
- Teaching points are covered in the pupil's materials which are read individually or in groups. The teacher acts primarily as a director pairing and grouping women and keeping them on task in the discussion periods. These studies are packed full of information so keeping track of time will be key.
- Lessons are designed to be completed in one session (approximately 1 hour). Several activities or modules are contained in each lesson. These are designed to build on each other to achieve the aim of the lesson.

- A Leader's Guide is provided for each study which outlines advanced preparation the teacher needs to make to facilitate each lesson. Facilitators who are not familiar with this learning style will be blessed by the details listed within each guide.

## 4. Copying the Studies

There are several ways to make copies of these studies.

- Each member could access the website and download her own study.
- The teacher/ volunteer prints, correlates, binds or puts into folders copies of all materials for the complete study for each pupil. She will need access to a copier and several reams of paper.
- The teacher/volunteer prints only the materials needed for the current class and the one following (homework) and has enough copies for members and visitors each week.
- Coordinate with your Director of Religious Education and/or Chaplain to have the materials printed by the Documentation Automation Production Service (DAPS) on your installation.

## 5. Blessings

Positive reasons for using these Bible Study materials are numerous.

- They are written by women within the target group who know from experience the challenges and needs of military wives. Through personal testimonies these women tell how Jesus Christ meets those needs.
- The learning method requires the individual/group interaction which most women desire.
- These studies are available anytime, anywhere and at no cost to PWOC groups so no purchase order is needed (see the agreement attached to each study.)
- These studies target young women and would be beneficial to encouraging new Christians and/or young military wives.

## 6. Challenges

- PWOC ministers to a variety of women. Some will enjoy this learning style while others prefer more traditional teaching methods.
- Not all facilitators/leaders are familiar with leading this type of study. Prayer and perseverance may be needed when difficulties arise with these or any other studies.

- If difficulties arise with the use of these studies, feel free to contact the author of the study or seek help from the Bible Study Resource Coordinator at <pwoconline.org>

## 7. Purpose

These studies were developed to give glory to God and minister to military spouses. We trust God will honor our intentions and bless the women who use them.

## 8. Evaluation

In an effort to monitor the impact of these studies and to improve them, please fill out the evaluation form similar to the one below at the PWOC website under the Bible Study Resource Coordinator. Thank you.

PWOCI Online Study Evaluation:

Installation

Study Title

Contact person

Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Dates Used

Average attendance

How were the materials printed?

Suggestions: