

INSPIRED WORD
December 11, 2019

PRAYER

Jesus, we just affirm Your holy presence here in this place among us. You are with us; we welcome You. Glory to You, Lord! You are here. We praise You! Holy Spirit, touch the hearts of Your people here in this place tonight, Lord. And we ask that You bring forth Your word tonight. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Let us be vessels in which You minister.

SCRIPTURE

I'd like to confirm the third song that was played. I don't remember the title. From Isaiah **40:28-31**: *Do you not know? Or have you not heard? The Lord is the eternal God, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint nor grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny. He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes bigger abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youth stagger and fall, they that hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar as of eagle's wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.*

SCRIPTURE

From **John 14:1-7**: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled; but trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many places to live in; otherwise I would have told you. I'm going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return and take you to myself so that you may be with me where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." And Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going so how can we know the way?" And Jesus said, "I am the way; I am the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. For at this moment, you know him and have seen him."*

PROPHECY

This is a word from the Lord: You are transparent to me. I know your ways and thoughts. I hear your prayers. And I have heard you cry out to me. I have also seen you be stoic, thinking you can do it all yourself. The only thing I want from you is you to surrender. Surrender that part you hold on to tightly. Release! Trust me.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The battle belongs to the Lord!

SCRIPTURE

From **Isaiah 12:2-6**: *Surely God is my salvation. I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the*

wells of salvation. In that day you will say, "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name. Make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord for he has done glorious things. Let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

PROPHECY / SHARING

The Lord has a very important question for us. "How much do you want me?"... because we've been singing all about that tonight. He's going to be the air we breathe, the water we drink, the morning to the sun, the streams to the ocean, the water, the rain in the desert. We've been singing all about that. But the Lord wants to know. "How much do you really want me?" And He gave me a memory from a long time ago, and I'd like to tell it really quickly. I was a little kid, maybe 8, jumping into a lake. And my plan was to jump in, spring off the bottom and come up, like kids do. But I didn't realize this lake was a lot deeper than I thought. So I kept going down and down and down – at least to an 8-year-old, it felt like down a long way. And I didn't know whether to start kicking and pushing to get up or wait to get down and spring. But I waited. And it felt like a very long way. So I got to the bottom and pushed up and it looked dark and I could see it getting lighter and lighter but before I got to the surface, I really needed air and my lungs were burning and aching. And I needed that air. I desperately needed that air. And when I broke the surface, I was sputtering and gasping, needing that air. And I think the Lord reminded me of that because we said that He was going to be the air we breathe. And He wants to know if we need Him that much. Do we need Him that much as the air we breathe and the water we drink?

PRAYER

So, Lord, we give You thanks for that unfailing love, always being poured forth upon us.

IMAGE / WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

There's an image that's been going through my mind for awhile and the image was of a person standing kind of like in a cage. But the person was very, very animated, just frustrated and going around beating on the sides of this cage, kind of like this in a very frenetic way. Well, the word with that is, whoever that is here, that God is freeing you from that and He's freeing you from that tonight. So we give Him praise for that.