

INSPIRED WORD
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Sharing Memories of Ray Scarpa

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Lord, so here we are, Your people gathered here, tremendously loved by You. Remember, Lord, You see our hearts. We're the sheep of Your flock - not perfect but perfectly loved by You. So let's take the time now to just focus on the Lord Jesus Christ and to give Him glory from the depths of our being. And when we sing these songs, it's not just singing words; it's praying from our heart the words and the sentiments in these songs, in Spirit and in truth. So come, Holy Spirit, enable us to do that tonight, with freedom and heartfelt praise, dedication and trust in Jesus.

PRAYER

O Lord, help us to surrender our hearts to You tonight. Jesus, be Lord. Be Lord over all of our lives, all of the circumstances in our lives, Lord, all of the hurts, all of the pain, all of the happiness as well. O Jesus, we yield to You. Be Lord over our hearts, Lord.

IMAGE / SCRIPTURE / SENSE

Tonight when Chuck and Mel were praying before the prayer meeting, they saw those doors over there and those doors were opening. And I came in at the end to hear that. And this scripture just immediately came to mind, and I think the Lord is speaking this to us tonight. From **Revelation 3:20-21**: He said, *"Listen, I am standing at the door knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me. To the one who conquers, I will give a place with me on my throne, as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne."* But the most important word I hear the Lord saying is: Behold, I stand at the door knocking. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you and you with me. He's inviting us at this very first Praise & Worship of this year to open the door of our hearts that He may come in.

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

The Book of Amos is not one that comes to us too often in this group but I think it's appropriate, and the title on it is "The Prophetic Call Cannot Be Resisted." And prophecy in the charismatic community means to speak for God; it doesn't mean, usually, to project a future event necessarily, but it's to speak God's word to God's people. And sometimes that includes the future but often it's more heart to heart. **Amos 3:3-8**: *Do two people travel together unless they have agreed to do so? Does the lion roar in the forest if it has no prey? Does the young*

lion growl in its lair if it has caught nothing? Does a bird fall on the ground in a net unless a trap has been set for it? Will the net spring up from the ground without catching something? Does the trumpet sound in the city without the people being alarmed? No indeed. Lord Yahweh does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants, the prophets. The lion roars; who is not afraid? Lord Yahweh has spoken; who will not prophesy? I think it's a match for what Barb read; it's that invitation. The Lord has spoken and when He speaks to our hearts, we're invited to share that with others and to speak the Lord's words to the Lord's people. When the Lord speaks, who would not prophesy?

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Revelation 22:1-5: *And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, preceding from the throne of God and the Lamb, in the middle of the street, and on either side of the river was the tree of life which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him. They shall see his face and his name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there; they need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light and they shall reign for ever and ever.* Father, we thank You for this word and we thank You for this time You've given us. We just praise You and exalt You and magnify Your name, for You are the King of kings, yes You are, the Lamb, the righteous Lamb of God. Lord Jesus, we thank You and praise You and exalt Your holy name. Halleluiah to the Lamb.

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

This is backtracking a little bit but it's appropriate to match the previous scripture. This one from the **Song of Solomon 5:2:** *I slept, but my heart was awake. Hark! My beloved is knocking. "Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one."* It is by love that Jesus calls us. It is a highly seductive appeal. Let us rush to the Lord. Amen.

MESSAGE IN TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

My beloved ones, my beautiful, my wonderful, my beloved ones. Have you not heard? The doors have been thrown open. I repeat to you, my beloved ones, the doors have been thrown open. Things will no longer be as they have been. For I have called you forth, my beloved ones, and if you...

PRAYER

Lord, we open our hearts to see Your grace. We open our hearts, Lord, with willingness to follow the path that You have chosen. We welcome Your word.

SHARING

That word was addressed to me: Open the doors and share what I've been hearing. But it won't be easy. It won't be this week, or next week, or next month or next year. It means a heavy duty commitment to study and research and writing and that's what's going on. And the basic idea is that I have to get off my bottom, playing games, and commit myself to something that's His work. Now I can't do that alone; I need your help. So you guys see me around periodically, many of you do. So as a result of that word, I'm going to give you all permission to come up and give punches and knees verbally and let me know that I'm supposed to be doing the Lord's work. And I give you all permission to muck around in my life in that way.

IMAGE

Ken, I don't know if this is for you or for all of us but when Mel was giving the word that he gave and he said the words "throw open the door", I saw a kingdom wall with two huge doors, bigger than that, literally fly open like they were weightless, quickly and with abandon. And Jesus was standing there saying, "Come on, let's go!" So no reserve. Come on, let's go!

EXHORTATION

So it's not just Ken who has to get up.

SHARING / EXHORTATION

My boss asked me today, "How come you're always so happy? Are you on medication?" No, I have Jesus in my heart. How many of you believe that Jesus is alive? Then do something about it! Proclaim Him! When somebody says, "Why are you so joyful? Why are you always happy? Why does nothing get you down?" Tell him that you have Jesus in your heart. Proclaim Him! Proclaim Him always, for He is alive. He's alive in you and He's alive in me and show everybody, please, show everybody.