

INSPIRED WORD

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PRAYER

Let's open with prayer. Dear Lord, thank You so much for this night. Thank You for this opportunity to praise You, to worship You, to come before You and bow down before You. Thank You for the opportunity to hear You and to experience You tonight, Lord. And Lord, we do dedicate this night to You; we give this night to You, and we are just so thankful to be here, and we pray all these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONFIRMATION / SHARING / EXHORTATION

The really amazing thing about the Holy Spirit is that He just doesn't stop what He did on Wednesday night. For those of you who saw it, the next day Katarina got in her email... remember last week when we were talking about doors? She got a picture of a door with a reflection. Now remember the Lord said, "I wish you would dance with me." For those of you who didn't see this reflection, I want to read it to you. *Have you ever watched a married couple who have been dancing for years out on a dance floor? Every move they make is perfectly synchronized. The man leads; the woman follows. And you can barely distinguish between the leading of the dance and the following. The man makes the slightest movement in one direction, the slightest look, the slightest touch, and the woman flows with it and it becomes a beautiful dance, like second nature. So it is with you and God. Your relationship with God is supposed to be a dance of love, as a dance between a bridegroom and his bride. Is your walk a beautiful, flowing dance of love? If not, you can be sure that he's leading, but are you following? If not, there's no dance. Learn to respond to God's slightest touch, his littlest tug on your heart, the gentle leading of his Spirit. Learn to dance with God, to surrender to his slightest will, to be so sensitive to his moving that he and you seem to move as one. Open your life to move with the Spirit and your life will become a dance of love. And that's the invitation given to us on Wednesday and exclamation pointed with what came in Katarina's email the very next day. So, do you want to dance tonight?*

INTERPRETATION

Before we go into praise and worship I just wanted to give a little bit of a follow up to the message in tongues that we got last week. A little bit of it I got here but I knew there was more. As soon as other people share and music plays or we get instructions, whatever, I kind of... I want to listen to what other people say so I kind of lose it. But He finished sharing with me when I went to adoration. But while I was sitting here, He addressed us as "my sons and daughters." And the sense was that He was talking about His love as our Father. And the word that He gave me was that, you know, we were talking about trusting Him, surrendering to Him,

going to Him for protection, for refuge, and He was saying that we look at those words through an adult filter, because we're adults. But He wants us to look at those words from a child's point of view. Think about you and your own dad. And He acknowledged that not all of us had a father growing up, an earthly father, and some of us may have had a father who, you know, was inadequate at being a good father, but He said that those of you who had a good, loving father and you know what these things were like for you as a child, that's what He wants us to fall back on or to look at these words in that regard and then to share that kind of feeling with those who did not have this with their own dad. But, you know, like trust. As a little girl, my dad would say, "I'll catch you. Jump, I'll catch you." I trusted him completely. If he told me there was no bogeyman in my closet or under the bed, I believed him. I went to him with my owies and I knew he was going to heal them; he was going to make me feel better. You know, when I disobeyed him, it wasn't so much the punishment; it was the disappointment I saw in his eyes. I didn't want to disappoint my dad. And how often do we as adults really look at it that way when we sin, that we're disappointing...? There's just a lot of different ways. He said, "Be like a child with regards to those... Surrender, the running toward daddy with your arms wide open. "Daddy's home!" or "I love you, Daddy!" Is that how we go to God or do we keep using that adult filter? But there are other things, you know, because He said you need to share those things with those who didn't have that kind of experience so I was thinking if there are other examples... I'm sure there are of how you related to your dad as a child and that's how God wants us to relate to Him, with childlike abandonment and surrender and trust and love and all of that.

SHARING

Song played on harmonica – "Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so."

PRAYER

Lord, we just thank You for enabling us to be here tonight, so privileged we are to offer You worship, Lord, in Spirit and in truth, under the anointing of Your Holy Spirit. O Jesus, mighty are You and glorious, loving and merciful, and here in this place we come, Lord, to love You, to honor You, to worship You. Bring us close tonight, Lord, bring us close, close to You and the Father. Anoint us with Your Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Zephaniah 3:16-17: *On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear. Zion, let not your hands be weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, the mighty one will say, 'He will rejoice over you with gladness. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing.'"*

Lord, we thank You that You rejoice over us with singing; You dance over us; You rejoice over us with singing. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name, for You alone are worthy, worthy, worthy, worthy. The bridegroom, the bridegroom is dancing over us with gladness. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name.

CONFIRMATION

I was reading that same passage right before Jimmy read it.

PRAYER

Lord, You do rejoice over us and we rejoice because of Your love, Lord, and Your mercy in every aspect of our life. And we give You thanks, we give You thanks, we give You thanks for calling us here; we give You thanks, Lord, for Your love that touches us; we give You thanks, Lord, for Your action in our lives – daily, weekly.

SCRIPTURE

From **Matthew 22:36-40**: *Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law? Jesus said to him, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it. You must love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole law and the prophets too. It's so simple and so dang hard, isn't it? That's the whole law and the whole prophets and our whole lives to try to live that one out.*

PRAYER

We want more of Your holy presence, Lord, more of Your living water, more of Your anointing, more of Your touch. Let us receive, Lord, let us receive, reach out to You, Lord.

SCRIPTURE

After Cici shared about the Gospel of Matthew, about loving God and loving your neighbor and what a challenge it was, I looked down and my Bible was open to **Psalms 119**, and I started reading. And I realized this was some help, starting with verse **33-40**: *Lord, teach me the way of your statutes; I shall keep them with care. Give me understanding to keep your law, to observe it with all my heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my delight. Direct my heart toward your testimonies and away from gain. Avert my eyes from what is worthless. By your way, give me a life. For your servant, fulfill your promise made to those who fear you. Turn away from me the taunts I dread, for your judgments are good. See how I long for your precepts. In your righteousness, give me life.*

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

That's really cool because if the law is loving God and loving our neighbor with everything you have, and the last line of that was "your precepts give me life", it's in living out that hard stuff and living out the joy of loving God and loving neighbor that we find life. It's not all gift; we receive in the process of giving everything we have. And isn't there another scripture about the seed must die that it could grow and live (**John 12:24**)? Amen.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

I was reading that today and also in **Isaiah 6:1-7**: *In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face and with two he covered his feet and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me for I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people with unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lords of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away and your sin is purged."* Father, we just thank You and praise You and exalt Your holy name, for You are worthy, worthy, worthy; worthy is the Lamb, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

IMAGE / PRAYER

I had a vision several minutes ago of a glass and it was being filled continuously with water, so much water that the glass couldn't contain it all and the water was spilling out the sides of the glass. The glass kept continuously being filled. And I thought about that and in that song that we just sang it said we would be overcome by the presence of the Lord. We asked to be filled with His presence and have it overcome us. And I thought about being... Sometimes when I'm overcome by the presence of the Lord, it just quiets me, and I can't do anything; I'm just overcome. But I thought about being overcome by the Holy Spirit in a different way because of that vision. Overcome and overflowed so much that I can't possibly contain what God has given me. And it reaches out of my life into others. Lord, in the glass of our lives, let us be willing to be filled; but not only to the brim but let us keep being filled. Let us be overcome by Your presence so much that we can't contain it, that it must reach out to others. That's what our world needs so much, Lord. We need Your presence. That's really all we need. Lord, let us first empty out everything and then let us be filled with Your presence and let it overflow and overrun from us into every corner of this world. Amen.

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I have a confirming scripture for that word and the presence of God. From **1John 4:7-13**: *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. And this is love. Not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loves us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us because he has given us of his Spirit. Amen.*

PRAYER

King of kings and Lord of lords – yet You still want to dance with me. As mighty and as powerful and as amazing as You are, You take every moment to be with me. Thank You so much, God, thank You so much. You sing over me and You love me and You dance with me.

SENSE / PRAYER

You took me by the hand. You lead me onto the floor. As the music rises, we turn and we swirl. The lightest touch leads me along. I know where You're going by the look in Your eyes and the smile on Your face. You know I love to twirl and to spin and to feel the wind on my face, and so You give that gift to me. I know You love to lead and to be strong, so I am gentle in Your hands and let You take me where You want me to go. Lord, in my life let me smile when I spin and let me just melt as You lead. The floor is ours; the beauty is Yours. And together we're one with the music, one with the song of creation, one with the song of the universe, the song of life. Together, we're more beautiful than I am by myself. Thank You, God, for lifting me up when I stumble, for holding me tight when I run out of breath. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of our dance, a dance called life. And when the song is over, Lord, let me collapse in Your arms with a smile on my face and a laugh in my heart, and a big drink of water from a cold glass, and say thank You for this life that You gave me. Thank You for the dance; thank You for the chance to let beauty shine and be present in the world in a new way. And He says quietly, "You're welcome."

PRAYER

Lord, Your love surrounds us, Your holy presence.

SHARING / PRAYER

The times comes for us to leave but not to leave behind this powerful presence of God. Because He said to us in many ways: I dance with you; I fill you up that you can overflow and bring that to where you go and to who you see. And you know, it can be as simple as a smile to a checker who is just overwhelmed. It doesn't have to be a huge thing. And when Cici was talking about the dance of life, I found myself saying to the Lord, "But I step on Your toes so many times." He said, "It's okay. You're still learning." So when we fall, He lifts us up as she said, but we're all still learning and I just love that about our beautiful Lord. I just thank You and I praise You, Lord, for Your presence among us tonight. I thank You and I praise You, Lord, for all that You have done in this place and will continue to do in our hearts as we go forth. And Lord, we look forward to meeting You here again next week, meeting You Sunday, meeting You wherever You send us. And we praise You and thank You for this night. Amen.

EXHORTATION / PRAYER

Here in this place even now, there's a very powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit. He's filling up that cup, isn't He? Do you want more of God, brothers and sisters? Let's ask Him. Lord, You

poured forth Your love and Your mercy, Your Holy presence here this evening in a powerful way. We want more of that; we want more, Lord. More of that holy presence, more of Your Spirit, more – that we might be transformed and that in power we may spread Your truth and Your love. O Jesus, O Jesus, we love You.