

INSPIRED WORD

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PRAYER

Dear Lord, we're here tonight to give You praise and worship and to tell You we love You and to thank You for all the things that You've done for us, God. And we just want to bask in Your presence because we know that where two or three are gathered in Your name, there You are in the midst of us. So God, we thank You so much for being with us and we give this night to You, Lord. This is Your night and, God, we are here to tell You so much how much we love You. In Jesus' name, amen.

REVIEW OF INSPIRED WORD RECEIVED DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS.

The Lord spoke to us in song, in beautiful prayers, in Scripture, to challenge us. We will discuss four areas: (1) The first is the water of life the Lord gives us; (2) then opening the door of our hearts, (3) trusting Him completely, and (4) then dancing with the Lord. First, He tells us that we have all we need, all we need. This water of life is all we need to live out our mission, to get through this life, and to serve others. We were given this water of life, and we were given an image. "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 and all 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. 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." And then there was a confirming scripture. "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. So that's using that water of life. The water is there, constantly full, ready for us to use if we but open the door of our hearts. "I Stand at the Door and Knock." "Tonight when Chuck and Mel were praying before the prayer meeting, they saw these two doors over there and these doors were opening. And I came in at the end to hear it. And this scripture just immediately came to mind, and I think the Lord is speaking this to us tonight. From **Revelation 3**: "*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.* The doors have been opened!" This next is an interpretation of a message in tongues. "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." And then an image: "I saw a kingdom wall with two huge doors, bigger than those, 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!" And then as God is sometimes amusing with us, Mr. Potato Head came into the picture. It was after we sang "Open the Eyes of My Heart." "This is the first time when we've sung this song that I thought of Mr. Potato Head. There was a verse also that said 'open the ears of my heart because I want to hear you'. You have the ears and the eyes, and you have to put in His ears and His eyes. This relates to that intentionality." We need to put ears onto our hearts before we can hear. We need to put eyes onto our hearts before we can see. So we have the water of life, all of it, and because we open the door of our hearts, we have all we need. But in order to really use

this gift we must trust. Trust in His provision for us. From **Revelation 22**: *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.* We must trust as a child. And this was from an interpretation: “And the word that He gave me was... 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.” Trust. “As a little girl, my dad would say, ‘Jump, I’ll catch you.’ I trusted him completely. 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?” Trust in His protection. From **Psalms 18**: *The Lord is my protector; he is my strong fortress. I call to the Lord and he saves me from my enemies!* “O Jesus, in all circumstances, You are with us, Savior God.” And trust always. “Lord, Your grace is enough in all circumstances in life outside of this place and in our families and in our workplaces and in the neighborhood. But Your grace is enough for us right here in this circumstance, right here, right now.” And trust “Though the Mountains May Fall”, with a music choice. “Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust, Yet the love of the Lord will stand, As a shelter for those who call on his name, Sing the praise and the glory of God.” So we have this water of life, we open our hearts to the Lord, we trust, and our lives become a beautiful, intimate dance with the Lord. And we had so many prayers about dancing with the Lord. First, “dance to the rhythm of my heart.” “Throughout the prayer meeting I’ve had this image of a couple dancing. And I almost felt like the Lord was just saying, ‘I wish you would dance with me. I wish you would dance with me, and that you would trust me, that you would run into my arms and let me throw you up with joy and exhilaration.’ And then a confirmation: “What I heard just confirms that; it goes right along with it. What I heard God saying is, ‘Dance to the rhythm of my heart.’” And He wants to dance with us. “The King of kings and Lord of lords – yet You still want to dance with me.” Then “Thank you for the dance.” “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. 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 another dance story that came with a reflection about doors. “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 now I have a reflection for you and I’d like you to take a minute and pick one of these to work on. And you might remember several weeks ago when Katerina mentioned that here in this praise gathering we are given a bouquet of beautiful flowers, but she suggested that we pick just one to work on, just one fragrant flower. Take that home and pray on it for awhile. So God calls us to this challenge. Where am I struggling? I am going to read some reflections gathered from this inspired word. Which one is challenging you? Opening the door of your heart? I stand at the door and knock. Do we answer? Are we

answering now? Is the door really opened all the way? Are we afraid to open the door all the way? Do we need to open the ears of our hearts and hear the Lord speaking? Do we need to open the eyes of our hearts and see Him with us? On Trust. Do we trust God when things are really hard, or just in the easy times? Do we believe that God gives us everything we need? God is constantly filling the glass of water; all we need is there. Do we trust as a child? Do we trust in his protection? When we come to the prayer meeting, are we just sticking our toe in? Are we in maybe knee deep water? Or are we going with Jesus into the really, really, deep water? Real commitment – dancing with the Lord. Is your dance a beautiful, flowing dance of love? Are you following His lead? Do we say to the Lord, “Thank You for the dance?” And then this beautiful closing prayer that summarizes everything. After the song “Lord, I Give You My Heart”, this was spoken: “Lord, we just give you permission to have your way in us tonight in this place, right this moment. We give you permission to have your way in our lives, long term, no taking it back. Lord, we give you permission to have your way in our world, big scale, little scale - our neighbor next door and our country across the globe. Lord, we give you permission to have your way in our faults and brokenness. God, I just give you those things I can’t fix and can’t control. Take them, Lord, and have your way in them. Lord, I give you permission to have your way in my strengths, in my joys and in my accomplishments. You gave it all to me, and I give it back to you for your glory - that I could truly reflect your beauty.” Lord, I give you permission to have your way in me, in me. Amen.

PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for Your word to us, for Your call upon us, for asking us to open our hearts to Your living water, to enter into the dance as You lead and to follow, to surrender our hearts to You, to be all in, Lord Jesus, all in. And tonight in this place, Lord, we want to give You glory and praise, and in our worship and in our praise, we want to be all in, Lord. We want that praise to come from the depths of our being. You have given us everything. We’re here to give You praise that is due, O Jesus. Glory and praise to You, O Jesus.

PRAYER

All of creation is filled with Your glory, Lord, and let Your glory fill this place so that we might be changed, brought closer to You. Glory to You, Lord. Draw us close; draw us close. We surrender to You tonight. We want You, Lord, in this place with us. Come, we welcome You.

PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus, into all those secret places that we hold You out of. Come, Lord Jesus. We need You; we need You, Lord, into our desperation, come, Lord; into our fear, come, into our confusion, Lord, come; into our weakness, Lord, come; into our complacency, Lord, come; into our joys, Lord, come; into all aspects of our lives, Lord Jesus, come.

SHARING

I just want to share with you a visual I had last week and as you know, I go to adoration after this and last week I was thinking, you know, I come here and put the ears and the eyes and the mouth on here, that Mr. Potato Head image, and it helps me then when I go in there because I’ve got them on and I’m ready to see and to hear. And another image we were given last week was from Barb when you said that Jesus was standing in front of us and touched our cheek so that we looked directly into His eyes. Not to the left or to the right, we need to be

directly... have Jesus directly in front of us. So when I went over there to the chapel last week, I happened to sit in a spot and who knows, this may have happened before, but as I said, I had my eyes and ears on, ready to see and hear what He wanted to show me. The spot I sat in... the monstrous has that little piece on the top that has a red stone in it, not around the Blessed Sacrament but the one on top. And I was sitting there and that thing was like a starburst; it was just flaring out and almost like pulsing. At first I thought, gosh, that's like a heartbeat but it wasn't quite steady like that. It was just in and out, getting bigger and smaller and it was not like a star but it had all these different designs. And all I had to do was just shift slightly and it was gone. And I was thinking that was like the image that Barb had, you know. I had to be right here, directly in this spot to see this beautiful glowing thing happening. And I just asked the Lord, "Let me see what... what are You trying to show me? What is it? Is there something?" And that design, it... I saw two different designs in it. At times it looked like capillaries, and I thought capillaries coming from Jesus; that's what we are. I mean, we aren't the big veins, the aortas; we're just those tiny little capillaries. But how important is that to the body of Christ? We need capillaries to get the blood of life to all parts of the body, and that's what we are for Christ, just the little capillaries and yet we have that huge role. And at other times, the way it was moving and shifting, it almost looked like a kaleidoscope. And again the idea was... I didn't look up the mechanics of a kaleidoscope, but all those little panels, you know, or those little pieces are needed to make the whole design. And again, that's what each of us are, one of those little pieces. From Christ, He uses each one of us to make that kaleidoscope. And I just thanked Him because it was so neat to see that and to have those couple of visuals in my head. I just wanted to share those with you because I thought they were really cool.

PRAYER / SCRIPTURE

Lord Jesus, we just praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name. In **Joel 2:23-29**: *Be glad, O sons of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the destroying locust and the consuming locust, my great army which I have sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wonderfully with you. And my people shall never be put to shame, and you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel. I am the Lord, your God, and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. And there shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. And also on my manservants and all my maidservants, I shall pour out my spirit in those days.* Dear Lord, we thank You that You have poured out Your Spirit in these last days. And we magnify and glorify You and exalt Your holy name, for You are the King, the holy King of kings. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name. We exalt Your name, Your holy name, O righteous Lamb of God.

IMAGE

I had an image of an old-time photograph probably from the 60s and it was these kids dressed up for church, probably on Easter Sunday. You know, back in those days we got really dressed up for church with patton leather shoes and dresses, tights. We wore our hair... those sponge curlers so it would be just right and we had our Easter bonnets on. We really looked spiffy for

church; that's how it was in my house when I was little like that. And I thought, "Lord, why are You showing me a photo like this?" You know, we had just sang that song "Come, Lord Jesus, Come" and we were invited to dip our heart in the stream and get washed away. And I felt like the Lord was saying, "Hey, if things are going well and you have your patton leather on, you can come. But if the locusts are flying around, like in the first reading that Jimmie read, you can come. It doesn't matter if everything's in place, if you're messy, if you're tattered, if you're tired, if you're happy – everyone is invited to come."

SHARING / SCRIPTURE

I love that phrase "I'll restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten", because it's the hope. With the Lord there's always the possibility of resurrection, after any crucifixion. Death is not the end. And that can be little deaths of the things that we've screwed up through sin or circumstance but He can restore the years that the locust have stolen. And to have that hope, if our eyes are fixed on Him, not on our own strength; it's when our eyes and hearts are fixed on Him. And it ties back to the Beatitude: Blessed are the... I'm not going to get it quite right but... *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God (Matthew 5:8)*. And I've reflected on that verse in the past and it's kind of like blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God because they want to. You have to let your heart be purified to want to see God. And then you'll receive what your heart desires the most. Blessed are the pure in heart.

SHARING

So I have to admit that the hard part I have with the talk I gave was knowing that all I need is already right there - and then what? Well, this song said it. I'll wait on You, Lord, because everything is already there. The next step is to wait on the Lord.

EXHORTATION

The song "Come, Lord Jesus", He's already here and powerfully, overwhelmingly even, almost to the point of being slain in the Spirit. And at the same time, just a reminder that we don't need to look for Him without; He's already within. So we don't need to go here or there; He's already inside of us. So be calm, be at peace and look within, because He's always there. Amen.

EXHORTATION

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, every tongue confess Him, our King of glory now. Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord, who from the very beginning was the mighty Word.

PROPHECY

On this beautiful day, I announce to you through myself, the morning star (that's from Revelation 2:28 and 22:16), that your dawn of love is on the horizon. Just as the morning star beameth signals the end of the night and announces the dawn of a new day, so I herald to you, my angels of the morning star, that your darkness that has enveloped the earth in a total eclipse of the sun is (...). And today I wish to reveal to you a little about this, my second coming. What was my mission on your earth the first time I came, my first coming? One, to prove to my Father that this creation and its mankind was worthy of eternal life. Two, to teach mankind how to live in grace and peace. Three, to take down my Father's temple and its

formal worship of God and institute a new purified form of worship of God. This time my mission will be similar but have two distinct parts. The primary part, to prove to my Father that some of mankind is still worthy of eternal life. Two, remind mankind of how to live in grace and peace and three (message in tongues). So quite similar in its first part, my children. There is, however, one vastly different point. In my first coming when you did not accept me, as it was my job to sacrifice myself for mankind, I allowed you to destroy me. In my second coming, those who do not accept me, I must destroy. Whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven either in this age or the age to come (that's Matthew 12:32). I will be here to purify mankind by destroying evil and use this purified humanity to seed a new creation. As it says in the bible, my second coming is one of devastating judgment, the last judgment that ends this age and begins a new age, a new creation. But my gift to you, my loved ones, is the light of the morning star to give you hope, to give you joy, to give you faith, faith in me, your God. Shine, shine, little light, little joy of my heart. Shine into all the four corners of your world, bringing health, bringing life, bringing vitality back into your world. Love for me, me Your God, truly present among you, the Emmanuel sitting in every tabernacle in every Catholic Church throughout your world. Bring me back to life and I will bring you back to life, back to love. I send my love to you, my most loved part of myself, my magnum opus to my beloved, my creation. I love you.

PRAYER

We ask the Holy Spirit to come now and touch the hearts of those people here tonight that need special prayer. Lord, we just ask You to come and touch those hearts of the people tonight that need special prayer. Let them know that You're calling them, that You're putting Your hand on them, and that You're saying, "Yes, yes, ask for that prayer tonight; ask for that prayer tonight."

PRAYER

So, Lord, we do give You praise and we give You thanks for Your holy presence here tonight, for Your touch upon our hearts. We ask You to anoint us, Lord, as we leave this place. Anoint us to take Your message of love and truth out wherever we go.