

INSPIRED WORD
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(Teaching on the Ps of Pentecost – Proclamation)

PRAYER

All Your love and mercy, Lord, freely given; we thank You for that, Lord. We open our hearts to receive that. Thank You, thank You, thank You for Your mercy, Lord. Thank You for Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your love poured forth, Your healing love, Lord, that gives us strength. O the joy, Lord, thank You. Thank You, Jesus, because we're sons and daughters of the Father. Amen. We revel in that.

PRAYER

O yes, Lord, You call us to proclaim Your love and the things You've done among us. Glory to You!

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

From the book of **Daniel 7:9-10**: *I watched while thrones were put in place and the ancient of days was seated; his garment was white as snow and the hair of his head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels of burning fire. A fire stream issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands ministered to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated and the books were opened. 13-14: I was watching in the night visions. Behold, one like the son of man coming with the clouds of heaven, he came to the Ancient of Days and they brought him near before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom that all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion and it shall not pass away, and his kingdom the one that shall not be destroyed.* Father, we just praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name. We thank You that Your dominion shall not pass away, that You have dominion over everything, and we are not shaken; we are not upset at all. We just praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name, for You alone are worthy. Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb, worthy the holy risen Lamb of God, the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world. We do magnify and glorify and exalt Your holy name, for You are the King, the holy King of kings, righteous in all of Your ways.

SHARING / EXHORTATION / PRAYER

As we were doing that song, I just had an image from my time in Oregon where we did family photos, and with 17 people from 1 to 78, that's a lot of people to coordinate and special needs get mixed into the batch too. I was really blessed by the photographer who got it done,

especially with rain coming like right on our heels. But the image was of my nephew who just turned four, a little blond kid. And he was just all fidgety, he was just all over the board and hands were everywhere – his brother he's touching, his sister he's touching, everything. And the photographer just said, "Okay, everybody, hands in pockets." And we have more pictures of going (demonstrates) - every crazy pose with hands in pockets that a four-year-old could muster. But it was joy; it was like, "I get to put my hands in my pockets." And I know here it's all about putting our hands in the air and it's that kind of joy. But the sense was to let your joy be uncontained. And whether it's hands in pockets or hands in the air, let the heart be overflowing with the joy of the Lord, who is your strength. It is not our strength on ourselves because you could have a bad day, a tired day, a crabby day. And when we start praising the Lord, all I want to do is put hands in pockets, I'm just so excited about the Lord! And that's the Holy Spirit bubbling up, the rivers of living water that we let bubble through. And I just ask, Lord, that You would come tonight and continue coming, continue bubbling up in those who most need to be refreshed tonight. And give them the living water that you can't cap and you can't contain and it comes out of every toe and blond haired little kid that you can find. Let us be that kid tonight, Lord.

SHARING / EXHORTATION / SENSE

The Lord is going to use another analogy that involves children. I was reminded of a small child in a grocery store; I did not know the mother or the child but this little boy just looked at me and was bubbling over and he was like, "Guess what?" I said, "What?" "I got a new puppy. You want to know its name?" And the Lord said, "That's how I want you to feel about my message of love." I know someone who can bring healing; I know someone who can bring peace, and in the hard times He can be an anchor of hope. I know someone who can help with loneliness. Do you want to know His name? Jesus! But the Lord used this to tell us that He wants us to be like that little boy, just bubbling over and can't wait to share that good news and share that name.

SHARING

When I was first baptized in the Holy Spirit, I was a really excitable guy. I know that comes as a surprise but I was one of those guys in a little Assembly of God church and it was about 75 people, and I was 16-years-old, and I just ran around the church like a whirling dervish. I ran everywhere and they couldn't stop me. And I didn't want to stop and they didn't really want to stop me but they thought they should. But it was just exciting to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to have the Holy Spirit in the middle of me. And I was in the middle of the church and it was just like two rows of pews, pinewood pews back in Amarillo, Texas. And I was just so excited; I could not contain myself. And tonight I can just barely contain myself. I am excited tonight and I can just barely contain myself with what God is doing in this place. God is doing something in this place and I can barely contain myself. And just what you were talking about, Cece. I am just barely able to contain myself.

SHARING

Speaking of little kids, my little grandson had his first communion two weeks ago, and after church he came running up to me and said, “Nana, Nana, I got God inside of me.”

(Message in tongues)

INTERPRETATION

I think I have part of that. I felt like God was just saying... It was very clear to me that He was saying, “I love you, I love you, I love you. How many ways can I tell you I love you? I love you, I love you. In all of creation, you see that I love you. I love you, I love you.”

INTERPRETATION / IMAGE / WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

I think I have the other part of that because even before Mel gave that tongue, I just really felt in my heart all evening long that the Lord just wanted to gather us up in His love, and I just kept on having this image of the arms of the Lord just being, like literally just running through this place like a river and just gathering everybody up. And so as I’m sitting here thinking about this, the verse that the Lord gave me for this was: “I will rejoice over you with singing and I will quiet you with my love.” So the joy that we were talking about earlier is what comes from knowing that you are the beloved, the reassurance that you are the beloved daughter of Christ, that you are the beloved son of Christ. You are His beloved and that joy that wells up, that just makes us want to dance and sing and lift up our hands, comes from knowing that you are the beloved of God. But if you don’t know that touch of the Father, then the joy won’t make any sense. And I just really felt that there’s somebody in here tonight that specifically needed to really feel the touch of the Father’s love. I don’t know who that is but I just have that overwhelming sense ever since I walked in the door.

CONFIRMATION / PROPHECY

When Ruth said the word “river”, then what I was hearing confirmed that. And it was: “My love is rushing from my throne room like a mighty river, a mighty river of grace and mercy. My love is being poured forth from my throne room upon everyone in this place. Feel it; know it; be filled up with it. And then become like tributaries, tributaries that take my love, my grace, my mercy into all the dry areas that are longing for it. Know my love that is rushing upon you and then take my love like tributaries.”

PRAYER

Pour forth Your love, Lord, like a river and I’m supposed to take it like tributaries – out, out, out. Lord, let us receive the grace that You pour forth with that word to do that.

SHARING

I know we keep going back to children and babies and stuff like that but it's like after giving birth to my first son, when they lay the baby in your arms for the first time, and you look down and you see this wondrous creation. I just imagine God looking down on us with even more than that, you just feel like you're going to burst with love. You don't even know how to express it. When somebody asked me how I was feeling, there was no way I could put it into words. It's just such a rush of feeling of love and joy and I really feel that that's what God feels ten times over, a hundred thousand times over, when He looks at us and says, "You are my beloved child."

SHARING

When you mentioned tributaries, something came to mind. I grew up in Grand Junction and they have a canal system. Grand Junction, to be honest, is a desert. Without those canal systems, there would be nothing but desert there. But it's the number one fruit-bearing city. The whole valley is orchards and vineyards. And you get corn there and basically, it's a cornucopia and it's all because of that canal system.

WORD OF WISDOM

The water brings life and, Lord, Your living water flowing through us, flowing from Your throne brings life.