

INSPIRED WORD

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SHARING / PROPHECY / INSPIRED TEACHING

Last week after we had a message in tongues, the Lord told us through one person how much He loved us. I mean, "I love you, I love you, I love you." The person who had that must have said it 20 times – "I love you. How many times can I tell you how much I love you?" And then after that there was another word about going out. And then He told us in a word that He was pouring forth from His throne room His river of love and mercy - and to be like tributaries. And so I was praying about that as I was getting ready to come over here tonight and I thought, "His tributaries?" Now I always thought tributaries went out from the river and so that was the sense of the message that you go out and bring God's love and mercy. And that's true, but then as I looked at it a little bit, I found out that tributaries come into the river. I said, "Okay, Lord, that's really interesting. So what is it that you were saying to us?" And He said, "My love and mercy, the river of My love and mercy continues to flow everywhere, over and over, and when you come to praise and worship, when you come to Mass, when you come to Eucharistic adoration, when you come to Awaken, you receive that love that flows in My river. And then you go out and be like tributaries to bring people into that great river." So we're called to bring people into that great river of love and mercy, and that can look so many different ways. It can look like inviting them to praise and worship if the Lord asks you to; it could look like inviting them to Awaken if the Lord asks you to; it can look like saying "Do you have a little time to talk?" and bringing them into that. But we come here, we experience God's love, that river of His love and mercy, and then we go out like tributaries. We bring people, one way or another, listening to the Holy Spirit, back to God's river of love and mercy so they can experience that for themselves. So I asked myself, "Have I done that this week much?" And I thought some ways yes, but I want to be more attuned to that. I want to say, "Okay, Lord, today – where are You sending me?" And I think that would be a good thing for all of us if you're moved that way. So hopefully Pentecost was a wonderful blessing for you, and we had our teachings on that. But one thing not to forget is that we had a promise from the Lord, and that promise stands forever. Then we are in prayer, like the disciples were in the upper room, we pray. Then we experience the presence of God which causes us to praise Him. Then the power comes; we're filled with the power and proclamation. So we're in the season of proclamation.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

When we were praying prior to the meeting tonight, I happened to open my bible and I opened it to Joshua. It's a new bible by the way; the pages aren't marked yet. But I opened it to **Joshua 3**. Do you know what that is? What do you think? It's crossing the Jordan. So we're here and we've crossed the Jordan by faith. We've crossed the Jordan by faith, by accepting

God's word, by saying "Yes, Lord, we accept it; we cross it; we stand there." So, Lord Jesus, thank You for calling us here to this place tonight; thank You for Your word; thank You for bringing us across that river and we stand by faith, Lord. We cross by faith in Your word, and we open our hearts now to receive Your Holy Spirit as we continue to praise You, to receive Him tonight that we might be channels of Your love, channels of Your holy gifts, and that our hearts may draw ever closer to You, You the God Who loves us so very, very much.

PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, come and touch our hearts here tonight. Come, Lord, we ask You to come. Come, Lord, with Your seven-fold gifts, Lord. Come to enable us to hear Your inspirations and promptings. Come, Lord, that we might be channels of Your love and channels of Your strength and channels of Your healing as we yield ourselves to You. Come, Lord, come, Holy Spirit, come. We invite You to this place tonight. Let Your glory come. And Lord, help us to open our mouths to the Lord in words beyond the language that we speak, like truly pray to You from the heart as You want us to, to give You praise.

WORD OF WISDOM

This last song is just a reminder that whatever we're dealing with, God is there. No matter what our private life is, whether we've sinned today or we sinned yesterday or we've sinned all week, or whether we're dealing with hardships in our lives, God is there and He cares about us. And lastly, He loves us.

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I have to confirm that word. **Isaiah 58:11-12:** *Then the Lord will guide you always and satisfy your thirst in parched places, will give strength to your bones, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never fail. Your people shall rebuild the ancient ruins; the foundations from ages past, you shall raise up, repairer of the breach they shall call you, restorer of ruined dwellings.*

SHARING

It's easy to focus when we get here but I had an appointment today and it was in a parched place. When I walked in, it felt strange to me, and I was distracted. And when I walked in here, all of a sudden I got the word, "You were supposed to pray." I was supposed to pray for that place and all the people who were there working and all the people who were coming in and out. And here I am, Lord. I'm a day late and a dollar short but I know the Lord is outside of time and space and so I can pray now and He will make good what I didn't do a few hours ago. And so that's our hope that God is always faithful and I know that He will make a change in that place and in those people, and I thank Him for that.

SCRIPTURE

I had this verse earlier today on my lunch break actually, and it's from **John 7:37-38**: *On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anybody who is thirsty, come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Rivers of living water will flow from within them.'"*

SHARING

I read something on Facebook, it was Jesus on the cross. The caption was: It wasn't the nails that kept Jesus on the cross; it was His love for us.

EXHORTATION

I know that video was quiet but sometimes God talks in a quiet, still voice, and we have to listen to the ways of love washing over us. Come and receive, just sit quietly for a moment and listen.

SCRIPTURE

This song says rejoice, Well, we are here to have joy. I remember this old passage from the bible. It's basically... the people of Israel sinned, greatly. They'd forgotten God's ways. Basically what had happened was they found an old scroll of the law. As he was reading the law, the people wept because they realized they'd sinned. *But then the prophet said, "Why do you weep? Rejoice, because today is a great day, for He has brought us the law" (Nehemiah 8:9)*. And I believe that right now is a time to rejoice.

PROPHECY

This has been a rather difficult night for me but I think this song kind of brings up what the Lord has been trying to get to me. I hear Jesus saying, "When I was in the garden, I asked God... in fact, I told my Father I didn't want to do this. But he loved me. And when I was on the cross, I turned to him and said, "Why did you abandon me?" And he loved me. And when I died, he brought me back to him and he loved me." And I hear Him saying to us, "Can you believe in your heart that even in the difficult times, even in the desert, or when the waves are overwhelming you, and you're in despair or begin to doubt, you believe when the Father says, 'I love you'? When you've done things that you don't believe you can be forgiven for, in your heart can you believe when the Father says, 'I love you'? And now that you are challenged, as I have been saying, to cross the river into uncertainty, perhaps some concern or maybe even some fear, can you in your heart believe when the Father says, 'I love you'? For you see, it is not what you have done, but it's that you turn around and come back to me, because when you do that, then you truly say to me, 'I love You'."

SCRIPTURE

Earlier in the evening we sang “Blessed be the name of the Lord” and that has been with me all evening. That line has been with me all evening, maybe partially because I love that song, but just that line “Blessed be the name of the Lord”, I’m thinking about names. And this doesn’t seem to me to fit with anything but I’m going to read this verse. I went to this verse in **Exodus 20:7**: *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not leave unpunished he who takes his name in vain.* And I was just thinking about that in the context of the world and the context of everything we hear and listen to.

EXHORTATION

You know, I’m kind of struggling through here tonight, same as Mel, and the big thing that we have to be careful of is that we must not let fear influence us. We must renounce it, because fear basically comes from a lie that we’re told. So I would encourage us to do that right now, if you’re willing to do that. We renounce fear in the name of Jesus. With me, I renounce fear in the name of Jesus and command it to leave me in the name of Jesus. Never can we be bound by that - never. We must be people of courage, people of fortitude, not people of fear. So we have renounced that and we’re not going to be bound by that.

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

Thank you, Chuck, I confirm that. I’ve been sitting on this for the entire night and in fact I think one of the songs that we sang is probably based on this. It’s from **Isaiah 43:1-3**: *I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flames shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.* And it continues later **(4-5)**: *For you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you. Do not fear, for I am with you.*