

INSPIRED WORD

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Teaching – The Power of Pentecost

SENSE

You know how we've been saying we're crossing the Jordan? Well I got a word that's simple – don't turn back – because you know what happened to the first people who turned back from crossing the Jordan? They wandered the desert for 40 years. So, yeah, don't turn back.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Ezekiel 37:11-14: *Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves and bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, my people, and bring you up from your graves. I will put my Spirit in you and you shall live, and I shall place you in your own land, and you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have performed it, says the Lord."* Father, we just thank You and praise You and exalt Your holy name. For You alone are worthy, worthy, worthy. O Spirit of the living God, we just praise You; we thank You. We thank You for the thing that You are calling us into, this thing You've brought us into. And we just want to be open and obedient to the thing You've brought us up to. And we just praise You; we praise Your holy name. O Lord Jesus, we just praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name. For You alone are worthy – worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb of God who brings us forth and forgives us for the sins of the world. We just thank You and praise You and exalt Your holy name. For You alone are worthy – worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb. Halleluiah, halleluiah!

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Fresh fire, O God, renewed fire. Come, Holy Spirit. You know when we sing that song asking the Lord to rain on us again, we really need to mean that because we're here in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He hears us and sees us in a very, very unique way. And also, He pours forth His Holy Spirit upon us and our hearts. So when we say, "Lord, rain on us again, rain on us again," that has to be meant, doesn't it? Lord, rain on us again, rain on us again. Take control of us again. Lead us, Lord, along a path, lead us, Lord. Lord, let us yield to You more, Lord. Let us give it up to You, Lord. Lead us along the path You have chosen. Rain on us, Lord, rain on us, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Yes, hear us.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

1 Corinthians 1:17-24: *After all, Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not by means of wisdom of language, wise words which would make the cross of Christ pointless. The message of the cross is folly for those who are on the way to ruin. But for those of us on the road to salvation, it is the power of God. As scripture says, "I am going to destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing the understanding of any who understand." Where are the philosophers; where are the experts; where are the debaters of this age? Do they not see how God has shown up human wisdom as folly? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world is unable to recognize God through wisdom, it is God's own pleasure to save the leaders through the folly of the gospel. Finally, while the Jews demanded miracles and the Greeks looked for wisdom, we are preaching a crucified Christ to the Jews, an obstacle they can't get over and to the Gentiles foolishness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jew or Greek, Christ who spoke the power of God and the wisdom of God. The cross of Christ is a stumbling block for all of us. It says be broken, not exalted, that God may raise you up, which in America is completely the opposite of what we're hearing every day, all day, in every way, which says exalt yourself that you may be saved. The cross says be broken that I may be your salvation. Lord, give us the grace to believe the miracle that puts our wisdom to foolishness and makes the foolish wise.*

IMAGE / PROPHECY

I've just been getting an image the last few minutes of a dark hat, you know, it's like a black hat pulled down over one's eyes – a hat of doubt, a hat that prevents one from seeing clearly. "And I say to you this night, I remove that hat. I remove that hat that blinds your vision. I remove that hat that does not enable you to see me as a God of love, as a God of caring, one who is concerned about you. This evening, this place, I remove that hat, that hat of doubt. I take it off. I look at you and I say, 'Look into my eyes. Know that I love you. Know that I am with you. Doubt no longer.'"

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I just want to confirm what was said earlier about not turning back. When Lot and his wife were fleeing either Sodom or Gomorrah – whichever city was being burned – Lot's wife turned back and she was turned into a pillar of salt, and then Lot didn't have a wife (**Genesis 19:24-26**). So let's continue on, let us keep the faith.

IMAGE

I have just smelled a spring of rain fall upon all of us here.

SCRIPTURE / PROPHECY

From **Revelation 21:1-4**: *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth disappeared and the sea vanished. And I saw the holy city coming down out of heaven from God. I heard a loud voice speaking from the throne, "Now God's home is with people. He will live with them and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them and he will be their God. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared." Then the one who sits on the throne said, "And now I make all things new." And as the Lord showed me those words, I also sensed Him saying, "Yes, this is the new heaven and the new earth. But when you call upon Me and seek Me, My kingdom is here now. My kingdom is here among you. When you praise Me and hear Me and do as I bid you, My kingdom is here now. My kingdom is here among you, and I do indeed wipe away every tear from the eye, because I send you to bring My kingdom and I do indeed make all things new."*

SHARING

Saint Teresa of Avila described prayer as a close sharing between prayers. It means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us. So prayer is an intimate sharing with one who loves us, and to nurture this relationship, we need to spend time with our friend. It's not an activity that keeps an angry God at bay. It is a relationship based on trust. The God with whom I am relating to in prayer has my wellbeing at heart.

WORD OF WISDOM

I just sense a new wine flowing abundantly.

(Reflection from a Life in the Spirit Seminar)

SCRIPTURE

I got a message from Eric that he got during the song. He said that when crossing the Jordan, don't be afraid of giants. When marching around the walls of Jericho, don't be afraid of insults and jeers, for the wall falls down and the giants are crushed (**Joshua 6:1-20**).