

## **INSPIRED WORD**

**June 26, 2019**

### **PRAYER**

We're here to give You glory tonight, Lord, from the depths of our being. We don't want to just sing the words of the song, Lord Jesus, but let these songs be prayers to You, prayers to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, enable us by Your grace to give proper and due praise. Glory to You.

### **PRAYER**

Lord, You are the Good Shepherd; lead Your people. That's our prayer, Lord. Lead us; lead us closer to You tonight, Lord, closer into Your holy presence. Give us a hunger for you, a desire for You, a longing for You.

### **PRAYER**

Let Your river flow, Lord. Let Your people sing here in this place. Let that river flow, Lord. O Lord, increase in our hearts that hunger for You, for Your love, Your holy presence here tonight.

### **PRAYER**

Lord, we just turn our eyes to You in the presence of this community, in the presence of the Lord, in the presence of the air we breathe. We turn to You, Jesus, Father, Spirit; fill us.

### **SHARING**

So in the song we just sang, "New Wine", I came here with nothing but in the back of my mind the Holy Spirit was telling me, "But you brought something tonight."

### **IMAGE / SENSE**

Well, I saw this last week. I was looking at the cross up there and for some reason Jesus' wound looked so huge; it was just gaping. And I think it's because during last week I met so many people that were in so much pain, and I was thinking of all those people. And if you'll notice, as the sun goes down the wound gets smaller and smaller until it just disappears. And I think that's what Jesus wants to do. He wants people to come here and He wants to close all those gaping wounds that people have walking around the world today. He wants them to just come and close those wounds up. And as the night goes on, it just went away. But it took a little time.

## SCRIPTURE

When we sang the song “Over and Over”, the phrase “seasons of change” stood out to me, and it reminded me of **Isaiah 43:19**: *Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already. You can see it now. I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there.*

## PRAYER

Lord, we look forward to that new thing that You are doing and Your promise to do that. Give us eyes to see, Lord, and hearts to be expectant.

## CONFIRMATION / IMAGE / SCRIPTURE

I have a confirmation of that. I was getting an image of a rainbow just really clear and I was like, “Lord, what’s that mean? What are You trying to tell us about? I mean, rainbows can signify so many things but what are You telling me?” But I think it’s that new thing that Andrea was talking about. *“I’ve set my rainbow in the clouds and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the cloud, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth” (Genesis 9:13-16).* And it was just that sense when she said “the new thing” – after the flood came the new thing and the rainbow was the sign of that transition and the promise that went with it.

## SHARING / SCRIPTURE

I hope it’s okay that I share something that happens in adoration and not necessarily right during this hour and a half but just right after. A couple of weeks ago I was prompted to read the different passages in scripture that I shared with you and I learned something new about the Lord, that He keeps our tears in a bottle (**Psalms 56:8**). And after I shared that here, I went to adoration and I was just praying and meditating and listening, and the word “peacock” came to my head. And I’ve learned that when something like that happens, I need to go deeper in it, to find out. So I waited until I got home and looked up peacock. There’s quite a bit of symbolism to a peacock and the Catholics actually have peacock as being a sign of immortality and resurrection and there’s a famous art piece that has a peacock at the nativity scene. But I think what God wanted me to find was that in India there’s a religion in which they have a peacock angel. And I don’t put any stock into what they believe this peacock angel is but it made me think about that scripture verse because this myth about the peacock angel says that there was an angel who fell from grace and then repented and the grief that came because he had to repent... he cried 7000 tears and they were saved in jars and it helped extinguish the fires of hell. And so I was just thinking about the fact that this was given to me right after I learned about the fact that God saves our tears. And when I had first read that

scripture, I was thinking of the tears that we cry when we lose a loved one, or when we're in physical pain, or a family relationship isn't going well or you lose a job – those kinds of tears. And I hadn't really thought about the tears of repentance like this peacock angel brought to mind. And, you know, if we spend time really repenting and crying for the sins that we commit and if we do that for the sins of the whole world, I think God uses that kind of repentance, that kind of sorrow, and He can help get rid of the evil in the world by us being that repentant. I was just thinking that we... how often do we cry when we sin or how often do we cry about the sins of others, the sins of the world? And I just thank the Lamb of God for taking away those sins.

### **SCRIPTURE**

Having been questioned by the scribe, by the Pharisee, Jesus answered, *“Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and the second commandment which is like it is that you shall love thy neighbor as thyself”* (**Mark 12:30-31**).

### **PROPHECY / CONFIRMATION**

And I'm hearing: “I am bringing a climate of healing. Open your hearts and receive. I'm healing the broken-hearted, binding up your wounds.”

### **CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE**

I confirm that because when they were singing the song “Hungry”, the story of the Prodigal Son (**Luke 15:11-32**) came to mind, and I was getting **Revelation 3:20** where Jesus is standing at the door and knocking. And then when they were singing “New Wine”, I kept getting, like, “new heart”, or a change of heart, or God is working on your heart – but “new heart”.

### **SHARING**

We sang a song with the phrase “I'm falling on my knees” and along with that a phrase that had been just going through my head for quite awhile “the name of Jesus”. And so along with “I'm falling on my knees” that brought to mind the song... I think it's an old Jesuit song. “In the name of Jesus” – you want that name to be in the air as long as possible. And if I can remember how this goes: (sung) “Jesus, Jesus, let all creation bend the knee to our God.”

### **SCRIPTURE**

*By his stripes we are healed* (**Isaiah 53:5**).

### **SCRIPTURE / PRAYER**

In **Psalm 37:7-11**: *Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger and forsake wrath! Do not fret; it only causes harm. For evil doers shall be cut off; and those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked*

*shall be no more; indeed, you will look carefully for his place and it shall be no more. But the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.* Father, we thank You that You've given us the promise that the meek and lowly shall delight themselves in the abundance of Your peace. For it's in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Halleluiah to the Lamb, the holy Lamb of God.