

INSPIRED WORD

August 9, 2017

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for Your gift of love. Thank You for Your gift of salvation. Thank You for the Holy Spirit that comes and gives us power and strength. Lord, tonight we're here to worship You and praise You and to tell You we love You and want to be with You in Your presence, to adore You. We're so happy to be with You tonight, Lord. And we ask that You come and fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord. We just want to be good kids and we want to obey and tell You we love You and just sit at Your feet, Lord, and adore You, to look into Your eyes and tell You we love You. Thank You for being with us. Amen.

(Video from conference)

Prior to this prayer meeting, prior to even watching this video, we were in the back praying. Now they had no idea what was going to ensue in this video, not at all, and I'm just going to ask them to tell you a little about what happened back there.

IMAGE / CONFIRMATION

We were in the back praying and Chuck had a scripture and when he read that scripture (we'll tell you in a little while what it was), I got this image of us being in a downpour, just like we've been getting every day. But the downpour we were in was not a downpour of physical water but it was a downpour of spiritual water, the grace of God. And some of us were out in that downpour dancing with joy. But some of us were hiding under an umbrella, or somewhere else, trying to keep from getting wet.

IMAGE / CONFIRMATION

And when Chuck read that, I had the image before Mel spoke of... You know those bubble umbrellas, like super high? Some people were out in a downpour and they were hiding underneath them. But there were some people who had the umbrellas upside down and they were catching the graces that were being poured out.

SCRIPTURE

And then the scripture that we got was this, in fact, I had gotten it when Chuck and I first sat down and then Andrea came in and we started praying. This is where my Bible was sitting open, it says (**Isaiah 55:1-3**): *Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which*

does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in rich food. Incline your ear and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant.

EXHORTATION

Did you like that? Coincidence? No. Come to the water and drink. Receive those graces. Get into the river of the Holy Spirit. Get out of your comfort zone. Are we going to do that tonight?

EXHORTATION

I think it's important for us to understand something. You know, we hear videos like this and we say, "That's great". We hear that word that we just shared with you, what the Lord said, and we say, "That's great". You see, the Lord speaks to us, right? But He's speaking directly to you, Marilyn. He's speaking directly to you, Andrea. He's looking you in the face, Peggy, and He's speaking to you. Right now, He's not speaking to us, He's speaking to you, Denise, right in your face, He's speaking. And it's time for us to wake up and to recognize that. It's not just nice. It's the Holy Spirit speaking to us. Speaking to you, Joe. And it's time, Chuck, for you to get wet. It's time for you, Diane. And it doesn't make any difference how much we think we have surrendered. I have not surrendered enough. And Sue, neither have you. And neither have you, Doug. Because if we had, the Lord wouldn't have to be here telling us week after week after week, "I love you. Don't be afraid." Because we would know that we don't have to be afraid, and we would know that He loves us. Right? And the Lord wouldn't have to be telling Barb to go out and tell someone, because she would know that, and she would do that without the Lord having to tell her. So maybe I'm challenging you but I want to tell you a story and I think all of you know this. In your hearts, you know it. I don't know if you've done it or not. Six months or so ago, Chuck stood here and said, "The Holy Spirit is asking us to do something. We're going to take a quiet moment and individually you're going to pray and ask the Lord to tell you what He is asking you to do." How many of you remember that? We all should. Those of you who remember what the Lord told you to do, have you done it? It's time for us to wake up. It's time for us to get in the downpour of the graces of the Holy Spirit. And it's time for us to quit saying, "Oh, that was great", and then go home and forget what the Lord asked you to do today or what He said to us today. And so I implore you, remember what Father just told us. Remember what God directly tells us. It's time. We've got to do something different than what we've been doing.

PRAYER

And so, Lord, You speak to our hearts. You call us. You empower us. You pour forth Your grace upon us like a waterfall. Here in this place, in the midst of Your love, surrounded by Your holy presence, we come together here to press in, to press in to touch Your face, to open our hearts. Holy Spirit, grace us. Help us to know the Father's love for us in a deep way, and also the call that You give to us. And let us rejoice in the fact that we are Your people, we are

called, we are sent, and we can take great joy in the knowledge of Your love for us. So, are you ready to praise Him? To worship Him? And worship means what? It means work, doesn't it? It means to give Him praise and honor.

SCRIPTURE / SHARING

I've often wondered why the Israelites spent 40 years in the desert. And in this morning's reading, from **Numbers 13-14**, I had never been aware before... I was telling my husband about it. "That can't be right", so I read to him. I told him the story first and I'll paraphrase it. When the Israelites were about to go in to the promised land, the Lord said to pick a prince from each of the twelve tribes and send them in to the promised land to reconnoiter and to come back and tell what they found. So they went. And these were princes of the people. And they came back after 40 days of reconnoitering and they said, "It really is a land flowing with milk and honey", and they had some of the produce. But they said, "The people there are big, some are giants. They're scary and have fortified towns. We can't possibly go in there." But Caleb spoke up and said, "I think we can." But the princes went around and stirred up all the people and said, "It's too scary. We can't do it." And so God said, "Okay, if you don't want to go in there, you will spend one year in the desert for every day that you reconnoitered." That's 40 years in the desert for that one act of disobedience. The princes represented all the people, and God said, "None of you will enter the promised land. You will die here in the desert to the last man." It sounds pretty scary, but God was that furious. He had told them to go into the land, and so I told my husband, "If God tells you to do something, it sounds like you really better do it." That's the lesson I took. Thank You, Lord.

SHARING / EXHORTATION

And as long as we're talking about lessons, I don't know if Father Kochivar gave the sermon at all the masses this weekend, but the mass I was at, he did and it was on the transfiguration (Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9). And I couldn't help looking at what he was saying about how you don't stay up on the mountain. You get transfigured; you've got to come down the mountain and do the service, the good works. And I think that's kind of what we've been saying here. This is the mountain, folks, but the service... We have to be transfigured here but then we gotta go down the mountain and do the work.

SCRIPTURE

From **Philippians 4:6-9**: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put into practice, and the God of peace will be with you.*

PRAYER

Come with revival fire, Lord, revival fire. Come, Holy Spirit, in Your power, we ask for You to come right now. Come, Holy Spirit, come. We need you.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Revelation 4:4-11: *Around the throne were twenty-four thrones and on the thrones, I saw twenty-four elders clothed in white robes, and they had crowns of gold on their heads, and from the throne issued lightning, thunder and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. Before the throne there was a sea of glass like crystal. In the midst of the throne and around the throne were four living creatures, full of eyes in front and back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second like a calf, the third had a face like a man, and the fourth was like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within, and they do not rest day or night singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever, and casts their crowns before the throne, singing, "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, by your will they exist and were created." Lord, You are worthy, You alone are worthy of all honor and worthy of all power and worthy of all praise. Halleluiah to the Lamb. We exalt You and magnify You for You are the holy one, the holy one of Israel.*

SHARING

That song has a phrase in it - awesome wonder - and that's what struck me during that song, that we're in the presence of the Holy Spirit; we're in the presence of Jesus Christ. That's awesome! I'm awed; I don't have words.

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 5:9-13: *"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open the seals, because You were slain and with Your blood, You purchased men for God from every tribe and language, from people and nations, You've made them to be a kingdom and priests of our God, and they will reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand, they encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders, in a loud voice, sang, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!" Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

John 17:13-21: *But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word and the world hated them because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in truth; your word is truth. As you send me to the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth. I pray not only for them, but for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they may also be in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

SHARING / PROPHECY

I've been praying most of this evening about the word "surrender" and what's stopping me from surrendering all for the Lord. The Lord doesn't want just my lip service; He wants my surrendered heart. And just about the time I think I'm surrendering it, there's a barrier. There's not only a fear, that's at the bottom of it, but what is He going to ask of me? Am I going to be laughed at? Am I going to be put to shame? What? I never thought of it as whether I'm going to be a people-pleaser or am I going to be a God-pleaser? And it's not easy, at least not for me, because the fear keeps coming back and coming back, and I keep saying, "Lord, the only way is if You surrender me; You do it." I just trip and fall. I don't seem to have the nerve to do it, and not that I don't want to, but that fear factors in. And I think the Lord is just saying to us, "Set your mind at ease. Look to Me. Let Me guide you. Let Me direct you." And I was thinking how the Lord is a perfect, perfect gentleman, and He would never require anything from us that He would not enable us to do. It's a constant, I think, stepping aside of that fear; it's a constant looking at Him, a constant surrendering again and again and again, as often as it takes. And that's my prayer this evening. It has been, also "What more do You want, Lord? Show me, teach me." But I'm afraid; the bottom line for me is that I'm afraid. And so only God can remove that barrier; only God can push through my resistance; only the love of God can touch me and move me beyond that fear.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE / SCRIPTURE

There's someone here who needs to surrender something and there's a scripture that was brought to me. That person needs to surrender something they've been struggling with and this scripture came to me for them. **1 Corinthians 10:14-22:** *Therefore, my beloved, avoid idolatry. I am speaking to sensible people, judge for yourself what I am saying. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. Look at Israel, according to the flesh, are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? So what am I saying? That meat sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I mean that what they sacrifice,*

they sacrifice to demons, not to God. And I do not want you to become participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and also the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and of the table of demons. Or are we provoking the Lord to jealous anger? Are we stronger than he? God said He would touch the heart of the person who needs to surrender, whatever they are struggling with. If you need to, you can ask someone to pray but you can also go to God and ask Him to help you. You just have to ask, "Lord, help me. I cannot do this. You take me by the hand and lead me in the way I know I need to go." And God will hear you.

SHARING / SCRIPTURE

I was just thinking about either being a God-pleaser or a people-pleaser. I said I'm going to be a God-pleaser. That's why I'm up here. From **1 Peter 5:10**: *And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you. Amen.*

EXHORTATION / SCRIPTURE

During Father's sermon in the video, he mentioned that he realized the power of the Holy Spirit when he was in his 20s and it made a difference to his life. And I think that's what we have to remember in order to do what it was that God asked us to do six months ago as Mel mentioned, or if we have fear and we can't get beyond it, or if we need to surrender. We need to remember constantly the power of the Holy Spirit. And in Deuteronomy, there's one of my favorite verses. And I think we should just write it down and carry it with us every single day. **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**: *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Therefore you should love the Lord your God with your whole heart and with your whole being and with your whole strength. Take to heart these words which I command you today. Keep repeating until your children recite them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them on your arm as a sign, and let them be a pendant on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."*

PRAYER

O Jesus, in Your holy name is strength. O Jesus, Your name breaks every chain of bondage. O Jesus, your name conquers all fear. O Jesus, Your name is our hope.

EXHORTATION / PRAYER

And isn't this our call this evening? The Lord has been telling us ever since we saw the video to surrender. "Come to Me and surrender. Come to Me with your arms open and surrender. Just come to Me with the words of your heart and surrender." It's more than just singing the words of the song. It's the action that we have to take, the action that we speak needs to be from our hearts so that if we're praying these words, we're asking the Holy Spirit to come like a mighty wind, like the mighty wind of Pentecost. Come Lord, come Lord, send Your mighty

wind. Let Your mighty wind go through me, Lord. Light the fire again, Lord. Yes, Lord, I have days when my fire is out, when my fire is diminished, when my fire is covered by water and it can't even smoke. But, Lord, I ask You to light that fire again. Come and breathe Your breath on me, Lord, the breath of Your life, Lord. Breathe it upon me, let it fill me, Lord. Let me know that by surrendering, I have true life and true strength in You. So, Lord, I pray, like a mighty wind, come to me. Light this fire again. Come and breathe Your breath on me, Lord, the breath of Your life, Lord, and let it wash away any fear that may try and come in and stop that, Lord. Like a mighty wind, Lord, just come, just come, Lord. Not how I feel, only what I pray, Lord. Lord, I raise my hands in surrender to You. Come like a mighty wind, Lord God Almighty, Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Send Your fire, Lord, till we surrender, Lord, to You. Send Your fire, Lord. We give our life to You. Send the wind of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. Send the Holy Spirit into our hearts. Send the fire, Lord. Send the fire, Lord. Bring us the strength of Your power and Your love. Send a fire, Lord, send a fire. You're the one who gives us life. Heal us, Lord, right now. Heal us, Lord, right now. Give us all of You. Give us all You have to give to us, O Lord. Send the fire, Lord, send the fire, Lord. Send the fire, Lord. Open your hands and say, "Lord, send the fire. Send the fire of Your love. Send the fire of Your healing. Send the fire. O Lord, I surrender all to You. Give me all You want to give me." We open up our hearts to You, our King, to You, our King. Send the fire, Lord. Send the fire, Lord. Send the fire, Lord. Send the fire, Lord.

IMAGE / PROPHECY

And then we saw the exhortation as to how to surrender to the Lord and sang the song "Send Your fire, Lord". And I could see like rays of light descending from the heavenly throne into this place. And the Lord said, "When my light comes, you are filled with my radiance. Do not fear, for as you walk from this place, you shine forth with my radiance. My radiance is what draws others to me because once you know my love, you are filled with my radiance. Your radiance will shine like hope to dispel the darkness. I dwell in you as light and I will dispel the darkness around you. My radiance will shine through you as you surrender your life to me."

SENSE

I think there's holy fire that He poured forth and asked us to receive. Glory to You, Lord.

SCRIPTURE

From **Ephesians 3:17-19**: *...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, and I pray that you, being established in love, may have power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and how long and how high is the love of Christ and to know his love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all of the fullness of God.*