

INSPIRED WORD

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PRAYER

Now all is new. We trust You, Jesus. Now is the time when You are present, when we feel the pressure, all of the tension, all of the changes, all of the old ways that we have trusted are crumbling. Help us to be open to this vision that You give us, that You are not just destroying but You are creating. You are creating something new and we see it and we know it and we watch and we listen and we trust in You. You are creating a new world and it's very painful during this time, as it was very painful for You during Your lifetime as You carried Your cross. Help us to know, to know with certainty that every day You are using us as Your co-creators to reach out, to carry the message of evangelization, to speak the words of creation in the midst of what seems to be destructive. Help us to have the courage and the steadfastness of heart to continue to trust that You are the Creator and You are making something new within us and among us.

SCRIPTURE / WORD OF WISDOM / PRAYER

I was getting **Exodus 3:1-17**. I'm just going to read part of it. It's where Moses was in front of the burning bush and God reveals Himself as the great I AM. *"I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."* At this, *Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them out of the hands of the Egyptians and to bring them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey" (vs. 6-8).* And it goes on, and how He is going to do that. He's going to send Moses. "I'm sending you." "Well, what do I say to them?" "Tell them I AM, that I am the Lord, the God of Abraham, the God of your fathers, the God of Isaac and Jacob. Tell them that I have sent you to them." And I guess the sense of that was that we don't go on our own. We go because we're sent. And what do we tell people when we're sent? We tell them who the Lord is. We tell them He's the God who has been with us forever, who knows us and has been part of our family. But also that He has heard the pain and He has come to do something about it. So, Lord, help us to see pain and respond by bringing God into that situation, that the person who is in pain can be brought out of that into a full life in the land of milk and honey.

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I'd like to follow up on that scripture and a confirmation. The song we sang earlier about "You Are", the words are "You are." In **John 8:57-58**: *At this the Jews objected. "You are not yet fifty. How could you have seen Abraham?" Jesus answered them, "I solemnly declare it that before Abraham came to be, I am."*

MESSAGE IN TONGUES

IMAGE

I got an image of a very gentle waterfall, more like steps and a very gentle waterfall.

INTERPRETATION / SCRIPTURE

I got the words: "Walk into the fiery furnace. You shall not be harmed." And it reminded me of the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (**Daniel 3:24-25**), and when King Nebuchadnezzar said, *"Did I not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said, "True, O king." He answered, "But I see four men walking unbound in the midst of the fire and they are not hurt. And the appearance of the fourth is like the son of the gods."*

SENSE

I just have this sense of encouragement, that the Lord is saying, "Do not struggle. Do not struggle with my word. Do not struggle. Allow it to go. Allow it to come out; allow it to be said. Do not struggle."

SCRIPTURE

The Lord brought me to the priestly prayer of Jesus in **John 17**, and I've been pondering about what part of this the Lord wants shared because it's a very, very beautiful prayer that He prays first for His apostles and disciples who are going to be in the world and then in **verse 20** He says: *"I ask that not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one."* He's praying for us and He continues His prayer, but that chapter ends with these words, which I think the Lord wants us to take to heart: *"Righteous Father, the world does not know you but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them" (v. 25).*

SHARING

I think that last song is very appropriate because when we go through challenges in life, sometimes you look back and regret but sometimes you look back and say, "I've closed the door. I'm never going to be the same again. I look forward to what God has for me in the future."