

INSPIRED WORD
October 25, 2017

PRAYER

Father, we just thank You for this opportunity to come together to seek You, to seek Your presence and we just praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name, for You are the holy risen Lamb of God. And we praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name, for You alone are worthy, worthy, worthy, worthy of all praise and worthy of all glory. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your name.

EXHORTATION / PRAYER

Let's just lift our hands for a moment and open our hearts by opening our hands. We're giving this night to You, Jesus, and we just say that You are worthy indeed.

PRAYER

Lord, we just lift Your name. We call upon Your grace and Your Spirit to fill this temple and the temple of our hearts.

PRAYER

Lord, tonight we offer You some silence. We offer You some gaps. And we listen closely to Your voice in those gaps. Speak to our heart in that still, quiet voice that we may know Your love and Your wisdom and Your power and Your grace.

PRAYER

Oh yes, Lord, we just come and stand before You, O Lord. Lord, we do ask You from the depths of our heart to light the fire again, Lord. Not a fire of just little embers, Lord, not one that just smokes or smolders, but we ask You, Lord, to light us with Your fire, Lord, with Your fire, so that, Lord, we can trust, Lord, we can be bolder; we can step out more; we can praise You more; we can bless You, Lord, we can bless You more. Lord, we do ask You to light the fire, not the fire that we think we want, Lord, but the fire that You want for us. Set us ablaze, Lord, set us ablaze, Lord, for You.

PRAYER

To put that fire in our hearts, Lord, we come to Your table. You're with us in the tabernacle here in this place and in our hearts through our baptism, through our confirmation, through the Holy Spirit and being born again by that Spirit. A fire!

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord. Thank You for that unending love. Thank You for that love, Lord, that we can't even begin to comprehend. Thank You for that love, Lord, that You never take from us. Thank You, Lord. In the confidence of that love, Lord, we just ask that You give us Your word to guide our steps in this place tonight.

SCRIPTURE / SENSE

This scripture is from the book of Jonah; it's kind of a random one. **Jonah 1:17-2:1-4:** *And Yahweh ordained that a great fish swallow Jonah, and Jonah remained in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights. And from the belly of the fish, Jonah prayed to Yahweh, his God. He said, "Out of my distress, I cried to you, Yahweh, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried out and you heard my voice. For you threw me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood closed around me. All of the waves and billows passed over me and I thought, 'I am banished from your sight. How shall I ever see your holy temple again?'"* And then he comes to his senses and he realizes (**2:6-10**), *"But you raised my life from the pit, Yahweh my God. When my soul was growing ever weaker, Yahweh, I remembered you and my prayer reached you in your holy temple. Some abandon their faithful love by worshipping idols, but I shall sacrifice to you songs of praise; the vow I have made I shall fulfill. Salvation comes from you."* And Yahweh spoke to the fish who then spat Jonah out onto the ground. And my sense of that tonight is that sometimes our life is in the belly of a fish and it's dark and it's messed up. And sometimes it's from our own fault and our own bad choices. Jonah wasn't there because God was just being mean. He was there because he said no to God, and God said, "Alright, I'll let you have it your way." But He loved him enough to still save him and not let him drown. And in the darkest place that Jonah could imagine, in the most unlikely place, he turned back to God and he said, "God, you are my Savior." He didn't say, "Save me." He said, "You are my Savior." And when he made that switch, God said, "Okay, you're ready to go now, and be used by me again." So if you're in the sea, if you're in the fish, or you're back on dry land, the Lord wants to use you, and He wants you to turn your eyes to Him.

CONFIRMATION / PROPHECY

Before she gave the scripture about Jonah, I had a word and this scripture pretty much fulfills it so I thought I better share it. I felt like the Lord was saying, "Have you given everything to Me? Have you given your anger, your disappointments, your anxieties, your fears, your rebellion, your sinfulness, your weakness? Are you ready to give them now, along with yourself, your heart, your mind, your strength? If you are willing, then I will receive you and restore you and fill you and use you. So rejoice, for you are now free."

EXHORTATION

That's a question that each of us needs to take into our heart. Have we given everything to our Lord and Savior? Have we given everything to Jesus? Everything that holds us back, weighs us down, causes us to turn away? Let's just take a few moments to think about that, and in the quiet of our own mind and our own heart, let's offer God everything, everything, even the things that we can't imagine, that He knows. Let's offer Him our entire self, our mind, our body, our spirit, our love. Let's offer Him our hopes, our fears, our joys, and our sadness.

PRAYER

Oh yes, Lord, we do bless Your name. We do bless Your holy name. We love You, Lord, and we will proclaim it.

MESSAGE IN TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

I got the words: "I am enough."

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23:1-6: *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters; he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

INTERPRETATION

I am your God, and you are My chosen ones.

INTERPRETATION

Listen, listen. Do not grow slack in zeal. Be fervent in spirit. Serve the Lord.

INTERPRETATION

Do not be afraid to walk out on the water. Keep your eyes on Me. Do not fret. For if I call you forth, you need not worry. I will be the hand that guides you and brings you safely home.

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

Just as that came out, a confirmation from **Joshua 1:8-9:** *Do not let this book of the law depart from your lips. Recite it by day and by night and carefully observe all that is written in it, that*

you will obtain your goal and you will succeed. I command you; be strong and steadfast. Do not fear or be dismayed. The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

SENSE

I didn't get anything specific from God's word, but I just got the sense that He was speaking to us as a Father to His children, His little children, and how... that's how He wants us to be, to be dependent on Him, to trust Him, to know that, you know, Dad's going to make everything okay. Give your worries to Him. That's just the sense I got of what He was trying to tell us, to just be the little kid going to his Dad.

PRAYER / EXHORTATION / SENSE

Yes, Lord, we are Your children. And sometimes we run away and hide. Sometimes, Lord, we just go off by ourselves. But You, Lord, want us to come to You. You want us to come to You and share our thoughts, to share our words, to share our concern, to share our worries. You, Lord, just want us to sit down next to You and to say, "Dad, this is what happened today. I need Your help. I need Your guidance. I need Your understanding. I need Your love." And we can be assured that when we do that, the hand of the loving Father will just reach down and grasp ours, and He will say, "Tell Me, My son. Tell Me, My daughter. What troubles you today? And let Me take it away."

CONFIRMATION

I would just like to confirm all that. A strong sense I've been getting through all of this is the message, "Do not be afraid. I have already conquered. Bring anything to Me. I have already conquered."

CONFIRMATION / IMAGE

I think that song confirms the sense I was getting of what He was saying to us. I just had this image of little me standing on the side of a pool of water and my Dad is in the water, and He says, "Jump. I'll catch you."

SCRIPTURE

It says in **Luke 4:40**: *After sunset, all who had friends who were sick with various diseases brought them to Jesus. He placed his hands on every one of them and healed them all.*

CONFIRMATION / PROPHECY

I want to share with you that often when I speak in tongues, I don't know the interpretation to the words. But tonight the Lord is asking me to say to you that what you people spoke is right on. It's a confirmation for you, that the Lord was saying, "Indeed, you are My children, and I love you and will not abandon you. And whatever you walk through, whether it's a dark valley or if you feel threatened or whatever it is, that I am with you always, and that My grace is

enough for all of you.” He just wants to let you know how much He loves you. And I’m sorry, I just can’t express that message; it is so deep – His love for you, and His desire for you to come to Him. To take the steps, to jump, to run.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:10: *This is love. Not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Lord, we thank You for that word tonight. We thank You for telling us that You love us, Lord, that You love us in ways we can’t even begin to understand or imagine. That You love us much more than a father loves his children. You just want us, Lord, to spend time with You to understand that love, to understand a small part of it even though we can’t fully comprehend it. We know, Lord, that in the small things in life You’re there and in the big things in life You’re there. When we walk through illness, You are there. So we thank You for tonight, Lord, when You come and tell us. You tell us how much You love us. Let us take that down deep into our hearts, Lord. Let us carry that from this place, and give us the opportunity to share that message, Lord, with someone who needs to hear it. We place that into Your loving hands. Amen.