

INSPIRED WORD
November 14, 2018

PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for giving us Your name, for giving us Your Son, for drawing us into Your presence and giving us the chance to come and worship You again. Thank You, Lord God, we just welcome You.

Many shared personal thanksgivings

Video – Saying Yes

EXHORTATION / PRAYER

Are we going to say yes to what the Lord is asking us to do tonight? Lord, here we are and we ask for that anointing of the Holy Spirit. We desire, Lord, to be the people You want us to be here in this place tonight and to speak if You want us to speak and pray if You want us to pray, dance if You want us to dance. Did I hear an amen? Lord, glory to You. Help us to say amen, to say yes to You.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Psalm 144:1-3: Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and fingers for battle; my loving kindness and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and the one in whom I take refuge, who subdues my people under me. Lord, what is man that you take knowledge of him or the son of man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, we thank You and praise You and exalt Your holy name, for You alone are worthy. Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your name, for You are the King of kings, the righteous Lamb of God.

SHARING / EXHORTATION

As we sang that last song it just sounded to me like we are like an army of the Lord going into battle with the banner of Jesus Christ, armed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to proclaim Your holy name, Jesus, to proclaim Your holy name, in every walk of life, in every place, in every circumstance.

PRAYER

Glory to You, Lord. Here we are; we're standing in Your house, Lord. We're standing in Your house, Lord. Pour forth Your Holy Spirit upon us. Let us see Your glory tonight. We praise you, God.

PRAYER / SHARING

Praise God, praise Jesus, praise His holy name. Halleluiah! Thank You, Lord, for Your mercy and Your graciousness towards us, Lord. Lord, help us to know that we walk in the house, Your house, Your home, Lord. We take that leap of faith to do Your will. And just as an example of what Father was talking about earlier, when the Holy Spirit was nudging him to go talk to somebody, I had a similar experience that ended up... the whole purpose of this is for the edification of the saints and to increase faith in the Lord, to put our toe in the water and carry out the will of God in our lives. An example of this was about five or six years ago, I was at the gym in the sauna, sweaty, and there was this guy sitting on the bench with his back to me. And God told me to go talk to this guy. And it was like Jacob in the Old Testament. "Lord, you want me to talk to this guy? He's hot and sweaty and I really don't want to talk with him." And the Lord says, "Talk with him." So I tapped him on his shoulder and he turned around towards me and I said to him, "Why does God want me to talk to you?" Well, of course, he looked at me strange and he finally got talking. He asked me about the church, about Father Paul and everything, and I told him what was going on here at the time. And then I found out that this person was running a 300-bed orphanage in West Africa and has a 30 million dollar ministry. And it was like, wow, Lord. I didn't know what to do with that information, and he gave me all these details about getting past the secretary and stuff like that because with that big a ministry, he had a lot of people there. And it was about two years after that that Father Paul invited some Franciscans from Chicago and they were going to build an orphanage in West Africa. So I gave them the name and address of this guy and gave them the instructions on how to get past the secretary and sure enough, he came through. He ended up funding a second 300-bed orphanage in West Africa, this time for the Franciscans. So it's a matter of allowing the will of God, to take on the will of God in our lives, and allowing the Lord to work through us and becoming the hands and feet and mouth of Jesus. That's really what it's all about. And like a comment I heard today, when we pray with each other about these things, we're bringing a piece of heaven down to this earth.

PRAYER

And Lord Jesus, we do all this... all that we do is in Your name and for Your name. Like the rich man that Father Dave talked about who didn't give it all to follow, or the story that Joe just shared where the rich man did give a lot to say yes in Jesus' holy name. It wasn't the gift of money; it was the gift of yes that was important.

SCRIPTURE

I'd like to confirm some of that last song that we just sang. For reasons I don't know... it must be the Holy Spirit... I just happened to be looking at **Psalm 86:11-13: Teach me your way, O Lord; I will walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my**

God, with all my heart, and I will glorify your name forevermore. For great is your mercy toward me; and you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

PRAYER

Lord, as we pray this song, we ask that You help us say yes, that You'd help us to worship and glorify You in our hearts and in our lives.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

I just got a sense that there's someone here who really feels like they're burdened, like they're bending over and they're carrying this really heavy load and they're weighed down. For you tonight, brother or sister, the Lord wants you to be prayed with tonight. If that's you, if you feel that in your heart, then respond to that, respond to that grace if you feel really, really burdened and bowed down and just laid low by a circumstance in your life. The time to get prayer is right now.

SCRIPTURE / WORD OF WISDOM / SHARING

From **Romans 6:12-14:** *That is why you must not allow sin to reign over your mortal bodies, and make you obey their desires, or give any parts of your body over to sin to be used as instruments of evil. Instead, give yourselves to God as people brought to life from the dead, and give every part of your body to God to be instruments of rightness. Then sin will no longer have power over you. You're living not under law but under grace.* I just love that line: Give yourselves to God as people brought to life from the dead, and let your bodies be instruments of rightness so that you can live under grace. In the purity of that grace, it is so much easier to come before the throne of God, to worship with the angels and the saints who have been purified and glorified and are face to face with the Lord. That's supposed to be our goal. If not, what's the point? If not, then just live life and be merry and it doesn't matter. But it does matter, because our goal is to be in front of the face of the Everlasting, the Joy beyond joy, the Hope beyond hope, the Love beyond love, the Beauty beyond beauty, which makes everything else a shadow, a pale comparison, an electronic game compared to the real thing. I mean, Evie talks about loving football; it's like the difference between playing on the old, old football games that were little red slashes... I don't know if you guys ever saw those; they were the little hand-held pre-Xbox kind of games. They just had little red slashes that were the guys and that was football versus being in the stadium with the guys on the field and the people all around and everybody going whaaaaw. That's football – not these little red dinky things. The things in our lives that are little red dinky things, let's let them go and focus on the Lord, because He's so much more than anything we can image.

SCRIPTURE

This is from **Isaiah 60:19-20**: *The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.*

SCRIPTURE / PROPHECY

There's been a lot of exhortation tonight about saying yes to the Lord, saying yes to the Lord. And as the night progressed, the Lord reminded me of the parable of the servants that had all the talents, and just this last part when the Lord says (**Matthew 25:23**): "*Well done, you good and faithful servant," said his master. "You have been faithful in managing small amounts so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness.*" And as the Lord reminded me of that parable, I heard Him asking this question of us: "Did you say yes to me tonight to come to this place? Think about what you could have said yes to, or that you might have just said, 'No, not tonight.' It seems like a small thing but you said yes to coming to this place to praise me." And for that small amount, He will now give us more amounts. And then the last... and I didn't even see this until now, He says, "Come on in and share my happiness." So when we say yes to Him, we see Him working and we share His happiness in bringing His light and His love to the world.

EXHORTATION

So as we go to our Thanksgiving, let us thank the Lord for our many blessings, for the grace, for the mercy, for making us a sanctuary for Him, and for all those who will come into our presence to whom we will overflow Him. May He multiply the blessings as we walk in them because we know that He is faithful. He will multiply as we step out in trust and in faith; He will multiply.

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Powerful presence of the Lord here tonight. Lord, we just give You praise. We heard Your message and we go forth from here as Your sanctuary of Your holy presence. As we go forth for Thanksgiving, let us always be ready to give thanks to our great God who takes care of us and loves us, who calls us to Himself daily. Jesus, we love You; Jesus, we love You.