

**INSPIRED WORD**  
**November 15, 2017**

**PRAYER**

Glory to You, God. You love us, Lord. Glory to You, Lord.

**SCRIPTURE / PRAYER**

Revelation 4:8-5:10: *“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 cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they exist and were created.” And I saw at the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll to look at it, so I wept much because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll or to look at it. Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seals.” And I looked and, behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders, there stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes for the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth; and he came and took the scroll out of the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints; and they sang a new song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, for you were slain and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God, and we shall reign on the earth.” Dear Lord, we thank You and praise You and exalt Your holy name, for You alone are worthy. Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb. Worthy, worthy, worthy. Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb of God. Holy, holy, holy. Worthy, worthy, worthy are You, O Lord, worthy of all honor and worthy of all glory and worthy of all praise. You alone are worthy, worthy, worthy, worthy. Praise be to Your holy name. Praise be to the Lamb of God Who reigns, Who reigns. Halleluiah to the Lamb. Halleluiah to the Lamb. Worthy are You.*

**EXHORTATION**

Before that was read, and during it, the sense came to me that... let us lift up sounds of love to the Lord, in prayer tongues or the name of Jesus. Allow the bubbling of the Holy Spirit to come

through you. Allow Him to form those words of loving You. Allow Him to give you the ability to say the name of Jesus with love.

## **PRAYER**

We just breathe in Your love, God, and we just breathe out joy.

## **SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION**

From the **Gospel of Luke 9:23-26**: *Then speaking to all of them, he said, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. Anyone who wants to save his life, will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, will save it. What benefit is it to anyone to win the whole world, and forfeit or lose his very self? For if anyone is ashamed of me and of my words, then the Son of man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and the holy angels."* What benefit is it to anyone to win the whole world and yet lose thy very self? What is your treasure? Is it the Lord? Is it a person; is it a thing; is it your job? What is your thing? And can you let it go? Because we do not know the day or the hour, and thanks-giving is saying that I let it go and I'm grateful for every moment and every breath because I breathe that breath by the grace of God – in the grace of God.

## **SCRIPTURE**

Being thankful and thankfulness have been mentioned and from **Luke 17**, toward the end of the story about the ten lepers who come to Jesus, it speaks of the one who returned to Him. It says (**16-19**): *He threw himself on his face at the feet of Jesus and spoke his praises. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus took the occasion to say, "Were not all ten made whole? Where are the other nine? Was there no one to return and give thanks to God except this foreigner?" He said to the man, "Stand up and go your way; your faith has been your salvation."*

## **PRAYER / EXHORTATION**

Come, Holy Spirit, we open our hearts to You. Listen to the voice of the Lord. Listen to the touch of the Holy Spirit.

## **SHARING**

As we stay in this place, I'm just going to hand the mike around and let's just take that moment that Chuck was talking about to ask the Lord for that one word. What is the thing that is reverberating, one or two words is all. Let's also be open to any images. If there is nothing, just pass it.

--Raise your arms in praise; lift your voice.

--Abba, Daddy, Abba, Daddy.

--Open up your heart and let Me in. I am standing at the door.

--Father, You are so kind.

--Just ask.

--I had a vision of the Lord on the throne, and we turn over our lives and our will to the Lord. And I went a little bit further and there's like 21 different Bible verses that God wants us to live.

--Come, Holy Spirit, come.

--Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with Your unending love.

--Gratefulness for the Lord's love.

--I had a sense of gold coins falling down from heaven.

--I had love.

--Dr. Robert Schuler's closing prayer: The hour of power.

--Peace of mind.

--Peace and love.

--Holy Spirit doesn't have language.

--Jesus says, "I have overcome the world." That's not all. He says, "Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

--"Sing with Me; dance with Me. Be joyful for you are Mine," says the Lord.

--Just a sense of the good, good Father, and how much I have to be thankful for if I really look at it. And maybe the Lord is saying to us, "Take a look and you will see how much you have to be thankful for."

--O Lord, let Your love overflow. O Lord, let the waters become deeper. Lord, call us in. Lord, take us away. Let us float in Your love and Your grace.

--Thank You, Lord.

--Thank You for Your grace that we've been brought to where we are and where You will lead us tomorrow.

--God of peace, sanctify us through and through. Make our bodies blameless like You.

--I had an image of a doorway where the Holy Spirit was trying to come through and the door was just kind of heaving in and out. And it was also gold colored behind it, telling me that the light was so bright. He wants to come through and there's just a barrier that's not letting Him through.

--Dance with Me but remember who leads.

--I hear the Lord saying, "Come to me, My children, when you are troubled, and I will give you peace."

--Jesus, I love You so much and I need to be with You always, and You need to be with me always.

--Trust Me.

--I kept getting a vision of a magnifying glass which made no sense to me until Barb said to look deeper.

--What is it that's washing over us? It feels like love, like a waterfall.

--The song "the good, good Father" made me think about last week too, how God was talking to us as our Dad, and just that family sort of relationship. And I was thinking how we have the best Big Brother in Jesus Christ also.

--Thankfulness for what the Lord has done today and the word that came to me was humility.  
--Rejoice and be glad for the Lord your God shall bless your going in and bless your coming out. Rejoice.  
--You're to light one candle in the darkness, so that your light, no matter what, will always shine and defeat the darkness.  
--Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
--I'm a good, good Father. Do not fear. And I'm the peace that fills this room, the peace that fills me.  
--Lord, we thank You for Your presence and we thank You for Your word and the light You have in each single person in this room, because together those lights combine for a bonfire. I just kept getting the kid's song "This little light of mine; I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, shine, shine, let it shine."

## **IMAGE**

The image that I saw was a doorframe, a doorway, and the Holy Spirit was on the other side and it was a gold colored door and He was trying to come through. And the light was so bright that it was gold colored but it just wasn't able to break through because there are like barriers that aren't allowing the Holy Spirit to saturate, to come help us in our lives.

## **PRAYER / EXHORTATION**

Lord, I think we're ready to ask You to come and flow right now through that door and into this church in a mighty and powerful way. Can we ask Him to do that, people of God? Can we ask Him to come with sincerity and with meaning? Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come! We open the doors of our hearts to You, Lord, but we also ask You to push them open if they need to be. We give You permission. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Can you say that from the depths of your heart? Because when we ask for Him, He always comes. When we ask for Him with faith and with confidence, He always comes. That if we're willing to allow Him to have His way, He always comes. So can we say to Him now, from the depths of our being, come, Holy Spirit, in this place? Come, Holy Spirit, in this church. Come, Holy Spirit, in my heart. Come, Holy Spirit, to all of those places I have set up barriers against You, perhaps even unknowingly. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Move them. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come! Melt the ice; soften the hardness. Assuage the fear. Come, come Love of the Father. Come Love of the Son. Come mighty Lord. Come Consoler; come Sanctifier, come Life of the Church, come Holy One, come. And Lord, do not leave us the same. Do not leave us the same. Lord, have Your way. Lord, flow through this place.

## **SCRIPTURE**

This is from **Ephesians 3:14-19**: *So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the*

*saints to grasp how wide and how long and how deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

## **PRAYER**

So Lord, we thank You for Your holy presence here tonight. We thank you for Your word touching the hearts of Your people. And we are thankful that You've called us to be Your holy people, to be Your sons and daughters. We're thankful to live here in this country; we're thankful to be here in this city and we're thankful to be brothers and sisters of Jesus. O Spirit of God, bless us. Bless us as we go forward here and enter into this time of thanksgiving.