

INSPIRED WORD
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Teaching on the mission of the church and practice experience. Theme is spreading the word of God at this time of year.

PRAYER

O Lord, we come here to give You that type of praise tonight because You are Emmanuel, mighty Lord, Lover of our souls, Savior God, Shepherd of our souls, Jesus. Jesus, Your holy name we raise high in this place tonight.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Psalm 118:1-9: *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever! Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures for ever." Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures for ever." Let those who fear the Lord now say, "His mercy endures for ever." I call upon the Lord in distress; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is for me, among those who help me; therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. Lord, we do praise and exalt and magnify Your name, for You are the King, the holy King of kings, righteous and true. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your name. Holy, holy, holy is the risen Lord.*

PRAYER

Draw us close, Lord Jesus, draw us close.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 24:7-10: *Lift up, O gates, your lintels. Reach up, you ancient portals, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up, O gates, your lintels. Reach up, you ancient portals, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!*

PRAYER

Lord, we lift up these doors, the doors of our hearts. O come, Lord, glorious Lord, we welcome You. Come! We open our hearts to Your presence, Lord.

SCRIPTURE

When the earth is filled with God's glory, as **Isaiah** says in chapter **60:1-3**: *Arise, Jerusalem, and shine like the sun. The glory of the Lord is shining on you. Other nations will be covered by darkness but on you the light of the world will shine. The brightness of his presence will be with you. Nations will be drawn to your light, and kings to the dawning of your new day.*

PRAYER

Lord, we continue to praise You in this place. O, let the angels praise You with us.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-9: *Rejoice in the Lord always. And again I will say, rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.*

SCRIPTURE / CONFIRMATION

God's law is a law of love. In **Psalms 1:1-4**, it says how "*blessed is anyone who rejects the advice of the wicked, and does not take a stand in the path that sinners tread, nor is seated in the company of sinners, but who delights in the law of Yahweh and murmurs his law day and night. Such a one is like a tree planted near streams; it bears fruit in season and the leaves never wither. If every project succeeds, how different the wicked, how different, just like chaff blown around in the wind.*" I just felt like that scripture kind of dovetailed with the one Sherry read. Whatever is good and holy, think on these things. Delight in the law of the Lord, think on these things day and night. It's just another way of saying to focus on God's love and the reality that is, because the chaff of the wicked just blows away, the craziness of life. When you focus on the love and you focus on the good things, the rest just goes away.

MESSAGE IN TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

My mercy is endless. It flows like a living stream. It embraces every part of you. It fills you with my glory. My mercy is a mighty wind. It blows where it will. My mercy carries you where you can't walk. My mercy surrounds you. The King of kings and the Lord of lords is with you. The

mighty God of Jacob surrounds you. The Holy One of Israel is among you. Rejoice, rejoice, for the King is coming.

IMAGE / PROPHECY

The image I got when Mel was speaking is not exactly an interpretation but it was the image from the scripture of friends who took the roof off and lowered their buddy down in front of Jesus (**Luke 5:19**). And the word that went with it was: Are you a good enough friend to lower a friend in front of me? And do you trust others enough to let them lower you into my presence? Do you trust the community enough to let them lower you into my presence so that I can touch you?

INTERPRETATION

Additionally, I think I may have another part that perhaps the Lord is saying: You have come into my presence. I have greeted you and welcomed you into my presence. As I welcome you into my presence, you are always welcome into my presence. Come into my presence with joy and thanksgiving. Come into my presence and I will always welcome you. Be welcome, be welcome, be welcome.

SHARING / WORD OF WISDOM

I had a conversation with my brother, Father David from Portland, this week and we got talking about ministering to people when they come, and he's a priest; this is his job, his vocation, his calling. And he's the first to say that when people need to share, it's generally not convenient, and it's urgent, and that's just what it is. And it's frustrating on a human level because that's not necessarily what we want to be doing at that moment but that's where the need is. And he goes, "I even struggle and wrestle with it." Just stop and listen and listen that little bit longer than you want to listen sometimes, and God works in those moments. But don't expect it to be convenient and don't expect it to not be urgent, because generally that's just what ministry is. You know there were so many times when Jesus just wanted to get in the boat; he just wanted to go pray; he just wanted a break; and the crowds followed. And when you're Jesus to other people, the crowds will follow you because there's so much need. And God does make appointments and they're not convenient. Sometimes we'd rather just be left alone, and that's when the Holy Spirit has to be the one working through you. If you do it on your own human strength, we are really in trouble. It's when you say, "Lord, make me a channel of your peace, flow through me right now. Let the fruit of patience flow through me as I love in Your name." And that's when the evangelization and the prayer can happen. Thank you for sharing that, Denise.

IMAGE / PROPHECY

There's been a lot of talk about hearts, restless heart, wrestle with the sinner's heart, and another song with heart. And from the very beginning of this prayer meeting, the Lord gave me an image and I kept asking Him about it. And the image was that sitting in this chair and all the chairs that are occupied here were hearts. He didn't see us as who we are; He saw our hearts. And as the evening went on, I saw it more clearly, those hearts, and it's kind of a little strange, but they looked like fuel gauges in a car. And some were maybe three quarters full, some were half full, some were running on fumes. And I just saw those hearts and they were all at different levels in the fuel gauge. And as the evening went on, it seemed like some were getting more full, some a little bit, but as the words kept coming and the songs kept coming, the hearts were moving, the indicator on them. And then it was the Lord standing there, and He said, "I am full of mercy. I am full of love. I am full of peace. I am full of healing. And I come to fill up your heart. Will you allow me to fill you with love, or with mercy, or with peace, or with healing, that you may have a whole heart, and that heart may overflow to those who need my love, my mercy, my peace, my healing?"

SHARING / EXHORTATION

I get a lot of people saying to me that God already knows what you want or what you need, and I always tell them, "Yes, He does. He knows everything. But you know what? He always wants to hear us ask. When we ask, He will always answer us." We have to step aside and let Him do what he needs to do with us. Don't forget to ask.

EXHORTATION

You know, on this thing about evangelization, say to the Lord, "Lord, invade my privacy, yes, invade my privacy this day. Send me those people who You want me to speak to, to encourage, and to pray with. Invade my privacy this day." And then be alert. You know, one other thing came to mind – the people who He invades your privacy with might not be the people you think or might not be the people you like.