

INSPIRED WORD

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EXHORTATION

Before we get started, let's just bring ourselves into a place of calm. If there is anything in the way of being present to the Lord, any troubles, sorrows, anything that seems to be blocking us, let's take it up, give it to the Lord. Invite Him into it. Set the burdens aside. And if you can't set it aside, invite the Lord to show you why you have it. There's always a lesson, always something to grow on, something to learn. Let's wait a minute in silence to do this. If there are some big, heavy burdens, some of you are brave enough to come for prayer here. Some of you don't. Some of you think, "Oh, I got prayed for last time. I can't go again even though my burden's still there." Right? I know I've done it. Or, "Oh, my problem's not that big that I would have to come up there and tell everybody I would like prayer. It's not that big so I won't do it." So let's get out of all this kind of thinking. If we need a prayer, there's no need too small for it.

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Let's call upon His name, as Christians gathered in this place tonight, to give You praise. Thank You, O Lord. A year of jubilee, O Lord. Pour forth Your mercy tonight. Thank you. Let our praises, Lord, just rise like incense before You, Lord. Lord, we love You. We love You, Lord. What is His name? Jesus! We're going to give You praise, Lord. Jesus! We're going to praise the Lord and lift His name on high. It makes a difference. Volume makes a difference. O Jesus! We're here to give You praise. We want to do it with loud voices. Glory to You!

PRAYER

For Easter, we certainly understand the salvation You won for us. From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, and Jesus, we do celebrate Your resurrection here tonight too. The resurrection that granted us that salvation, that opened up the Father's kingdom to us again. O Jesus, thank You! O Jesus, thank You for doing that for me. Thank You, Jesus, for doing that for all of us. Thank You, Lord. Let us never forget it, that love that You poured forth, Lord, here and You do right now as well. We praise Your holy name, Jesus. Jesus, glory to You. We love You.

EXHORTATION / PRAYER / SHARING

What do you feel like saying after that song? Alleluia, right? Wow, we're proclaiming the resurrection of the Lord. That love is alive! It's not in the tomb anymore. Go ahead and proclaim that. Lord, alleluia! Praise You, Jesus! You are alive and I feel like jumping. In fact, I think I will. Glory to God! You are alive, Lord, Your love is alive. Praise You, Lord.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

The gospel according to **John 1:1-16**: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him nothing was made that was made. In him was life and the life was the light of men. And the light shined through the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for testimony, to bear witness to the light that through him all might believe. He was not the light, but was sent to bear witness to the light. There was the true light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own, but his own did not receive him. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten son, full of grace and truth. And John bore witness to him and cried, "This was he whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me for he was before me and of his fullness we have all received and grace upon grace'."* Lord Jesus, we just praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name. And we thank You for You have taken away the sins of the world. And we just come into Your presence with our hearts open wide and our arms open wide and we just praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name. For You alone are worthy of praise. You alone are worthy of all praise and honor and glory and we do praise You and exalt Your holy name. For You alone are worthy, worthy, worthy. Worthy is the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Worthy is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

PRAYER

Glory to God! We thank You, Lord, for answering prayers. We thank You, Lord, for hearing and answering prayer. We thank You, Lord, no matter if the prayer is big or the prayer is small. You hear every prayer that we speak to You and we thank You for that, Lord.

PROPHECY

Peace is My continual gift to you. It flows abundantly from My throne of grace. Just as the Israelites could not store up manna for the future, but had to gather it daily, so it is with My peace. The day by day collecting of manna kept My people aware of their dependence on Me. Similarly, I give you sufficient peace for the present when you come to Me with prayer and petition with thanksgiving. If I gave you permanent peace and (.....) of My presence, you might fall into the trap of self-sufficiency. May that never be. I have designed you to need Me moment by moment. As your awareness of My neediness increases, so did your realization of My abundant sufficiency. I can meet every one of your needs without draining My resources at all. Approach My throne of grace with bold confidence, receiving My peace with a thankful heart.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

A few minutes ago the Lord showed me somebody and I don't know who it is. But if somebody is here with any hurts and that hurt looks like a big, empty room, painted in gray, very gray, the scripture "light in the darkness" is for you. Light coming from the darkness and grayness. Nothing can overshadow it.

CONFIRMATION / WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

I kind of wanted to confirm what Katarina spoke because while we were singing that song, I just kind of got the image or the sense that there is somebody, that you didn't feel like you were worth it to be able to sing the words. And I just felt that very heavily and I just want to say that you are worth it. You're worth every single sacrifice and thing that Jesus has done for you. You're worth it. You're worth it that He went to the cross for you. You're worth it that you're here tonight. So whatever song is in your heart, you're worth it to sing it.

MESSAGE IN TONGUES

PRAYER

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, through him all things were made (from Nicene Creed).

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:9-13: *If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you, and the night is bright as day; for darkness is as light for you. For you formed me, my inmost parts, you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

SCRIPTURE / INTERPRETATION

*Were not your hearts burning on the road to Emmaus (referencing **Luke 24:13**)? Your hearts should burn for Me. Burn and bring to others My burning desire that you be Mine. Burn with desire to be Mine. I burn with desire to be yours.*

INTERPRETATION

When you seek Me, you will find Me. When you seek Me, you will hear My voice.

IMAGE / PROPHECY

I had an image – a big wild river. And it came with: My love is like a river, exuberant, life-giving, powerful. Step into My love for you.

PRAYER

Lord, we give You praise and thanks for Your words, that You love us so deeply, in all situations, in all times, even before we were born. And that love is poured forth now and You ask us to step into it. And we open our hearts to receive. And we give You praise and we give You thanks. And Lord, you call us together as a people to spread your word in the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us now listen to the words of Michelle Moran, words of inspiration, that we might take them to heart and walk even more fully in the life of the Holy Spirit. Lord, help us to reflect and to take her words into our heart and to see what You're doing and what challenges You may be asking us or laying before us or what Your word is to us tonight here in this place.

Video

What did you hear? What is challenging you in the words that Michelle has spoken to us tonight?

SHARING

What's challenging me is she said that they were at the cross and they were (.....) the cross.

SHARING / EXHORTATION

I think the thing that is really speaking very logically to me is that when you leave that point of resistance, like, you know, when you're in that deep, deep, deep water and you strike that resistance, and instead of drawing back, you let go of your humanness and you take the hand of the Holy Spirit to guide you and to bring you to the other side. And also to not be afraid of what He's asking you to do while crossing.

SHARING / EXHORTATION

What came to me is that we're all in different places in the water. Some of us are just beginning; some of us are a little deeper. And I think what she's saying is that God wants us to keep going deeper and not be afraid. Just push forward no matter what. You know, maybe our toes are just in the water but we need to keep going and pushing and God will help us. We won't drown.

IMAGE / PROPHECY / SENSE / EXHORTATION

Let me share briefly the word that we received before the meeting. Chuck got the image of incense rising up to the sky, a tremendous amount of incense. And of course, that's representative of our praise. And we got the image and the word. The Lord said, "I will pour My rain down upon My people tonight." And there was an image of a dark storm cloud overhead with the rain coming down on us. And of course the rain is His grace and mercy. But then a question was asked: But will My people be in the rain or will they hide? And then the following image was: Imagine an earth that is in drought and is burning up and people have been

praying for rain. And suddenly the rain comes. Do they stay in the house to avoid the rain or do they run outside to enjoy the rain, splashing in the rain, thanking God for the rain, jumping around in puddles and getting dirty? And I guess to me that represents where are we when that rain of grace falls on us? Are we saying, "Oh, that was nice"? Or are we really responding to what that grace is? Are we responding to the words we hear here tonight or are we embarrassed, afraid, too stubborn, too tired, too concerned? Are we really reaching for the cross and concentrating on the cross and on the power of God or are we staying within ourselves and focusing on our problems and our concerns and our tiredness? Where are we looking and what are we relying on?

SHARING

As we were watching the video, I am thinking God's a trap. That's what we are being called into. That's what kept talking to me. Where are we trapped in the end? What is it God wants? We are supposed to be trapped in God's love. It's boundless, unlimited, creative. There's so much, the love, the wild water of God's love, what He can do and wants to do through us. He wants to be overflowing. Go in. For you and for everybody. So much.

EXHORTATION

The rain falls on all of us and the important thing is not our experience and what the past has held but what we're going to do going forward. It's the going forward that's important, the going forward and walking in God's mercy and His grace and His Spirit and walking under the benefit of His cross. Like they were saying, it's the cross of Christ.

SHARING / EXHORTATION / CONFIRMATION

What Jimmie was saying about going forward, one of the things that we did, and I listened to this whole thing and towards the end, as Michelle goes on to unwrap that prophetic word, she says we're now living in this time of the new evangelization. And one of the things she said was that the new Pentecost, which is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, is for the new evangelization. And we have to be prepared to move and we need to ask ourselves, are we? And she tells a few stories and the one that really stayed with me, and this is the going forward that you were talking about, Jimmie, is the part of that prophetic word that says that in this time of grace, people will literally start falling into the grace of God, into the Church. That is part of the end of that prophetic word. And she gives a couple of incidences. The one I remember is that they were having a women's conference somewhere, I think it was Louisiana, and they were in a hotel and the only place, the only room that the hotel could give them to pray for the baptism in the Holy Spirit, was right next to the bar. And so they said okay, if that's the place that we have, we'll pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit there. And she said what happened was that as they were praying, some people who were in the bar said, "What's going on in here? What's happening?" They literally fell into it and they were prayed for, for baptism in the Holy Spirit. And their lives were changed and they went forward. And she told another story

similar to that where people were praising in an outdoor-type setting, and people were asking, "What's this all about?" And part of what you said too, Mel, is: Are we prepared to move? Are we prepared not just to be here but to step into that water of the love of the Holy Spirit as individuals, as a people? Are we prepared to move where the Lord wants us to go? Are we prepared to listen to Him and when the water gets a little scary, get into that water because He's going to take us? And so the end of that prophetic word asks that question: Are we prepared to move?

EXHORTATION

Somewhere I heard about using the gift of tongues to speak specific thoughts to God. If what we heard is overwhelming and challenging, we all have responses of the heart. Talk to the Lord. If you don't know how, use the gift of tongues. That's one way to use it beautifully.

SENSE

I feel like I need to express that every prayer is heard. Thank you, Lord.

SHARING / EXHORTATION

I think that's the beauty of the love of God and the great love the Father has for us, by sending His holy Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for us. And He rose and said, "I'll leave My Spirit with you." And everything I got tonight so far has been just a moment by moment acceptance of the Holy Spirit into our lives. And you can only do this if you're living in a state of grace. You're living in a state of having the mercy of the Lord flow through you, and in doing so, you're reaching out to people. We'll find people who are asking, "What is it that's going on in your life that may be missing in my life?" And you guys are all prepared to share in divine mercy.

CONFIRMATION / WORD OF KNOWLEDGE / SCRIPTURE

Earlier Katrina said she felt that there was someone here who had a very heavy heart and it felt empty. And the Lord gave me this scripture for that person awhile ago but there wasn't time. But I think He wants you to hear this (**Jeremiah 29:11-14**): He says, "*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me. If you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me,*" says the Lord.