

## INSPIRED WORD

### April 22, 2015

#### IMAGE / SCRIPTURE / SENSE

When we were praying in the back before this praise gathering started, I had this image. I saw water dripping down in a puddle. As each drop fell, there were many ripples in the puddle of water. After I talked about this image, Ray had a Scripture reading which was in **Psalm 68: 9**: “You caused the abundant rain to fall and restored Your worn out land.” Ray continues speaking: The words that struck me then were that we, and all of God’s people, are the worn land. The rain that is falling down in the puddle is His abundance, His refreshing new life that is spreading out to each and every one of us. It is watering us, softening us and moistening us. He is giving us a new breath of life. Richard speaking: Before Ray had that Scripture, I had the sense that the rain was God’s grace falling upon us and as His grace is falling down upon us, it causes a ripple effect which spreads out and touches everybody outside of our circle of life.

#### SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

**Psalm 21: 1 – 7**: “O Lord, the king rejoices in Your strength. How great is his joy in the victories You give! You have granted him the desire of his heart and have not withheld the request of his lips. You welcomed him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked You for life, and You gave it to him – length of days, for ever and ever. Through the victories You gave, his glory is great; You have bestowed on him splendor and majesty. Surely You have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of Your Presence. For the king trusts in the Lord; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken.” So what is your crown? Are you putting your trust in the Lord your God, so that He can put a crown on your head too? Rejoice in the majesty of the Lord and reflect that majesty to the world, because the Lord lives inside of you. His Holy Spirit abides in your hearts. There is a crown, a circle of gold, on your forehead, for you are a child of the King, you are His son and His daughter.

#### PRAYER

Lord, we welcome Your anointing. Spirit of God, we are open to Your anointing upon this assembly. We open up our hearts to You, Lord!

#### IMAGE / SCRIPTURE

My image was of light coming through clouds and lighting up the whole world, even in the darkest places. The Scripture that I was lead to is **Isaiah 60: 1 – 3**: Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to the light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

#### PRAYER

Glory to You, O Lord, for upon us Your light shines! Nothing can conceal it, nothing can stop it; it is a light of love and mercy, and a light of truth and purification. Your light comes into our hearts and into the world and we welcome it, O Lord. O fire of God, love of God, truth of God, wisdom of God!

## **IMAGE**

I had an image of the Grand Canyon, and the river of God carved the Grand Canyon. That is all that I received.

## **IMAGE**

This is the image that I had - our God was giving me a bouquet of flowers, actually they were roses. I asked the Lord what I did to deserve the roses. Then He showed me that all of you were the flowers, you are the roses, you are the gift. Thank you!

## **IMAGE / PROPHECY**

Throughout this night I had an image come and go in my mind. Before the last song began, I told the Lord that I didn't think that He wanted me to share it because there was not enough time left tonight. But the Lord told me this was the time to share it. This is the image that I received – I saw what was like a wall that was half built. It was like a brick wall with mortar in between the bricks. It was half built with different levels of brick in it. There were still bricks and mortar laying there. I thought that maybe someone was building the wall, but then I realized that the person working on the wall was taking it down, one brick at a time and the mortar was being chiseled off from each brick. The Lord said, "Tonight I am bringing down the strongholds. Tonight as you praised Me, looked to Me and heard how I speak to your hearts, I am bringing down the strongholds. I say to you, do not allow them to be built up in your lives, but open the eyes of your hearts to see Me clearly for I take away the brick and the mortar that keep you from seeing the grace that I have set before you. Do not let the strongholds be built up again. Let them be brought down; accept My grace, My grace that comes to you this night in a very special way."

## **SUMMARY**

Those words are a confirmation of how the Lord began this night. Remember the image that Deacon Chuck shared earlier about the water dripping down in a puddle and those ripples started going out. As our praise and worship went up to the Lord, it led to Denise telling us about the image of the water of God, the river of God, carving out the Grand Canyon, moving away all boulders, the silt and the dirt. It purified the water as it moved through the canyon, like the power of the Lord. The Lord gives us images of raging water going through His field, His people. So the Lord tearing down the wall is not difficult for Him if we allow Him to do that. He showed us in the image that we can think in terms of drops of water falling down in a puddle or we can think in terms of the power of a mighty river. The Lord wants to tear down the walls if we let Him do it. I think that with all of the images that He gave us tonight, He is telling us that it is extremely difficult for us to do by ourselves, but it is pretty simple for Him. I think that with this image that Barbara had just shared with us, He is telling us what can happen if we tell the Lord that '**we are all in.**' Then He rushes to tear down the walls that we have created, the walls that seem so strong for us, but can be just swept away by the power of the river which He sends into our lives. Thank You, Lord!

