

INSPIRED WORD

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TEACHING / SCRIPTURE

Katarina V. speaking: I am reading a book from one of my favorite monks, Father Jacques Philippe from France. He is a retreat master, a spiritual director and he is involved in many retreats. He also writes books that are based on those retreats. This book focuses on following the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. He gives a quote from (Saint) Therese of Lisieux, "The Little Flower", which says, "The shortest way to holiness is faithfulness to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit." He quotes (Saint) Sister Faustina too with this: "Be alert to recognize and welcome and put into practice the inspirations of the Holy Spirit." We will obtain the grace to be faithful in the important things that, at present, we find impossible, by being faithful in the little things within our grasp, especially when those little things are the ones that the Holy Spirit asks of us. Obeying the Holy Spirit is often hard for us at the start because it conflicts with our fears and our attachments. But our obedience is always, in the end, a source of joy and happiness. It is accompanied by the outpouring of grace that enlarges our hearts. I had one more quote and it said that if we are able to obey in little things and open ourselves to a little bit of grace, then ten times more grace will come and we will be able to cope with the bigger things in our lives. We all have heard this quote, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." (**Reference: Luke 12: 48**) We all have been given so much!

PRAYER

In this season of Easter, Lord, we come face to face with that tremendous love that You have for us; the love of the Father Who sent You and Your love which redeemed us. Jesus, we give You praise and thanksgiving. We thank You, Lord, for Your holy Presence here tonight as You walk among us. We Your people, the flock which You have chosen, are grateful and we thank You! We thank You, Lord Jesus! Thank You for Your Presence, thank You for Your love, thank You for Your redemption, thank You for Your salvation! Glory to You, Lord!

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Acts 15: 16 – 18: 'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord – even all the Gentiles over whom My name has been called. Thus says the Lord, Who has been making these things known from long ago.' That refers back to **Amos 9: 11 - 13:** For the Lord says, "On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and repair its damages, and raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; in order that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by My name, says the Lord Who does this. The time is surely coming, says the Lord, when the one who plows shall overtake the one who reaps, and the treader of grapes the one who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it." Lord, we thank You for Your promise of the mountains flowing with sweet wine, and the plow man overtaking the reaper. We

just thank You that You have called us into this time of harvest. It is the harvest time which is related directly to praise and worship. We thank You, praise You and magnify Your holy Name! For You alone are worthy, You are worthy of honor, worthy of glory, and worthy of all praise! We are awed by Your Presence, and awed by the things that You are doing in these last days. We praise You; we praise the Living God! Hallelujah to the Lamb, the Holy Risen Lamb of God! Worthy are You; worthy in everything that You do!! Hallelujah to the Lamb of God!!

CONFIRMATION / IMAGE

I confirm what Jimmy just said, and I appreciate that he said that this is the harvest time because when we were praying over Bart, Cathy, Matt and Christina, I saw a golden leaf, an oak leaf, over their heads. I wondered what it meant. Then I saw a red maple leaf, but then I thought that this is springtime. But then Jimmy said that this is the harvest time. So thank you, Lord!

CONFIRMATION

I want to confirm that as well. I was just literally reading in **Amos** before Jimmy came up and shared that with us.

PRAYER

In the song that we sang, we were praying our words of surrender to You. Lord Jesus, we are asking You to take charge of all the aspects in our lives, to reign in our hearts and over our thoughts, our desires and our plans. O Jesus, make that true for us! Make that a sincere prayer from the hearts of Your people now in this place. Make it sincere, Lord, that by so doing, by asking You to reign again, that we surrender anew to You here tonight. Lord, help us to yield those places to You that we have held back, perhaps out of fear, perhaps for other reasons; but, Lord, come, come, come into the hearts of Your people! Come into the lives of all here tonight; come into those places that are broken; come into those places of fear! Lord Jesus, help us to surrender to Your love in this place tonight!! Glory to You, Lord! Jesus, we praise You!

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 41: 13 – 14: For I am the Lord your God, Who grasp your right hand; it is I Who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you." Fear not, O worm Jacob, O maggot Israel; I will help you, says the Lord; Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3: 14 – 20: For this reason I kneel before the Father, from Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that He may grant you in accord with the riches of His glory to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

SCRIPTURE

John 8: 12: Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

SCRIPTURE / PROPHECY

Earlier, this scripture came to mind: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."
(Reference: Matthew 9: 37) Usually when I hear that, I imagine all of the work that we still have to do. But it was a joyful sense and I asked the Lord what He was trying to say. The words that I heard were: "Look! Look at this great harvest that I have given to you. Look at this gift; look at the results of this labor of love! This is for you; rejoice in it; dance, sing, be glad and enjoys the feast! Enjoy it!"

IMAGE / SCRIPTURE

I had an image of a gate and I wasn't sure what that gate meant. But I opened up my Bible and it said, "This is the Lord's own gate through which the righteous enter. I thank You for You answered me; You have been my Savior. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad. **(Reference: Psalm 118: 20 - 24)**

PRAYER

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say rejoice. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. O Lord, Your people who are gathered here in this place, hearing Your word, feeling Your anointing rejoice in Your love in this place tonight. Thank You, Lord! Thank You for the love poured forth; thank You for Your holy Presence! We rejoice in that Presence; we rejoice in that love. Glory and praise to You, Mighty God! Our Mighty God Who stoops down to listen to the fears and the concerns of Your people. Mighty God Who stoops down to take our hands and raises us up out of the mire and the mud. Mighty God Who bends down and picks us up and holds us to Your heart; Mighty God we have reason to rejoice in Your love here in this place. Thank You, thank You, O Lord!! Glory and praise to You!!

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145: 13 – 21: The Lord is trustworthy in every word, and faithful in every work. The Lord supports all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look hopefully to You; You give them their food in due season. You open wide Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. You, Lord, are just in all Your ways, faithful in all Your works. You, Lord, are near to all who call upon You, to all who call upon You in truth. You satisfy the desire of those who fear You; You hear their cry and save them. You, Lord, watch over all who love You, but all the wicked You destroy. My mouth will speak Your praises, Lord; all flesh will bless Your holy Name forever.

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 5: 11 – 13: Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads

of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with loud voice, "Worth is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To Him Who sits upon a throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever."

PROPHECY

The words that have been coming to me are these: "I am the Lord your God; there are no other gods above or below Me. **I AM!** Allow your thoughts, your words and your deeds to be turned into worship to Me!"

PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

I just feel like the Lord is saying to us right now, "**Let it go; let it go!!**" When we were praying in the back before this praise meeting started, there was an image again, like we had a couple of months ago, of flames of fire going around this assembly here tonight. But this time there was also a whirlwind which just picks up things as it moves along. It was as if the Lord was going to come with those flames of fire and pick up those things which keep us from 'letting it go'. He was purifying them, not destroying them, but purifying them, so that we can be the people He calls us to be. Tonight the Lord has poured out that amazing grace, and has poured out His love in such abundance in this place. I hope that you all can feel that in your hearts! What the Lord is saying is this: "When I pour out My love upon you, you become light to this world because you know My love and you know how to take My love out into this world. You do not overcome the darkness by your own light; you overcome the darkness when you are filled with My love and you are filled with My love when I pour it out upon you." So He is saying to us, "Accept that love; experience that love; let that love come right within you and then let it go! **Let it go!!**"