

INSPIRED WORD

August 26, 2015

PRAYER

Lord, open our hearts so that we will freely give You praise and worship here tonight. Lord, we want to fall in love with You over again. We want to stand in awe of Your love for us here in this place. We want to make our praise and our worship real from the depths of our hearts to You, and Lord, we ask for Your grace to be able to do that. Open our hearts as we look to You and seek Your face, so that we can revel in Your glory and Your holiness. Come, Holy Spirit, come and guide our praise and worship tonight. O Lord, release Your Charismatic Gifts within us tonight. Come, Lord, we ask this from the depths of our hearts. Come!

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 111: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by His wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear Him; He is ever mindful of His covenant. He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His Name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 100: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are the people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His Name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8: 14 – 17: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

IMAGE / SCRIPTURE / PROPHECY / SENSE

I had an image of a boat being tossed on the waters. But it wasn't the apostles who were in the boat; there was just one person in the boat. The waves were big and the winds were very strong. "Then Jesus was walking on the water and He called Peter to get out

of the boat and come to Him.” (Reference: **Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14: 25, 29**) Jesus reached out His hand and He said, “I am inviting you to come closer to Me! I know that you have been tossed about and that You wonder if I have any power at all. But I say, ‘Step out of that storm-tossed boat because I have calmed the water. All I want to do is embrace you and let you know what it is to be loved by Me, to be embraced by Me, and that I can calm the storms.’” I believe that this image is for someone here. I just feel like the Lord is calling someone here, saying to you, “The storm has tossed you, but come to Me.”

PROPHECY

Do not be afraid to embrace My love which is always in your hearts.

SHARING / SENSE / EXHORTATION

As we were singing that last song and I was reflecting on the words, I was thinking to myself what a beautiful, beautiful situation that the Spirit of God is washing us clean. As we were singing that song, the thought that came to me was this: **do not overlook the call of God to step out of the boat.** That is a strong call because to step out of the boat into the water can be a very scary thing and it requires trust! It is very comforting to think that the Holy Spirit will come and take good care of me and keep me safe. But when I am asked to step out of that comfort zone, how will I react? He has told us not to be afraid, but can we say that we are not afraid and will we step out of the boat? We call to the Holy Spirit to please come. I have a really strong sense that within five minutes when disparity starts, the Holy Spirit will come into this place in a very special way. He is now asking us to step out of that comfort zone, and to trust in Him in a more mature way. I think that this is a very strong challenge that we should not overlook. What is it that keeps us from stepping out of the boat? We have to trust in the Lord, we are being called to do that!

IMAGE

When we sang the song ‘Let the River Flow’, I had an image of a hand reaching down from the heavens to each one of us. There was only one hand and the hand was open. Water was falling down from each finger tip and it was shooting out to us. At the end of each finger tip, there was a rainbow.

PROPHECY

When we were singing the song, ‘In Your Time’, the Lord was saying, “My time is not your time. I know the perfect time. You are so precious to Me and I haven’t forgotten about you, but I know the perfect time. When the perfect time comes, it will happen!”

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

I feel that someone here is suffering from headaches, and they are very persistent headaches. The Lord wants to touch that person. Is there anyone here who has been having continual headaches? Also I feel that there is someone here who has been having a problem with their left hand or wrist. If that is you, can you please stand up in your place and raise your hand, so that others can gather around you and pray for you.

SHARING

I have been getting a word for awhile tonight and that word is: **coin**. I have no other words to go with it.

SHARING

When you said the word 'coin', what came to me is that we are God's treasure.

IMAGE / SCRIPTURE

One night recently I had an image of a treasure chest. I kept thinking that it was the Ark of the Covenant, but I didn't know that for sure. I was driving to work one morning and I started to think about this treasure chest. So I asked the Lord what this image meant. This Scripture came to my mind: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," (Reference: **Matthew 6: 21**)

SCRIPTURE

This Scripture keeps coming back to my mind: Ten men with leprosy cried out to Jesus to have pity on them and to heal them. Jesus said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priest." As they went, they were cleansed. One of the men, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. (Reference: **Luke 17: 11 – 15**) It makes me wonder why the other nine healed men did not come back to Jesus.

SCRIPTURE

Every time we sing: "Holy, holy, holy" we are joining the angels and the saints in the heavenly realm around the Throne of the Lamb. And I think that this is part of what God has done to us, for us tonight as we joined in that heavenly praise. **Revelation 7: 13 – 17**: Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship Him day and night within His temple, and the One Who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

SHARING / EXHORTATION

As I was thinking about the image of a boat tossed around in the waters with only one person in the boat, and Jesus calling to him to step out of the boat, that really was a call to me to change. I would be the person who is patching up the holes in the boat and putting up curtains and so forth. **Jesus told us to just come!** It was calling me to change! **As the Lord calls us, it will require change.**

