

INSPIRED WORD
December 2, 2015

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 138: 1 – 2: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with all my heart, for You have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing Your praise; I will worship at Your holy Temple and give thanks to Your Name.

PRAYER

Lord, here we are! We are here to worship and praise You tonight. We are here to give You glory. Help us! Send Your Spirit upon us to free us, that we may give You praise from our hearts, full body, full heart, full spirit and full soul.

SCRIPTURE

As I was coming here tonight, this scripture came to mind. **2 Timothy 2: 1 – 7:** You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will also be qualified to teach others. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please his commanding officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things." Then the other paragraph is in: **2 Timothy 4: 1 – 5:** I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who will judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 1: 16 – 17: Paul writes this: I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek. For in it is revealed the righteousness of God from faith to faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous by faith will live."

PRAYER

Lord, open our ears, open our hearts, so that we may hear Your voice speaking to us, we Your people!

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60: 1 – 3: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

John 7: 37 – 38: On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who thirsts come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as scripture says: ‘Rivers of living water will flow from within him.’” The living water is the Spirit, the power of the Spirit. Let’s just take a few minutes to allow the living water of the Spirit to take us into praise of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE

As we are praying for the needs of others here, this scripture came into my mind. In **Mark 2: 1 – 12: The Healing of a Paralytic:** When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that He was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and He preached the word to them. They came bringing to Him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above Him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?” Jesus immediately knew in His mind what they were thinking to themselves, so He said, “Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth, He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.” The paralytic rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone.

PRAYER

As we pray for Scott who needs our prayers tonight, Lord, we ask that You will break down whatever barriers need to be broken because he is not able to do that himself. We do this in our love for him, and the love of Jesus, knowing that our God is bigger than any and all challenges and we trust that the Lord will meet him, not in what we think he needs, but in what the Lord knows he needs. Thank you, Lord!

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Before Cathy got up and asked for prayers, the Lord gave me this scripture. I think that this scripture is not only for Scott, but for anyone else here who feels that they aren’t worthy.

Galatians 4: 4 – 7: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. Lord, we thank You that that Spirit longs to dwell in our hearts; that we can each say, “Abba Father!”, and know in Your great love that we are no longer slaves, but children, but not only children, but heirs to Your great Kingdom of love, of mercy and of peace.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4: 15 – 16: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

PROPHECY / SCRIPTURE

I thought that these words were just for me tonight, but after singing that last song, along with everything else tonight, I know that these words are for everyone. The words that I kept hearing were: **“Wake up!”** Jesus has given us that living water and He wants us to rise with Him. He wants us to wake up, to get up. I was drawn to **Luke** where the daughter of a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, was dying and Jairus fell at the feet of Jesus and begged Him to heal his only daughter. In **Luke 8: 40 – 42, 49 – 52, 54 – 55**: When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. And a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came forward. He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged Him to come to his house, because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. While Jesus was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.” On hearing this, Jesus answered him, “Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved.” When Jesus arrived at the house He allowed no one to enter with Him except Peter and John and James, and the child’s father and mother. All were weeping and mourning for her, when He said, “Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping.” Jesus took the girl’s hand and called to her, “Child, arise!” Her breath returned and she immediately arose.

TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

My beloved ones, on the night that I was born, there was darkness. But the bright light that My Father placed in the sky was a beacon to those who were seeking Me. And now I say this to you, My beloved ones, there is great darkness in the world right now. But My Father will replace the bright light. And that bright light shall be a beacon to those who seek Me. And now, on behalf of My Father, I ask you this: “My brothers and sisters, will you be the bright light in the darkness of this world? Will you be the beacon that guides those who seek Me? Will you be the bright light that will not be overcome by darkness in this world, but shall indeed be the light that overcomes the darkness in this world?”

SCRIPTURE / IMAGE / PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

I felt an anointing in that song. In **John 1: 1 – 5**: “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 came to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be. What came to be through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” As we sang that last song, I had an image of the Lord Jesus, the Light that came into the world and the darkness cannot overcome it. He was standing in front of the worship team and there was light coming from His hands. And He said, “If you want it, and you want to be My light, I will place My hand upon Your heads and I will fill you with My light.” He didn’t ask us to come forward in any sort of procession, but He did give us the free choice. So right now here in our seats, the Light of the world is asking, “Do you want to be My light? And if you want to be My light, ask Me, and I will place My hand upon your head and fill you with that light.”

SUMMARY

The Lord asked us tonight if we wanted to be the bright light in the darkness of this world. He gave us a challenge. Do we want to be the light, to be a beacon to this dark world? I guess that is a choice that we have to make. But I think that the question for us here now is: ‘How

did those words strike you when you heard them from the Lord? “Do you want to be My light? Do you want Me to touch you with My light?” If anybody wants to share how this touched them, I will bring the microphone to you. I know that the Lord wants other people to hear that, because those words touched each and every one of us here. Those words are a challenge. We heard, “Wake up!” Wasn’t that interesting that those were the first two words we heard to get our attention. It wasn’t said in a harsh way, but in a gentle way. The Lord asked us if we wanted to be His light, and if we wanted to carry His light into the dark world. There are a lot of people out there who need to feel that touch, to feel that light, and to feel that warmth. If we don’t accept that challenge, then who will be the light to those people? We all know someone who needs to feel the loving touch of the Lord. So the question is: ‘Do we want to be that light?’

SHARING

When we heard the words of Jesus asking us if we wanted to be the light, His light, I felt a physical anointing taking place upon me.

SCRIPTURE / SHARING

Before we started this praise meeting tonight, and we were praying in the back, my eyes fell upon a verse that I read to those who were there in the back with me. It is from **Galatians 6: 17**: “From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.” When I heard the Lord ask if I wanted to be a light, my first thought was, “Wow, there is a lot of darkness out there, could I really handle all of that?” Then my mind was drawn back to these words again, ‘No one can make trouble for me.’ No one can do anything to me because the Lord won’t let that happen, for I carry the marks of Jesus on my body. If I say, “Yes” to Him, He is not going to let anything happen to the light.

SHARING / EXHORTATION

I felt that when the anointing came upon me, light was shining from every part of me. It then occurred to me that if we want to be that light for Christ, then we have to be transparent so that the light will shine out through us to others. We need to let God’s light shine **through** us.