

INSPIRED WORD

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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we come to You in humble trust. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for enabling us to entrust to Jesus all of our needs. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for teaching us about trust, and for telling us that when we trust in Your love, we can give to You all of the areas of our lives.

EXHORTATION

Tonight as we go into praise and worship, the Spirit will be touching our hearts. He really wants us to respond to His touch and to the gifts that He gives us – to Inspired Scripture, Inspired Word, Prophecy, Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom, to all of the gifts. Can you say ‘Yes’ to Him right now? If that touch comes upon you, are you going to respond to it? Can we say ‘Yes’ to the Spirit right now?

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95: 1 – 7: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; cry out to the Rock of our salvation. Let us greet Him with thanksgiving, joyfully sing out our psalms. For the Lord is a great God, the great King over all gods, Whose hand holds the depth of the earth; Who owns the tops of the mountains. The sea and dry land belong to God, Who made them, formed them by hand. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord Who made us. For this is our God, Whose people we are, God’s well-tended flock.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 150: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute, praise Him with the clash of the cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5: 43 – 48: You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbors, and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

IMAGE

I saw a wine bottle with a cork on it, but in order for the wine to flow, the cork needs to be removed. So just like removing the cork, we need to remove any hindrances that we have, any blockages, any fears, so that we may fully give praise to the Lord.

PRAYER

Lord, we open ourselves to You and we ask You to help us 'pop that cork'. We offer up to You all of the burdens, all of the fears, and all of the hindrances we have right now on our hearts that are holding us back. We offer them up to You, Lord, right now!

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Sometimes we don't even know what the thing is that is holding us back. It says in **Psalms 139: 1 – 4**: "Lord, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, You know it completely, O Lord." Lord, if we can't identify the blockage, place it on our hearts, so that we can release it to You.

SCRIPTURE

John 7: 37 – 38: On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

EXHORTATION / PROPHECY

It is interesting how the Lord orchestrates this evening, and that is what He is doing tonight. We heard about an image of a bottle of wine that had a cork in it. Isn't it ironic that people say that wine has to breathe before it is served? Wine cannot breathe if the cork is still in the bottle. We had a scripture of running water; water cannot run if it is dammed up. It has to be set free in order to be running water. Where does living water come from? We heard that it comes from God. Where does that breath come from? We sang it in a song that it comes from God. Where does that freedom, that help come from? We just heard it, God wants to help us. What about our burdens? If we have no burdens in our hearts that have to be laid down at the cross, then we are all free to breathe, we are all free to praise God, and we are all free to be living water. If we are not free, and we aren't doing all those things, then there is something that is causing a blockage and it should be laid down at the foot of the cross, to surrender it to God. This is the Lord orchestrating the song we just heard about. The song cannot be perfect unless we have the trumpet, the lyre, maybe some drums, maybe some violins. I want to ask you, those of you who are trumpets, stand up please, those who are saxophones, stand up please. Do we have a violin? Stand up please. Do we have a drum? Boy, this orchestra of ours is hurting! Do we have a flute or a piccolo, a clarinet, cymbals, a French horn? This orchestra does not have room for spectators. If you are sitting down, what instrument are you that I haven't called yet? Cellos, please stand up. Guitars, please stand up. If you don't know what instrument you are, then you are definitely a singer! People, we have to take God seriously!! The Lords said He is here to help, yet we remain quiet. A lot of people think that we plan these praise meetings, but we don't at all. The Lord orchestrates our evenings here. Before this praise group started, some of us were praying in the back, and I knew there was something that the Lord wanted me to say, but I couldn't figure it out. But what the Lord said is: "Tell My people to wake up; tell My people to quit sleeping! Tell My people it is time to proclaim; it is time to make noise, it is time to use the gifts that I have given you! It is time to let

your light shine! The time for sleeping and slumber has passed! It is now time for action!" I hope that you have read **1 Corinthians 12: Spiritual Gifts**. This is what I mean, my friends, when we come together and become active; one person has a hymn, one person is a trumpet, another is teaching, another a revelation from God, another the interpretation of what was spoken by God. Everything must be a help to the Church. **Everything and everyone must be a help to the Church!** Right now we are the Church; we are the body of Christ right now. We are the orchestra of Christ. So if you sit down and you don't use the gifts which were given to you, or if you don't share the words that were given to you, then our orchestra is **not** complete! We come in here tired, we come in here with burdens and concerns which sap our energy. Lay it all down at the feet of Jesus! Put them into the Burden Basket which we have available to everyone! Come here, and be ready to play for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; for He is ready to conduct our orchestra!

SCRIPTURE

Book of Tobit 12: 6 – 7: Raphael called the two men aside privately and said to them: "Thank God! Give Him the praise and the glory. Before all the living, acknowledge the many good things He has done for you, by blessing and extolling His name in song. Before all men, honor and proclaim God's deeds, and do not be slack in praising Him. A king's secret it is prudent to keep, but the works of God are to be declared and made known. Praise Him with due honor. Do good, and evil will not find its way to you."

EXHORTATION

We need to be open to the Spirit and to contribute and to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Think of it as this: the more we do that, the more gifts are important, but the less we do that, the less it will be made manifested. So we have a responsibility for our actions. If we want the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to be poured forth in our lives and in this assembly, and if we want to minister in His power, we must yield to them. If we do not, then those gifts will be poured forth less and less, and our ability to hear and yield will be less and less. So we have a choice to make!

SHARING / EXHORTATION

Don't sit down – this will be short. Last week when we in praise and worship at the Unbound Conference, the young man leading it said something very profound that we need to remember. He said, "In heaven, before the Throne of God, praise and worship are going on continually without stopping. When we come here, we have the opportunity and the privilege of being able to enter into that song of praise and worship of the saints and angels that are gathered around the Throne of God. Think about that! We can enter in that song, even when we leave here; we can continue giving Him praise and worship. What a privilege we have to come here and join the saints and angels in that song of praise and worship before the Lord!

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

I am having pain in my neck, so I think there is someone here who has pain in their neck and their shoulders. (Praying over the man present who has pain in his neck and shoulders.)

