

INSPIRED WORD February 22, 2017

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for bringing us together here tonight. Lord, we welcome You in the Tabernacle tonight as we celebrate Your Presence here with us.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8: 34 – 39: It is Christ Jesus Who died, rather, was raised, Who also is at the right hand of God, Who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of God? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: “For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him Who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

My beloved sons and daughters, come and sit with Me! Know My strength, enter My strength with others.

INTERPRETATION

My love is for all eternity; do not be stingy. Share My love abundantly with others. My love goes everywhere that you go, so share it with others.

SCRIPTURE

John 10: 28 – 30: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are One.

SUMMARY / SCRIPTURE / PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

Marilyn speaking: I am going to talk about the Inspired Words which we receive here in our praise and worship meetings on Wednesday nights. You can find these Inspired Words on the **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Colorado Springs** website which is: www.newpentecost.net. From the menu on that site, choose: What We Do, Charismatic Prayer Meetings, Holy Apostles Praise and Worship Gatherings, Inspired Word.

The last time I talked about the summary of the Inspired Words was on June 8, 2016. These were the five areas where I felt that the Lord was leading us: Praise the Lord; Read His promises; Let the power of the Holy Spirit come; Become holy; and Share the

journey. The Lord told me specifically that if we don't share all of who we are with Him, then we don't have anything to tell anybody. He means the good and the bad; so we have to learn to yield to God so that He can transform us and then we will have a story to tell. So the first part always is: 'Who God Is and How Much He Loves Us'. On April 6, 2016, we heard **Psalm 145: 13 – 18**: 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.

On April 27, 2016 we heard **Psalm 95: 1 – 7**: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come into His Presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land, which His hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

We heard a Prophecy on May 25, 2016: Jesus' Name is above every name – that is the highest of the highest. I think that sometimes we forget how much power is in the Name of Jesus! As we were singing that last song, I really felt the Holy Spirit saying, "Don't forget the power that is behind the Name of Jesus!" A Confirmation followed that Prophecy – 'we proclaim the power in the Name of Jesus', and a second Confirmation was, 'Jesus wears the Victor's Crown'.

On June 29, 2016 we heard **Psalm 118: 24, 27 – 29**: "This is the day of the Lord's victory; let us be happy, let us celebrate! The Lord is God; He has been good to us. With branches in your hands, start the festival and march around the altar. You are my God, and I will give You thanks; I will proclaim Your greatness. Give thanks to the Lord because He is good, and His love is everlasting." So we have God's love and His power with us, and He gives us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit takes God's love to us.

On April 6, 2016, we heard about Father Jacques Philippe who is a retreat master, a spiritual director, and he writes books that are based on his retreats. He gave this quote from **(Saint) Therese of Lisieux, "The Little Flower"**: "The shortest way to holiness is faithfulness to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit." His quote from **Saint Faustina** is this: "Be alert to recognize, and welcome and put into practice the inspirations of the Holy Spirit."

On June 15, 2016, Deacon Chuck gave a talk on the Charismatic Gifts from **1 Corinthians 12**. Listen for what we are to do with them, for they are the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. God speaks through images, words in your mind, exhortations, or

encouragement. It says in **1 Corinthians 12: 31**: “Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

On April 13, 2016, we heard a short prayer on how the Holy Spirit works: “Come, Holy Spirit, come now, come as You wish!” So why should we yield to God? Why should we give Him everything? One reason is that He repairs and fixes our lives. In **Acts 15: 16 – 18: (which refers 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.”

We should yield to God because He purifies us too. The following prayer is from April 27, 2016: Lord, we know that You are a consuming fire and You will burn away all the wood, all the hay and stubble and we will surrender ourselves to You. We surrender ourselves to You tonight, Lord. Burn away all the wood, the hay and the stubble to purify the gold, the silver and the precious gems that remain.

CeCe gave a talk on the ‘Current of Grace’ from Pope Francis on June 1, 2016. This talk was regarding the Charismatic Renewal Movement and Pope Francis said that the Charismatic Renewal Movement was a ‘Current of Grace’. This is the vision of Pope Francis: “You, Charismatic Renewal, have received a great gift from the Lord. You are born of the will of the Spirit and God willed this movement into being, as a current of grace in the Church and for the Church. This is your definition – a Current of Grace.” During her talk, CeCe gave a summary of what Pope Francis said, rather than reading it word for word. Pope Francis said that we are not to cage the Holy Spirit; we are not to become ‘customs officers’ to the Holy Spirit who chooses what He can do and what He cannot do, or which way He will do it. The current of the Holy Spirit can be a wild ride, compared to what is going on around us. But when you are in the heart of it, you are living with it and it is empowering everything you do. It is supercharging our every word, and every act of service that we give. This is the power of the current of grace!!

In summarizing these past three months, I realized that it was about **yielding to the Holy Spirit, yielding our lives to the Holy Spirit**. The following prayer is from April 6, 2016: “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!”

Before Richard left us to move out of state, he gave us a strong message on April 13, 2016. Richard asked the Lord for a scripture to go with the message, and the Lord gave him this scripture. In **Colossians 3: 11**: “Christ is all, and is in all!” Richard went on to say, “Christ is in all of you; just as all of you are in me. But stand up and be counted! Worship God in everything that you do! Make your life a worship to God, in your thoughts, your words and your deeds. Allow God to continue to pour His love into you each and every day.”

On April 20, 2016, we were reminded that the Lords asks us to transform ourselves again and again. As Father Dave Pivonka says, "We need to remember over and over again that God loves us, but so many times we forget." **So remember that God loves each one of us over and over again!**

This was a Sharing from April 20, 2016: If you come here week after week, and you have not been transformed and have not gotten into a deeper place, then you are not getting the things that you should be getting from these prayer meetings. I think that God is saying that if we yield to Him, we will be transformed.

On April 27, 2016, we were given this Sharing / Prophecy: Before we close for tonight, I have something that I want to share with you. All throughout the evening, I heard Jesus saying, "I step into you." I believe that it is collectively 'you' when He said, "I step into you." There was a confirmation to this on May 4, 2016 with this Exhortation: So I invite you to step into that love of God; step into His love which is being poured out here and now, that we may be people who will erupt with great joy and love.

In April, four of our praise group members (Matt, Christina, Bart and Cathy) had attended the ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service) Leadership Training Course in Seattle. On May 18, 2016, they talked about their experiences there in Seattle. They said the impact that was put on them during that week is that we need to be prayerful in everything that we are doing and constantly look for opportunities to transform. Matt said that what we are doing right here is **not** a formation, its purpose is **not** for information, **but the purpose should be for transformation.** So all of the things we do – in prayer, the music, the teachings, the worship, and the fellowship – should be transforming us every week.

On June 22, 2016, Christina talked about how we can become closer to God. She said that fear can motivate us and fear can paralyze and control us, but we should not let that happen within us. We should not let that happen, but yield it to God. The way we do this is with graces of humility, faith, trust, and knowledge of the Word of God (the scriptures). Become holy, like Swiss cheese is 'holey' and let that grace breathe in and out of us. When we become holy, we open ourselves up to God and the Holy Spirit and let them enter into us. That is yielding, and it allows transformation within us.

Then we heard in **1 Thessalonians 5: 18**: "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

As mentioned above in this Inspired Word, Cathy also attended the ICCRS Leadership Training in Seattle and she shared with us her experience on May 18th as well. But first of all, I am going to ask you to picture yourself sitting on the sand on a beach. Maybe you might have a foot in the water, and maybe you'd like to stay there on the beach for a while. But also think about something that you would like to yield to God – it could be a physical thing, like a pain in your left shoulder, or a relationship problem, or maybe it is fear. Maybe you are afraid of transforming yourself, or maybe you are afraid to make

your life a worship to God. So picture all of this in your mind. Cathy gave a talk on the Holy Spirit and that He was calling us to venture deeper into the water. She said that if you have never been to the beach, there is that point where you just wade in the water; it is comfortable and you can see the bottom. But God is calling us to go a little bit deeper in the water – it is still comfortable and you can still see the bottom, but you keep going a little deeper. Then you realize that you can't see the bottom and wonder if you will step on a fish or a crab. As you go deeper, you can still touch the bottom, but when a wave comes, it is forceful. That is exhilarating! If any of you come here every week or as often as you can, every once in a while you step out of your comfort zone and maybe share a word or whatever God has placed on your heart. That is exhilarating too. But God still calls us to go deeper, to the depth where our feet cannot touch the bottom. Cathy said that she had a vision which reminded her of one of her kids – her daughter is scared to float on her back in the pool. So if we are in the deeper water where we can't touch the bottom, then we need to throw our head back, and stick out our arms and float. It is scary at first; at first it feels like you are sinking and you are not in control anymore. But we know that we are supported by the Holy Spirit and so we don't need to be in control anymore. We can lay back and relax as the sun is shining in our face and just let the current carry you wherever He wants you to go. Cathy said they learned all of these technical things during this training course in Seattle, but these things are important - to have that ability to trust, and then completely let go.

Now imagine those things that you wanted to yield to God. They are now being touched by the water, the currents of grace by the Holy Spirit. That is what He wants us to do. He tells us what happens when we yield these things to Him. **Isaiah 2: 2 – 3:** In the days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of God of Jacob, that He may instruct us in His ways, and we may walk in His paths." (Scripture from May 4, 2016 Inspired Word) This Exhortation followed that scripture: Really the Lord does have a place for each of us and He **does** want each of us. He wants **you**, so that He can light the fire in **you**, and also so that He can light the fire **in me and each one of us**. Then we can go out and give an invitation to others, saying, "Come, let me show you where I have been."

On May 11, 2016, Denise shared some of the words that matter, in her talk on 'Thrive'. Here at our praise gatherings, we often sing the song: "Thrive" and a few of the verses say, "We were made for so much more than ordinary lives"; "living water flowing through"; and "fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire, just to know you and to make you known".

This scripture was read on June 15, 2016: **Isaiah 55: 10 – 11:** For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but shall do what pleases Me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

On June 29, 2016 we heard this scripture: **Revelation 22: 1 – 2:** “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for healing of the nations.”

We have had scriptures repeated over and over again about light. So once you have yielded to the Holy Spirit, you have things to share, you have a light. From **1 John 1: 5 – 7: God is Light:** “This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” (From the April 27, 2016 Inspired Word)

In scriptures both on June 8th and June 15th, we again hear about light. **1 John 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.

On June 22, 2016 we heard this scripture: **Matthew 5: 14 – 16:** “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” The Lord asks us to do two things. (Exhortation). He is asking us to yield and to be transformed. He said that we need to **talk about the greatest love story ever.**

Years ago, when we were celebrating our 30th anniversary here, we had a Prophetic Word from our Lord. He told us to keep our eye on the vision, and this was the Word that He gave us: **“I will fill this room, I will fill this church, and I will fill this city with people whose hearts are turned toward Me.”**

On June 29, 2016, the Lord said, **“Do not forget this promise! I will fill this room, I will fill this church, and I will fill this city with people whose hearts are turned toward Me! And I will use you to do this! My people, do you believe this? Do you trust in Me? Will you go forth with Me?”** (End of Marilyn’s talk)

EXHORTATION

Let’s reflect for a moment on these things that we heard. The first thing that we need to consider is this: Are we yielding to the Spirit, allowing Him to transform us? Also are we listening to His inspirations, going forth from here to be light to the places that we know and to the people that we meet?

