

## INSPIRED WORD

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### IMAGE

When we were praying in the back before this praise and worship meeting started, the Lord gave me an image of Himself and He was washing dishes. We all were the dishes that He was washing.

### SCRIPTURE / SENSE / PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

Before Richard gave us that Image, I had opened my Bible to this verse in **Psalm 68: 19**: "Praise the Lord Who carries our burdens day after day; He is the God Who saves us." So as the Lord comes and meets us as 'dishes' and washes the dirt and the burdens away from us, we come to praise Him. Then Mel followed with this: "Right after Richard told us of the Image he had received, **Jeremiah 29: 11** was brought to my mind, "I know the plans I have for you." The sense that I received was that the Lord was saying, "It is not who you think you are, it is not what you think you do, it is not how you think you do it, **it is what I have planned for you!** The reason I use you, over and over again, is because there are so many plates on the shelf that refuse to be used." Then Andrea gave us this: "Even the prettiest China plate that is on the shelf serves no purpose. The Lord uses the dishes over and over that are willing to be used. There may be many chips and cracks, but He uses each person for His divine plan." So if the Lord gives us an Image, no matter what we think of the Image itself, we need to share it because one thing leads to another and to another. I don't believe that the Lord wants us to just sit on the shelf. The Lord is very active in our lives and He wants us to be just as active! We had very powerful words last week and the Lord kept moving me to say that we have to share these powerful words again. The words from last week were a call to action, and believe it or not, **twenty-six times during the prophetic word the Lord challenged us to do something.** He didn't challenge us only once, but He challenged each of us **twenty-six times!** So I just want to read the prophetic word from last week again and to let it sit on our hearts. When He tells us something twenty-six times, He really wants us to pay attention! These are the prophetic words from last week: "**My beloved ones, be still and know that I am the Great I Am and I desire to speak with you. Silence your mind and give Me your concerns, My beloved ones. For a moment, let them go; let go of your pain, silence your body, and silence your heart. I, your God, desire to speak with you! Yes, you are correct; over and over I have told you that I love you. Do not try to understand the love, just accept it! I have not tried to tell you Who I am, other than to say, I am the Great I Am! Be satisfied with that, My beloved ones, and know that I Am! I, the Great I Am, love you! It is that simple!! Do not be concerned about the 'you', for I created the you. You gain to silence yourself so that you may recognize Me in the noise of the world; it competes with Me! So silence your mind, silence your heart, and silence your body, if only for a short moment, so that you will be able to hear Me. You heard but a whisper, it is there that you must find time to listen for it. The noise of the world, the concerns of the world, the problems of the world, they want to overwhelm you. But remember this, the Great I Am loves His creation; He loves you!! The Great I Am is the solution, the Great I Am is your comfort, the Great I Am is your protection, the Great I Am should be your every thing!! So I call upon you, My beloved ones, learn to silence yourselves, learn to listen for Me, look for Me!! Do not be afraid of the silence, do not concentrate on the doing, look for Me, seek Me, ask of Me, wait for Me! Greater than you desire Me; I desire you!! But that desire**

**will not force you; you must learn to seek Me.”** Aren’t those powerful words? He wants us to find Him in the noise of the world; in other words, look for the good in all things of the world, look for the good in His creation, look for the good in the problems which we encounter. Let Him come in the silence and rest His hand on our shoulder. When we think that we are alone with all of our problems and facing desolation, when we think that we are facing disaster and can’t cope with all of the negative things in our lives, suddenly we feel His hand being placed on our shoulder. This is what God says that He wants to do. He wants us to just **accept the fact that He loves each one of us**, and He doesn’t want us to try to understand His love for us, or to try to analyze it – **just accept it!** It is that simple, so why do we have to make it so complicated? Sometimes we feel that we are in a dry time in our prayer and that we can’t hear God or sense God. But He tells us to look for Him in the whisper and to silence ourselves and wait, and to always remember that He loves each of us! So we come here to give praise and worship to this God for the rest of this evening. He is the God Who takes us as the dishes of life and He cleans us; He wants to use us over and over again in His plans. For this we need to give Him thanks and praise tonight!

### **SHARING**

I wanted to say that I love to hear the birds chirping – it is one of the things that bring joy in my life.

### **SHARING**

I was thinking about God washing the dishes. He is not using a dishwasher, but is actually hand washing the dishes, which is each of us. He has His hand on our shoulders and He is so loving, cleaning, and calming. I just like that!

### **SHARING / PRAYER**

Before we start with the praise and worship, I just have a feeling that I am supposed to give thanks for something that hasn’t happened yet. My brother is trying to sell our mother’s house in Ohio and it has been one thing after another for him. Then they had heavy rains and water leaked into the basement. Then with the inspection, there were some things that needed to be fixed. So, Lord, I place all of this into Your hands and trust that You will get this house sold, whenever You choose, and that the buyers will be whoever You have chosen. Lord, I ask for Your blessings on my brother in the meantime, so that he will be able to stay calm and to have patience. Thank You, Lord.

### **SCRIPTURE / PRAYER**

What does that mean, ‘let the fire fall’? In **Acts 2**, it says: “When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (**Verses: 1 – 4**) They were all baptized in the Holy Spirit. Father, we pray that You will continue to baptize us with this fire, so that we will truly be baptized with the Holy Spirit and in Your fire. We praise You, exalt You, and magnify Your holy Name! For you alone are worthy, O Lord; You are worthy of all honor, worthy of all glory, worthy of all praise! We magnify and glorify Your holy Name, for You are the King of kings! Righteous are You, O Lord!

## PROPHECY

My people, are you ready for My fire? Open your hearts to Me and I will send you My fire!

## SHARING / EXHORTATION

I tried to make a fire in a fire pit with flat boards that were stacked together. They don't burn, just for the record! For the fire to work, it needs air and space. It needs all the quirkiness and edges and elbows of life in every log to get underneath it, to get around it and to get it going. So if you are feeling like you have your life so stacked and there is no room for the beam, give it a little air, a little space, a little prayer and let God burn around the quirkiness, the edges, and elbows of your life. Then let that fire fall, let that flame burn with a heart consumed for Jesus!

## EXHORTATION / PRAYER

(The sound of paper being crunched up) – did you hear it? You have to let the tinder light up, people! That little flame will not ignite the flat board – your heart has to open up. What did God say to us through Katarina a few minutes ago? Did you hear Him? He told us to open our hearts to Him! He is here, He wants to fall on us; the revival fire is here! What will you do? Open your hearts and call on the Lord right now; in your own way, call on the Lord! Don't be afraid! Listen to the words that He is saying to us! Open your hearts and let His fire touch you; if you are afraid, tell Him that; if you doubt, tell Him that; or if you are concerned, tell Him that. Open your hearts and let God know what is in there. Lord Jesus, we desire You so much! But, Lord, sometimes we wonder, to what are You calling us? We are afraid sometimes, Lord, but You won't call us beyond that which we can do. Lord, sometimes we even doubt, we doubt that You can do all that in us. We wonder, Lord, are You really all that You say You are? So right now, Lord, here tonight, we just open our hearts to You; we want to reveal everything that is in our hearts – the fear, the concerns, the doubts, our wonders, and our questions. Let us not hide it from You, dear God, anymore. Look deeply into our hearts, Lord Jesus, see that desire in our hearts, ignite it, and let it burn a little bit brighter for You, Lord God. Let it consume what is in our hearts, Father; let it consume the flat boards and the wetness. Let the fire burn brighter, Lord God! Help us, Lord; we can't do it by ourselves! Help us to experience Your Presence and Your love, and to feel the heat of Your Holy Spirit. We desire You, Lord! You are greater than anything, Lord God! Let our hearts burn, let our hearts burn for You, Lord Jesus! Let that fire burn so bright and hot in our hearts that people can see it in our eyes, hear it in our words, and experience it in our actions, Lord.

## SHARING / SCRIPTURE

This morning I had a waking dream and at the end of it, I saw my laptop computer. It burst into flames and disappeared. The Scripture that came to my mind was that the Lord God is a jealous God (**Reference: Deuteronomy 4: 24**) and anything that is not of Him will be consumed. The Scripture that I have now is in **Jeremiah 23: 29**: "Is not My Word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

## SHARING / SCRIPTURE

What came to my mind, when the Image of Jesus washing dishes was shared, was the purifying of the fire. Jesus Himself, as He was washing the dishes, was seeing His own reflection in the dishes (we are the dishes). I have this Scripture from **2 Corinthians 3: 17 - 19**: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with veiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, Who is the Spirit.

## **PROPHECY / EXHORTATION**

Fire is God Who will consume everything that doesn't reflect Him. God will consume all of our desires, our dreams, all of those things which do not bring us closer to Him, those things which do not ignite our hearts to burst with love. The words which I am getting are these: "Over the last few weeks I have given you challenges to love. I have given you opportunities to love those whom no one else will love. **Let them see Me in you!** Let them see that this love is not contingent upon the things and acts of who you are; it is **unconditional because it comes from Me!** So are you going to let the fire of love burn so much that it burns away everything that will not reflect that love?"

## **SHARING**

Coming here this evening I saw a rainbow and it was kind of faint, but I was admiring it. What I heard God saying is that He will keep His promise of awakening His Church. So He is awakening it even now as His fire is falling on us. At the end of May the Lord told me to plant some seeds. I eventually bought some seeds and then procrastinated in planting them; eventually it came to Father's Day and I still hadn't planted the seeds. The next day I did plant the seeds, but I didn't think anything was going to grow – just like unanswered prayers sometimes. I had been watering them here and there, but today I went out in my yard and saw that the plants were growing. I saw good things growing, the lettuce the radishes and other plants that were growing. The thing that came to mind is that God is restoring our hope; He is awakening us and restoring us.

## **SHARING**

I had cut down on the amount of dishes that were in the cabinet at home. We use the same dishes over and over again, and it is important to keep them clean so that they can be re-used. I had put away all of the other dishes that we don't use. It was a message to me personally, but I think that it is for all of us too. God gives each of us certain gifts that He wants us to have and use, and He doesn't want us to use them only once. We all have our special ways in which God uses us and He will use us over and over again.

## **SHARING / EXHORTATION**

We have heard some very strong images today of wind, fire and water. You know what these things can do – water, if it gets into something, can soak everything; fire can burn everything; and wind, no matter what you do, you really have cover up to shield yourself against it. If you invite the Lord into your hearts – the wind, the fire and the water – He is going to touch everything in your lives.

## **SHARING / EXHORTATION**

I have been thinking about the Image of the Lord washing dishes, we are the dishes. The Lord is the dishwasher; He is the only One Who can cleanse us from all the dirtiness, sins, and bad choices we have made in our lives. We all want to be a clean plate for Him. So then I was thinking about 'what do you do with plates'? You serve on plates. We have to be clean so that He can use us to serve His people, to serve others in His desires. I really like that Image.

## **SHARING**

I continue the talk about the Image of us as dishes, or plates. What God placed on my heart is this: I look at all of you here and there are all kinds of different plates, some of us are paper plates, some of us are bold plates, some are fine China, and all different kinds of plates. It takes all of these kinds of plates to be God's plates – His people! Every plate is important and we all play a part in God's plans. I just want us all to be nice and clean, myself included, in that China cabinet for God to use in any way He wants; so that we all will be clean and ready when He wants to use us at any time.

## **IMAGE / EXHORTATION**

In the praising of all the rain pouring down, we envision beautiful things – the plates being washed and all good things growing. But I had an Image of a man standing in the middle of a muddy field and his shoes were bolted to the ground. We need to get out there and help free that man.

## **SUMMARY / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER**

That is a reminder for us here tonight – if any of us need to be free, to be prayed with, then please don't leave here without having some people pray for you. We will bring some people together and form a little prayer team for you. We know that sometimes our feet do get bolted down, sometimes we can't move because the weight is just too heavy for us. But if we turn to someone else for prayer, we know that the Lord will put a hand on our shoulder. We know that when we least expect it, He will surprise us. We know that He doesn't want us to be just another 'pretty plate' on a shelf. We know that He wants to use us; we know that He wants to send His Spirit upon us, and we know that He wants to shower us with His love. All we have to do is open our hearts to Him and to ask – "ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened." (**Reference: Matthew 7: 7**) We are given a choice – do we want to sit on a shelf and have people say how nice that we look, or, do we want people to look at us and say, "This person stepped out and did what the Lord called him to do." Lord, we thank You for Your Presence here tonight! We thank You for Your love, and for the wind of Your Spirit, Lord! Lord, place within us the desire to silence ourselves, so that we can hear how You want to use us, so that we can open our hearts and minds to You.