

INSPIRED WORD

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95: 1 – 3, 6 – 7: Come, let us praise the Lord! Let us sing for joy to God, Who protects us. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise. For the Lord is a mighty God, a mighty King over all the gods. Come, let us bow down and worship Him; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! He is our God; we are the people He cares for, the flock for which He provides.

SCRIPTURE

Many of our songs are scriptural, or have scriptural elements. This is from **Zephaniah** and it is called **A Song of Joy**: “The Lord your God is with you; His power gives you victory. The Lord will take delight in you; and in His love He will give you new life. He will sing and be joyful over you, as joyful as people at a festival.” (**Reference: Chapter 3: verses 17 – 18**) So He is singing and He is joyful over us in our presence here.

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I confirm that. When we were praying in the back before this prayer meeting started, this Scripture came to mind. In **Acts 16**: Paul and Silas were in prison and they were put in the inner cell and their feet were fastened in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. All at once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody’s chains came loose.” (**Reference: verses 24 – 26**) So it is a theme that is going through the night – ‘open up your hearts and let the Healer set you free!’ In the songs of praise let the chains be broken.

CONFIRMATION

I have one more confirmation because in this song “Every Move I Make”, the one line that kept reverberating with me was the “waves of mercy, waves of grace”. The ocean is salty and it is very buoyant. If you just let go and float, you won’t sink, but you won’t stay in the same place either. The waves will carry you. The word that I got from that was: “Get carried away in God’s mercy and grace!”

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

As we were praying, I was remembering that the word ‘Alleluia’, in one form or another, is used in the Old Testament 400 times. If we remember that every time something happened - when God was freeing some one, or doing something - the first thing they had to do in order to get out of that situation was to praise His Name. If you remember when Daniel was put in the den of lions, he praised God. (**Daniel – Chapter 6**) When Jonah was in the belly of a whale, he praised God. (**Jonah – Chapter 2**) When Joshua was fighting against Jericho, they marched around the city praising God for seven days, seven times a day. (**Joshua – Chapter 6**) What God is saying to us is: What resides in Him, to free us, is **praise**, if we praise His Name and if we rejoice in our circumstances.

When it is easy, praise Him! When it is hard, praise Him! When we are tired, praise Him! When we are sick, praise Him! When we are depressed, praise Him! When we are happy, praise Him! He is a God Who resides in our prayers. He will free us as a result of our recognizing that He is the God of gods, the Lord of lords, and the King above all kings. No one can assail Him because when we praise Him, we recognize His place in our universe and that is at the head of it. It is owned by Him and He will do whatever He chooses, but our job is to acknowledge that He will do what He chooses to do, if we open up ourselves to Him.

SENSE / PROPHECY

Sometimes we look at the sand down at our feet, or at the things that we are doing, all of our busyness, all of our problems, all of the preoccupations, and we get so pre-occupied with them that we fail to raise our eyes to Him. I believe that the Lord is telling us this: "There are many things in your lives with which you are concerned, but tonight I want you to take your eyes off the sand and anything that is down at your feet, raise your eyes and look out onto the ocean. Look out onto My mercy, My love, and My holy Presence! Enough busyness! Raise your eyes and look to Me! Look to Me, to My peace and My Presence!"

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

I was lead to this Scripture where Jesus and His disciples came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She went to Jesus and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" But Jesus answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her." **(Reference: Luke 10: 38 – 42)** We have been invited to let the Healer set us free. We have been invited to get carried away in God's mercy and grace. We have been invited to set the daily toil aside and gaze out onto the sea of God's love.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 49: 1 – 4: Hear Me, O coastlands, listen, O distant peoples. The Lord called me from birth, from my mother's womb He gave me my name. He made of me a sharp-edged sword and concealed me in the shadow of His arm. He made me a polished arrow, in His quiver He hid me. He said to me, "Israel, you are My servant, through whom I show My glory." But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand, and my reward is with my God."

PROPHECY

My dearest beloved children, I already belong to your hearts. I know the lives that are broken; they are broken by hardships, by love lost, by illness, and there are hearts that are broken by sin. I know those hearts that yearn and cry to Me, "Lord, I love you!" But yet you fear Me because you are afraid that your sins are too great. I am telling you, I know all of those hearts. I know the desires of your hearts, and I know that in your

limited capacity to love Me, you reach out. Let Me say to you, especially to you who fear that your love can never be enough because of your sins, all of the sins are gone when I forgave you, when I stretched out My arms between heaven and earth, when I cried out to the Father and said, "It is finished!" It is indeed finished!! Because I broke the bonds of sin then and there, and every time you receive Me in the Blessed Sacrament, every time you receive Me in the Sacrament of Confession, I break the bonds of sin and I allow that love to pour out of you. When that love pours out of you, that human love which you have, the love that is so limited, I meet it with the love that cannot be limited, which knows no bounds, which can never fail like human love. My dearest beloved child, you fear the most, but you can love the least. I reach out to you right now and I say to you, "Come, and receive Me for I receive you with an open heart! Know this, My beloved, My child!"

PROPHECY

I was thinking that I was one of those people who was looking down at the sand and all the problems and things that are going on. But God said, "I invited you too! Come! Even those who were looking down, even those who forgot about the glory of God, come!!"

SCRIPTURE / PROPHECY

Jeremiah 31: 33 - 34: "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the Lord. "I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord', because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest," says the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." I hear the Lord saying, "This Scripture is present in your midst right now today! This word of the Lord is timeless in your midst right now today! You have heard the word 'invite' many times tonight and I say to you, 'I invited you into this place at this time from the very moment My invitation was in your heart because this Scripture is for today. I want you to know that **I am** your God and **you are** My people and I have opened hearts and let you know My love. Receive that love! Know that My love is eternal and everlasting and know that I invited you into this place this time to experience the great love that I have for you!"

SUMMARY / SCRIPTURE / PROPHECY / PRAYER

Before this prayer meeting tonight, we had a Scripture and it was from **Isaiah**: "Watch for the new things that I am going to do. It is happening already; you can see it now. I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there. Even the wild animals will honor Me, jackals and ostriches will praise Me, while I make rivers flow in the desert to give water to My chosen people." (**Reference: Chapter 43: verses 19 – 20**) Can we sense what this new thing might be that the Lord is doing with us? When that question came to my mind, immediately I was reminded that over the last several weeks, the last several months, possibly the past year, we have come to this prayer meeting. The Lord has told us to lay down our burdens; to lay down the things which weigh us down, the chains which hold us tight to the ground; the chains which stop us from praising Him, the chains which put us into despair sometimes and stop us from

carrying His Word of love to someone else. Tonight He said that He was doing a new thing, and the new thing for me was that He didn't ask us to lay down those burdens, those chains which tie us down. He said that He was going to break them and they are already broken. He said that He has already taken them and has cast them down to the ground. We can pick them up again if we want to do it, but He doesn't want us to do that. He knows that in our humanness and in our weakness, sometimes we find it very difficult to lay down all of those things that weigh us down – the fears, the burdens, and the worries that we have. We can't seem to give them up! But tonight He says, "I am going to break those chains! My power is so strong that nothing can hold it, nothing can bind it, nothing can hold you down from the love I have for you!!" That became very clear when we heard the words, 'I have invited you to this place at this time to know the great love that I have for you, to know it; to experience it; to feel the chains being broken!' He doesn't want us to leave here tonight thinking we have something that holds us down when He has told us that He has broken all of those chains. Now I guess the challenge is going to be 'Do we feel that there is still something which we cannot let go?' If that is you, don't leave, but stay and we will have people praying with you. We will have three people put their hands on your shoulder and tell you again the word that the Lord said, "I have broken those chains!!" So Lord, we give You praise and honor and glory for Your words! We thank You, Lord! Amen.