

INSPIRED WORD

July 27, 2016

IMAGE / PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

When we, the pastoral team, were praying in the back before this praise and worship meeting started, an image had been received. It was of a small boy in the dark, wandering as though he was lost. When the boy saw his mother he ran to her with his arms outstretched, and jumped into her waiting arms. The words that followed this image were: "This is the way you should praise Me, as though this is the first time you have seen Me."

PROPHECY

There are some among you who raise their arms and ask for prayer. There are some among you who respond and pray for those who ask for prayer. But, My beloved, there are some who raise their arms and there is no one who sees them or prays for them. There are some who cry internally and cannot ever raise their arms. My beloved, they need **you!** I have told you not to be afraid; I walk before you, I walk behind you, and I walk beside you. There is no excuse! **You** are loved, **you** are gifted, **you** are empowered, **you** are strengthened, and **you** are protected. **I am sending you!**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 10: 14 – 15: How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of Whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

EXHORTATION / SENSE

Isn't it interesting that in this age of advanced technology, a small glitch sometimes causes us to ask, "How could this happen?" We, as a prayer community, do our best to capture and record God's word to us each week. So why would something that we do from week to week suddenly fail on a night when the Lord is asking each of us to do something so personal, so important as to ask Him for a Divine Appointment. I believe the answer just might be that Jesus wanted His message to settle within each of us in the way we needed to hear it. Just to let His word fill us so that we can ponder it, pray about it and respond to it in a personal way, even though it was not recorded.

Perhaps that was the Lord's way of making a Divine Appointment with us. Maybe He was saying, "Did you hear the word I spoke to you? Did you hear Me say that I love you? Do you know that I am crazy about you? Now you be My witnesses and tell them Who I am. Tell them I love them. It is that simple. You will know them because I will clearly place them in your path."

Divine Appointment - that is what this night is all about. Simply said, it is asking Jesus to place someone in our path who needs a touch of His love. We heard that a good way to do this is to ask the Lord every day to bring someone into our life that we can lead to Him either by word, by prayer, or by action. **Yes, we are to ask, but we must ask with sincerity.** Then we are ready to act because He will answer our request.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6: 1 – 8: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.” At the sound of their voices the door posts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here I am. Send me!”

PRAYER

Lord, You have told us that we are loved, we are gifted, we are empowered, we are strengthened and protected. Grant each of us the courage and trust to respond to Your call and say, “**Here I am. Send me!**”