

INSPIRED WORD

July 6, 2016

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are welcome in this place tonight! Lord, lift us up from the depths of our being, from the depths of our hearts, so that we can give You praise here tonight. Lord, You are worthy; You are worthy of praise! We gather as Your people here, imperfect people, yet loved by You!! And we proclaim that love here in this assembly tonight. Good Shepherd, shepherd us into the Presence of the Father.

PRAYER

Lord, we ask for Your anointing upon us. Release within us those gifts, Your gifts, the gifts that will enable us to hear Your voice of wisdom, of understanding, of counsel, of fortitude, of knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. Grant us Your charisms, Lord, Your gifts of love for one another.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

John 1: 1 – 5: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but that darkness will not overcome it.”
Lord, we thank You for even today Your light shines! In all of the darkness of this world, Your light still shines, and as in Your promises in that first chapter in John, the darkness did not overcome, and **will not** overcome Your light, Jesus!

SHARING / EXHORTATION

As I was reflecting on the scripture that Barb just read, I was looking at the sunlight. I was reflecting on how greatly we depend on the sunlight. It impacts the food that we eat, as well as the energy that we use daily, and yet that sunlight cannot overcome all of the darkness; in fact, clouds will overcome the sunlight. But the light of the Son of God **cannot** be overcome! Scripture tells us that there is no darkness which can overcome the light of Jesus! I am going to ask you the same question that I was asked in my heart and it is this, “How much do you depend on the light of the Son of God?”

SCRIPTURE

This is what Jesus says about light – these are in red letters in the Bible which means it is the Word of Jesus Christ. It starts out with the word ‘you’, that is you, me and all of us. This is from **Matthew 5: 14 – 16:** You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

(We watched a DVD by Father Dave Pivonka of the Wild Goose series. This DVD was about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and being open to them. This was followed by a discussion of the topics of the DVD.)

SHARING

Eric shared that he had painted a picture of people holding hands and they were walking on water. At the bottom of the painting are the words: "Come, Holy Spirit, teach us to walk on water." He said, "After watching the DVD, it seemed appropriate to share this with you."

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

We have a God Who cares! We have a God Who responds to prayer! We have a God Who wants to do the miracles and the signs to bring people to Him, like He did two thousand years ago. He continues to do that today. People, listen! We have got to be open enough and humble enough to ask Him and say, "Lord, I need You!! I can't do this by myself, but You can do it!" We who operate in, and want to operate in, the Charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit need to **ask Him with expectancy to release these gifts within us** and we need to use them! **We have got to step out in faith and use them!**

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION / PRAYER

Matthew 7: 7: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Lord, that is Your promise; You say to us, "Ask and you shall receive!" So tonight let us ask, ask the Spirit to come, that we might have greater freedom in our hearts and in our lives. Ask that we might hear His promptings and feel His nudges more clearly. Ask Him for the courage and the love that is needed to evangelize and go out to proclaim the kingdom of God in word and action. Spirit of God, we are asking You to come with fresh anointing; come and touch our hearts! Come and give us greater faith in You, greater expectancy in Your actions in our lives, greater courage to proclaim the name of Jesus, greater understanding that we will depend on the gospel message in order to come to You. Come, Holy Spirit, come and ignite our hearts again!

PROPHECY

The Spirit says, "Come! Each one of you in this room will heal. This is the time of preparation for all of you and that is regarding the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each one of you will help in the work that is to come!"

CONFIRMATION

The confirmation that I had is in the **Book of Matthew**. Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and they were to precede Him to the other side of the lake. Jesus went up to the mountain by Himself to pray. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, as a storm had come up and the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them and He was walking on water. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they became terrified, but Jesus told them to take courage and not be afraid. He said to Peter, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But he became frightened, started to sink in the water and called out to Jesus to save him. Jesus stretched out His hand and caught Peter. (**Reference: Matthew 14: 22 – 33: Walking on the Water**)

SCRIPTURE / SHARING / EXHORTATION

Psalms 51: In this Psalm David is crying out for attention. The verse that impacted me was: "Restore unto me the joy of my salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit." (**Verse: 14**) As I sat there, I was praying, "Lord, I want Your Spirit in me; I want Your heart to be

my heart; I want the things that You want to be the things that I want.” So many times we don’t let God clean house all the way because we are so afraid of what it is going to look like. I know that this is so true for me, but the challenge that the Holy Spirit gave me was, “Will you let Me clean house so that you can experience the full joy of My Presence?” So if you are wondering what you are supposed to be doing, just start asking the Lord, “What is in my heart that I need to toss out so that You can come and clean it?”

SCRIPTURE

When we were praying for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, this scripture came to mind, “For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord. **(Reference: Jeremiah 29: 11)**

SCRIPTURE / SENSE

When we were praying, the sense that I had was the ‘quantity’ of God. In other words, how there is so much of Him. In **Psalms 130**, it says: “For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him there is plenteous redemption.” **(Verse: 7)** The Lord has more mercy than we need, everyone can be redeemed, and there is more left over in case others show up.

SUMMARY / EXHORTATION / PRAYER

The Lord tells us to **trust!** If we ask for the Gifts of the Spirit, trust; if you ask for Lord to give you the gifts, **trust!** Don’t back out, but **trust in Him.** He wants us to take the leap and jump into His arms and say, “Yes, Holy Spirit, I want You and I want every gift that You want to give me! I don’t want to think about anything else. I trust that You will do that and I trust that You will use the gifts that You place in me for Your praise, Your honor and Your glory.” We heard earlier tonight that the sunlight cannot conquer all the darkness, but the light of the Son can conquer the darkness. How much do we depend on the light of the Son of God? That is the trust that He is asking from each one of us. It is really a simple trust – to just jump into the arms of a loving God!! Amen!