

INSPIRED WORD

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PRAYER

Abba Father, thank You for drawing us here tonight as one body in Christ. We come to joyfully praise You in song, to get wrapped up in Your love, and to give You glory, Lord! Thank You for the blessings which You have given us - the strength to manage our families, the wisdom to manage our finances, and especially the desires to have a closer relationship with You, Lord. We thank You, we love You, and we give You all of the glory! Amen.

SCRIPTURE / IMAGE / EXHORTATION

As we were praying in the back before this praise and worship started, **Psalm 23** came to my mind and how the Lord leads us to green pastures and He sets us down before refreshing water. The Image that Mel received was of the disciples in the upper room. Mel speaking: But in my Image, the door opened and Jesus walked in. When He walked in, I wondered if the disciples would recognize Him because that was the way they were used to having people walk into a room. When things happen in ways that are familiar to us, it is easy for us to accept those things. Why do we accept those things that happen in familiar ways, but when things happen in ways that are unexpected to us, we can't accept them? It is difficult for us to accept those kinds of things. I think the reason is that for those unexpected things, it requires faith. So maybe the disciples would recognize Jesus because He opened the door and walked into the room, and that is the way they were used to seeing Him. But when Jesus walked into the room where the disciples were hiding, they knew Jesus had died, and so they didn't recognize Him. It is important for us to be aware that the Lord does things for us in ways which we aren't expecting. We need to have the faith needed to believe and accept those things.

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

Ray had this Scripture in **Isaiah 12: 2 – 3**: “The Lord is my Savior. As fresh water brings joy to the thirsty, so God's people rejoice when He saves them.” The Lord is our Savior and He came to save us, to refresh us and renew us, and peace comes with that. Chuck had the Scripture in **John 4** where Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for a drink of water. The woman answered, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan, so how can You ask me for a drink?” Jesus answered, “If you only knew what God gives and Who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask Him, and He would give you life-giving water.” (**Verses 7 – 10**) Like Mel was speaking of, it is that expectation – having an expectation of Who God is and who we are in relationship to God. You know the Lord is going to lead us to the water tonight! Regardless if our week has been good, bad, or indifferent, He will lead us tonight to that green pasture and refreshing water. We may have an expectation, but we have a responsibility “**to do**”. We can sit here and pray and pray, but we need to act – we need **to do**! There has to be **an action**! God is here and He acts, but we need to respond to Him! As it says in **John 4** - “thirst for that life-giving water.” We need to have that deep thirst for God, as we do for a bottle of water when we are thirsty.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

John 4: 1 – 14: Therefore, when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John, He fled Judea and returned to Galilee. But He had to go through Samaria. So when He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph, Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, weary from His journey, sat down there by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." His disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How can You, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (For Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks, drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." Father we pray that we would not be hamstrung by artificial categories and that we would not be looking at each other in different groupings. Lord, we pray that we would walk with You in Your light, according to Your ways, and in the ways that You want us to walk. We praise and exalt You and magnify Your holy Name!! For You alone will show us the way to walk, and You alone will give us that living water, so that we will know to walk with You from this day forward. For it is in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray! Hallelujah to the Lamb, the holy Risen Lamb of God; righteous are You in all Your ways!!

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 8: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth! You have set Your majesty above the heavens! From the mouths of children and infants You have drawn a defense against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger. When I see Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You set in place – what are humans that You are mindful of them, mere mortals that You care for them. Yet You have made them little less than a god, crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them rule over the works of Your hands, put all things at their feet; all sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. O Lord, our God, how awesome is Your Name through all the earth!

SENSE / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

I have been coming to this Prayer Group for years – about 15 years. These three words we here a lot – **I love you**. I think that God has taught us a lot about the "**you**" in the words, I love **you**. God has really put it in our hearts and in our minds that He loves us so much over the years. Also the word – "**love**"; He has taught us that so well. '**I love you** unconditionally! Love – not 'I like you'. I think that in the past several weeks He has been teaching us the "**I**" in the words, **I love you**. He has been teaching us of Whom He is. As it said in **John 4** a little bit earlier – "If you knew Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you

living water.” **(Verse 10)** Marilyn said that our Lord is Sovereign and Majestic. He has been teaching us that He is the Victor; He wears the Victor’s crown; He is the winner. I have a Sense that He is teaching us Who the ‘I’ is in the words, I love you. It seems to be another layer of what He wants us to know - Who was it that died on the cross and resurrected; Who is it that performs miracles, healings, and has compassion; Who is this holy God and holy Man Who had walked on this earth? “Lord God, show us Who You are, reveal to us Who You are, and awaken Your people, revive us! Let us long to see Your face; teach us, O Lord!

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I want to confirm what has been spoken. And part of what the Lord wants us to know about is that He also provides, both spiritually and physically. He has done it all, and we don’t deserve it. But because He loves us so much, He does it. I also have a couple of Scriptures, related to those Scriptures that Jimmy shared. **John 7: 37 – 39:** On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, “Let anyone who thirsts come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as Scripture says: ‘Rivers of living water will flow from within Him.’” He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in Him were to receive. Also in **Revelation 22: 17:** The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let him who hears say, “Come.” Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of the life-giving water.

PRAYER

Lord, hear the desires of our hearts as we do this – that we want to know You, we want to see Your face and we want to touch You. We want Your holy Presence, Lord, to draw us close. Hear us, O Lord!

SENSE / PROPHECY / SHARING

A few minutes ago, Laura came up here and said that she believed that the Lord was trying to teach us more about the “I” in the words: I love you, and how much He loves us. He wants to teach us about that very love, but in order to do that, He wants to teach us more about Himself. We prayed this song twice and we are reaching out to the Lord. We are telling Him that we want to know Him more and we want to hear His voice. But I also believe that these words are what the Lord is saying to us tonight. I believe that He is saying, “I want to know **you** more! I want to know each and every one of you more!” The more He tells us that He wants to know us, the more it should stir our hearts to want to know and reach out to Him. When He says, “I love you”, it is God telling us those words. I saw a bumper sticker recently and it really made me think. Remember the song that the children sing – “Jesus loves me this I know”. This bumper sticker said, “Jesus knows that He loves me.” I think that is more of the “I” that we are talking about here. God wants to know us in such a personal way, that He wants to hear our voices, individually! So when we are praising Him here tonight, He is hearing each and everyone of our voices distinctively. He wants to touch us, if we but let His life-giving water flow through us.

SCRIPTURE

John 17: 24 – 25: Father, I desire that those also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory, which You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know You, but

I know You; and these know that You have sent Me. I made Your Name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them and I in them.

SENSE / EXHORTATION

The Dead Sea is so filled with salt that people just float in it. Standing here tonight, I feel like I am floating on God's love, that the buoyancy of His love and grace are holding me up. If you have had a long day, let yourselves be lifted up and float; drink the living water and let it bubble up from within you. Just relax in it!

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I want to confirm what CeCe just said. When she was talking about floating in the river of God's love, this Scripture came to me. **Psalms 46:4**: "There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells." As that river of love flows out, it gladdens us. God loves us, He draws us in. When we fall in love with Him, we can't wait to go out and tell others what the Lord has done for us.

IMAGE / WORD OF KNOWLEDGE / SCRIPTURE

I had an Image of a mighty, mighty, powerful light shining over all of us here tonight. I think that the Holy Spirit is saturating all of us here. There is someone here whom the Lord wants to receive these words: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Reference: **Matthew 7: 7 – 8**) Someone here has not really opened their heart, or someone is trying so hard and they are still afraid to reach out for something; I don't know what that is. But the Lord's message has been that He is trying to teach us more and more about Whom He is.

IMAGE / EXHORTATION

I had an Image of musical notes and every one of our faces appeared in the bottom circles of the notes. Then God came along and He was touching the notes, creating a song. Each one of us, as a note, needs to make the sound that He wants us to make in order for His beautiful song to be heard in its entirety.

SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1: 5 – 11: For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love. If these are yours and increase in abundance, they will keep you from being idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anyone who lacks them is blind and shortsighted, forgetful of the cleansing of his past sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more eager to make your call and election firm, for, in doing so, you will never stumble. For, in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

PRAYER

Lord, Your love is so manifest here; it calls to each heart. There is a strong anointing here in this place right now. Glory to You, O Lord!!

PROPHECY

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! It is greater that you desire Me; I desire you!! But that desire will not force you; you must learn to seek Me.

PROPHECY

I am the one true God whom you love, proclaim and worship. But I am not sharing with Satan or his arrows, nor with any modern god or technology, money, getting ahead, sports teams, or anything. I am all that you need!! I am Sovereign, and Mighty! You live in an age of tolerance and you are told to accept all; you are told that everything goes. Know Who it is that you serve and worship! **I am all that you need, yesterday, today and tomorrow!!**

SUMMARY / EXHORTATION

We have heard a lot of different things this evening. We have heard that the Lord is going to take us to that green pasture so that we can sit by that stream and rest. We heard that we are to be still and to listen, to ask, to seek, and to knock. He wants to tell us Who He is and He wants us to know Him. Jesus said that if we know Him, then we know the Father. Tonight we heard that He is Lord, He is Majestic, Sovereign, Love, Beautiful, Teacher, Potter, Director, the Great I Am, the Light; He is Pure, He is the Judge, and He is God! And He loves each and everyone of us. So this week just take that time, as we heard, get away from all of the craziness of the world, and just sit there, be still and rest. Allow God to speak to you, to speak to your heart, and to let Him know that you know Who He is to you; and how special you are to Him.