

INSPIRED WORD
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EXHORTATION / PRAYER / PROPHECY / SHARING / SCRIPTURE

Before we go into praise and worship, we want to take the burdens that we came in here with and give them to the Lord. Even if we don't think we have any burdens, we probably do. So we just want to clear our minds for a second, to open our hearts and just say, "Lord, take away from me anything that hinders me from giving praise to You. Thank You, Lord, for calling us here tonight. Thank You, Lord, for giving us the ability to praise You. Thank You, Lord, for being present here with us. Thank You, Lord, for Your faithfulness. So, Lord, we ask You to take the burdens that we now lay down at Your feet, and we ask You to hold them, Lord, to take them away from us so that we can spend this time here, this time, praising and worshipping You in Your holy name. In Your holy name we pray, amen." Last week we had a very powerful word here, just a few sentences but they really touched me, and I'm sure they touched you as well. The Lord said, "Tonight I am going to touch that place, whether it be a hurt, whether it be a memory, whatever it is, I come to fill that empty space with my unfailing love." Just a very short word, but I think in that short word that the Lord came and He said to each one of us individually, "I know the empty place that you have. I know where you hurt the most. I know where you hold back the most. I know what memory weighs you down. And I want to touch you in that specific place and take that away. Why? Because I love you that much." The Lord told that to each one of us. He didn't say it as a group; He said it individually. "Tonight I am going to touch that place, whether it be a hurt, whether it be a memory, whatever it is, I come to fill that empty space with my unfailing love." And all we can say is "Thank You, Lord." So on that word, based on that word, we have to believe that the Lord did that, that the Lord came and touched us where we needed to be touched the most. And I guess the question for me is: Did I take the time necessary this week to sit down and talk to Him about that? And I have to be honest and say I did not. I should have but I didn't. But I know in His unfailing love, He's going to give me another opportunity to sit down with this word this week. And maybe that should be a reflection this week. Lord, where did You touch me? I know You did because Your word told us You did. And I thank You for that, Lord. Now help me to live the way You touched me. Thank You, Lord. In **Psalm 105:1-5**, it says: *Give thanks to the Lord, invoke his name. Make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds. Glory in his holy name; rejoice O hearts that seek the Lord. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek to serve him constantly. Recall the wondrous deeds that he has wrought.* The Lord gave me that scripture before I saw Chuck's revised email on the agenda for this evening, where it says that Cici is going to talk to us about sharing our stories, how we do that and the way we do that. And it struck me that this Psalm is telling us that when we praise the Lord, when we make His deeds known, when we proclaim His wondrous deeds, we do that by telling our story. And the

Lord has given each one of us a story. Maybe we think we don't know what it is but maybe we do. And if we're going to praise the Lord, if we're going to praise Him from our heart, one of the ways we can do that is to share our stories.

Talk: Sharing Our Story

PRAYER

We gather together to do just that – to praise our Savior. So, Lord, help us to turn our eyes on You now, to gaze upon You and to give You praise, Lord, and to come into that place where we come close to You tonight. O Jesus, glory and praise to You.

PRAYER

In You we trust Lord. You are the light. Embrace us with Your arms, Lord, and carry us safe to shore. Glory to You, God.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Psalm 91:1-13: *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in him I will trust." Surely he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence; he shall cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you shall take refuge. His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, even the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor should any plague come near your dwelling. For he shall give to his angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways. On their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread on the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample under foot.* Father, we just thank You and praise You and exalt Your holy name. For You are worthy; worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb. Halleluiah to the Lamb, righteous and true. For You are the King of kings, righteous in all Your ways. We thank You and praise You and exalt Your holy name. For You alone are worthy; worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

PRAYER

Keep us safe, Lord, keep us safe.

IMAGE / SENSE

The key word is refuge. I was praying to the Lord and asking Him for safety. And every once in a while He speaks to me with a picture, and so a picture came into my mind. I didn't

understand it but it was the raising of a tent. And it was not one of these more recent tents but the picture came from a long time ago when I went camping with a friend and she had an old canvas tent. And the raising of the center pole was important about that picture. And I believe the Lord was telling me that anybody can raise the pole and anybody can spread out the sides of the tent. It's not that you have to be a special prophet, this or that or something, you don't have to be gifted – no! God gave us all the ability to raise up Jesus, and then there's a shelter. Praise God!

EXHORTATION

Let's raise up Jesus.

PRAYER

O Lord, let the praise in our hearts come. Give us that grace, O Lord, to raise high the name of Jesus, and to praise You with the depth of our being tonight, Lord, to look to you. Glory to You. O Lord, my heart wants to give You praise tonight, Jesus. I can hardly contain it; no, I won't contain it. I want to let it out.

SHARING / SENSE

I just want to thank you and your wife because when we were singing that song "I am lost without you", you two looked at each other and you kissed each other. And I thought, you know, that's what I would say to my husband – I'd be lost without you. Then I thought that that's what Jesus is saying to us. Not that He would be lost but we were saying that we would be lost without Jesus and it was like the reassurance that you gave each other, that's what He's saying to us. "You don't have to worry about that. You will never be lost. I will always be with you." So thank you.

PRAYER

Never lost, Lord, we thank You. Never, never.

SCRIPTURE

In the beginning of **John's** gospel (1:1-5): *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him, nothing was made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Glory to You, Lord Jesus. Let Your name, Lord, resound in this temple. Let it resound in this city, O God. Let it resound in our hearts.

SCRIPTURE / SENSE

As we praise and worship the Lord here, His presence moves in a very special way. Back in **Chronicles**, way in the Old Testament, they're bringing the Ark. That's after all the work that Solomon did for the house of the Lord was finished. So he assembled the elders to bring the Ark of the Covenant, and there's a whole chapter on that but at the very end it says **(5:13-14)**, *"It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. And when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever," the house, the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.* That glory of the Lord is filling the house of God right now, and that glory of the Lord, that cloud of the Lord's power fills this place. All of our stories have been told and He comes, He comes to anoint and to send us to tell those stories, but right now, just to experience His glory present here.

MESSAGE IN TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

There's a whole bunch more there but the few words I got were: You can't screw up too much for me. You can't walk away too far from me. I'm your God and I am with you.

INTERPRETATION

The little bit I got was: I have come to meet with you in the house of meeting, the place of meeting. The glory of my presence here indicates that I am here to meet your needs and I am here to be with you because I want to be with you. I have come to be with you, to be in your presence, to be with you so you can be in my presence. I believe God would say to us that He has come to be with us, and it's His presence indicated by glory, the gray/white smoke of His presence fills this house.

INTERPRETATION

I know your innermost being. I know how you were knit together in your mother's womb. You worry about all these things. I know all that. I know your future. And I have plans for your good.

EXHORTATION

With the Lord's holy presence here and the Lord's holy anointing upon us, before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, mighty Holy Spirit with His glory, we sing. Surrender to the heart of Jesus, surrender to our Lord, give Him all. He is to be trusted as love for you, for me, for us. O Jesus.

SENSE / EXHORTATION

I'm going to ask the music ministry to play that song again in a minute. As we were praying before the beginning of the prayer meeting, the word that we got was "surrender". And the image that we had was the strong forceful presence of God coming over us and the words that we got, the sense was to surrender to the presence of God and allow the Lord... let the glory of the Lord, the wind of the Lord take you where He wants you to go. Be not afraid because you are under the protection of God. Not to worry about going where you want to go but to surrender to the Lord and allow the presence of the Lord to take you where He wants to take you. So surrender to the Lord.

SHARING / EXHORTATION

While she was talking about the tent... in the Old Testament there was a tent of the Lord. It was pitched in the midst of the camp. And the thing of it is, that's a very humble place. And even more significant is that it is not pitched outside of camp, not in a structure but in a humble tent that is accessible to everyone. And I just got the sense basically that God pitches His tent among us, not just here in this building but everywhere we go God is in our midst. So let's proclaim it.

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Lord, we thank You for being here in our midst. We thank You, Lord, for the call You've given us, the call for us to surrender. And Lord we do that, we do that now. We do not leave this place, Lord, without surrendering to you. We come before You, Lord, and thank You again for Your presence. We thank You, Lord, for giving us the vision of who You are. We thank You, Lord, for reminding us how amazed by You we are when we choose to sit and spend the time thinking about that. So Lord, as You call us to leave this place to wherever it is You want us to be, we say, Lord, that we surrender. We surrender to You; we surrender our lives, our thoughts, our minds and our hearts and our will. We give them to You, Lord. We ask You, Lord, to take them, to use each one of us. You told us, Lord, that we have this story to tell so we know, Lord, that You will lead us to people that You want to hear that story. We know we don't have to worry about the words, Lord, because you will provide those. We know we don't have to worry about the trust, Lord, because You're already there. So we say, Lord, we surrender this night all to You. Take us, mold us, make us afresh and anew, Lord. You're the potter; change us, Lord, into what You want each of us to be. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE / IMAGE / CONFIRMATION

During praise I came across **Mark 4:26** talking about the parable of the growing seed. As I pondered why I was led there, I looked at the tabernacle for reflection and as I started looking at the people there, I had a vision of columns of light over everyone's head with words and letters streaming into their minds. I thought the vision was saying God is speaking into their

hearts to share their testimony with others. Then Mel got up for the second time and said the dominant feeling in the prayer meeting was “surrender.” That confirmed the parable in Mark about surrender to the fruits of faith and the mystery of God.