

INSPIRED WORD
September 7, 2016

Tonight we will be watching a DVD with **Jesse Romero as the speaker**. He worked in the Los Angeles Sheriff Department and so he is a real “street guy”. In the DVD he will be telling us of his conversion to the Lord and how it came about through something like a Life in the Spirit Seminar.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 10: 13 – 15: For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on One of Whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in One of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim Him? And how are they to proclaim Him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your love that You pour forth upon us in all situations and circumstances. Thank You, Jesus, for that love! Thank You, Lord!! Our hearts cry out to You, Lord, and we exalt Your holy name, for in all situations we can say, “Jesus is Lord! Amen! Jesus is Lord!”

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 66: 1 – 4: Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth; sing of His glorious name; give Him glorious praise. Say to God, “How awesome Your deeds! Before Your great strength Your enemies cringe. All on earth fall in worship before You; they sing of You, sing of Your name!”

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 8: 1, 3 – 10: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name through all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens! When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You set in place, what is man that You should be mindful of him, or the son of man that You should care for him? You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of Your hands, putting all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name over all the earth!

PRAYER

Lord, we are here to exalt You! How majestic is Your name! As we heard in scripture, “shout joyfully to God, all you on earth!”

SCRIPTURE

Daniel 3: 52 – 57: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; and blessed is Your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy

and exalted above all for all ages. Blessed are You in temple of Your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever. Blessed are You on the throne of Your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. Blessed are You Who look into the depths from Your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. Blessed are You in the firmament of heaven, praiseworthy and glorious forever. Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19: 36 – 40: This is when Jesus was riding on a donkey into Jerusalem. His disciples are overjoyed. “As He rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as He was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of His disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: ‘Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.’ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, ‘Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.’ He said to them in reply, ‘I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!’”

IMAGE

As Ruth was talking, I kept getting an image that ‘magnify’ can be two different things. You can have ‘magnify’ which projects out loud like microphones or speakers, but ‘magnify’ can also be like a magnifying glass or a microscope, that as you go deeper and deeper in, you see more and more. I understood that as we go deeper and deeper into God’s love, we face a relationship and it makes up every piece of who we are. That is God, the Trinity; it is the relationship of Father, the Son and the Spirit working together and it is the energy and power of our lives. That is what we are sharing with others – that relationship that we have with the Trinity which starts at the most intimate moment of relationship in every atom of our body.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 54: 11 – 12: O afflicted ones, storm tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set thy stones in antimony, and lay thy foundations with sapphires; I will make your pinnacle of agate, your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of precious stones.

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 4: 9 – 11: Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the One Who sits on the throne, Who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before the One Who sits on the throne and worship Him, Who lives forever and ever. They throw down their crowns before the throne, exclaiming: “Worthy are You, Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things; because of Your will they came to be and were created.

PRAYER

Lord, You have given us a tremendous mission, just anoint us for that mission. As Cece said, “We don’t want to be a ‘Jesus-hog’, we don’t want to keep it all for ourselves. We want other people to know You, Lord! As we heard in that scripture earlier: “How are

they to hear without someone to proclaim Him? And how are they to proclaim Him unless they are sent.” How are they going to know that good news unless they are sent? We are sent, Lord, give us the zeal to do this! It is about Your heart of love for others, especially the lost and the burdened who are struggling and don’t know You.

SHARING / IMAGE

We had a pastoral team meeting a couple of weeks ago, and one of the images that was received just came to my mind. The image was of a tree that was glowing in the darkness, and all of the blossoms on the tree were blossoms of light. That is who we are! We are the trees that glow in the darkness!

PRAYER

Lord, give us Your Spirit, that Life-giving Water. Lord, as we walk through the week, help us to see the people who we should invite to our Life in the Spirit Seminar, so that they too will receive that blessing from You. Inspire us, Lord! Let Your Living-water flow, O Lord! O Lord, as You hung up on the cross, Your heart of love beat for all mankind – everyone! Lord, help us to share in that thirst, that thirst for others that might know Who You are and know the love of the Father for them. Give us the zeal, the new fire, and the desire to bring all people to You, Lord! All people need to know You, Jesus, and we are the messengers that You send out to bring them the good news. Increase our zeal, Lord, increase our love and help us to see that as our mission.

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I confirm what Deacon Chuck just said in prayer. We don’t want to feel empty; we don’t want to be in a ‘coma-zone’ as we heard in the DVD. We don’t want to be stuck on ‘stupid’, nor do we want anyone to be like that either. This evangelization has been simmering within this prayer group for weeks, even months. Some of us were talking earlier how sometimes we come here just for our own refreshing, which is good, but we have a whole hurting world out there that is in a ‘dead-sea’ and in a ‘coma-zone. It can be scary to go to someone outside of our church and tell them about Jesus. We fear that we may say the wrong thing, or we fear that we may not do it right. But listen to the words in scripture from **1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 16**: The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit Who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man’s judgment: “For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

PRAYER

Lord, help us to open our hearts to You! Let us not look upon worthiness as the criteria for opening them to You. Let us not look upon our own knowledge as a criteria for

opening them to You. Give us Your grace, O Lords, to open our hearts to You because of love.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 5: (Paul is writing) “When I came to you, brothers, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words, or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.” So, Lord, let our faith not rest on human wisdom, but upon Your power, and on Your Spirit.

SENSE / PROPHECY

After we sang that last song, there was a sense of the powerful presence of God asking to invade our hearts. I just sense that there was at least person here, if not a couple of people, who felt that you were not sure that you wanted the Lord to invade your heart, because you were thinking that “my heart has been broken before. My heart has been broken, and I am afraid to let You invade my heart.” The Lord wants you to know that He is that God of mercy, that God of love, and the places where your heart has been broken, He has been there and He now this night puts His healing hand upon that place and He says, “My mercy now touches you. My love heals that place that has been broken. Trust Me, for I am the One Who loves you.”