

INSPIRED WORD

January 15, 2020

PRAYER

Lord, we just want to go deep with You. We want to enter into the wellspring, the fountainhead, Your love and mercy, where it all began, with Your heart, a heart broken on the cross and raised on the third day and poured out through the Holy Spirit upon us, to live a new life, a new life in You. Not on our own, not on our own strength, power, intelligence, money, fame, but in You and You alone. So we just cry out with our hearts.

SCRIPTURE / WORD OF WISDOM

We were just singing about God calling our name and the readings this week are from the book of **Samuel 3:1-10**, and God's calling Samuel's name and he doesn't recognize that call. Sometimes we don't recognize that call either. But finally Eli realizes, asks what's going on and tells Samuel to answer Him. So Samuel answers and says, "*I delight to do your will. Here I am, Lord. I am your servant.*" And we are His servants also. He is calling our name as well. He's calling each of us to serve in different ways.

SCRIPTURE

From **1Thessalonians 4:13-18**: *Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep or to grieve like those who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; after that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.*

SCRIPTURE

Part of **Psalms 130:5-6** says, "*I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word. My soul waits for the Lord more than sentinels wait for the dawn.*" And then earlier, the word that kind of came into my mind was "abundance" and we were singing about the banquet. And in **Luke 12:27-31**: *Take the lilies; they do not spin, they do not weave. But I tell you that Solomon in all his splendor was not arrayed like any one of them. If God clothes in such splendor the grass of the field which grows today and is thrown on the fire tomorrow, how much more will he provide for you, O weak in faith! It is not for you to be in search of what you are to eat or drink. Stop worrying. The unbelievers of this world are always running after these things. Your Father*

knows that you need such things. Seek out instead his kingship over you; the rest will follow in turn.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

While that last word was being read from the scripture, it's a good encouragement for all of us, but the Lord was just impressing on my heart as it was read that it is particularly for somebody here tonight that is struggling with knowing... I don't know what for sure but how they're going to do something, maybe make a payment, maybe take a trip they need to take. I don't know but the Lord knows. And He just impressed on my heart that He really wants you to be encouraged by that word to trust in Him.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 29:17-19: *Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.*

SCRIPTURE / WORDS OF WISDOM

Isaiah 43:1-5: *But now this is what the Lord says, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." Our God spoke to Jacob and spoke to Israel and speaks to us tonight. He does not promise that there will be painless times or easy times; instead He tells us not **if** you go through the fire but **when** you go through the fire. And tonight as we gather, we hear over and over the word "trust". During the hard times and during the good times, the easy times, the pleasant times, we are to trust because we're God's. He's called each one of us by name and because our God is a merciful God, who loves us, and we are His children.*

SHARING

From St. Faustina's diary: Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the fountain of mercy, because justice will have no hold on it.

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

In a confirmation to what Barb said before, because I had this open before, and it's from **Psalms 143:8:** *Let the morning bring word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.*

PROPHECY

My beloved people, I have heard you call me and now I say to you, my beloved people, I desire to call you. You asked for more power and I say to you, I have empowered you. Now what will you do? You asked for more love and I say to you, believe I have loved you with all my love. My beloved ones, I say to you now, you are loved and you are empowered and I desire to send you forth to those who do not know me yet and there are many. I call you and I say be not afraid. I am with you. I do not send you out without my protection, without my care. Be not afraid. You have asked for my love and I say to you, my beloved, you are loved. You asked for more power and I say to you, my beloved, you are anointed with the power that you need. And now I say to you once again, I have heard you call me and now I call you. I call you to go forth and speak the words that I give you to those who may not wish to listen but who need to hear. Do not hesitate; do not be afraid. I am with you. Listen again, I am with you, and I need you to go out to those who need me also. My beloved ones, this call is a strong call. This call is a necessary call. There are many who need to hear you speak. They need to hear you say what I ask you to say. Be not afraid, my beloved ones. Go forth with the love that you have asked for; go forth with the power that you have requested; go forth.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

I have this real strong sense that someone here is the someone who is lost and who needs to hear that word. But you are saying, "I can't go out because I don't know you yet, Lord, the way I should." If that's you, I ask you to speak to one of the members of the pastoral team and not leave here without asking for that help.

EXHORTATION

(Song: "Jesus, you're all this heart is longing for.") And so are the hearts of those out there who do not know Jesus Christ – hungering for Him, maybe not even knowing it's Him they hunger for, but they hunger for God's love. They hunger for His touch. And we're sent there, aren't we? So we leave this place now and we go forth as ambassadors of Jesus, sent as His messengers with the power of the Holy Spirit.