

## INSPIRED WORD

### January 22, 2020

#### PRAYER

Lord, we want more of You here tonight. We want to see You tonight. We want to see Your glory, God. More of Your love and Your power. Come, Holy Spirit, come. We ask You to come and have Your way, in Jesus' name.

#### SCRIPTURE / WORD OF WISDOM / PRAYER

From **Matthew 25:1-10**: *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins who took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were wise and five of them were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them. But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. When the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight when a cry was made, "Behold, the bridegroom comes! Go out and meet him!", then all those virgins arose and trimmed the lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us your oil for our lamps have gone out." But the wise answered saying, "No, lest there not be enough for us and you. Go into town and buy some more for yourselves," and while they went off to buy some more, the bridegroom came, and they who were ready went in with him to the marriage and the door was shut. And the sense I have of that was: Where are our hearts? Have we brought oil to sustain us through the long night? Prayer is the oil that we build a reservoir full so that we're ready to hear when the Bridegroom comes. We know His voice and we're ready to go in with Him. We're not scrambling around trying to get our lives in order, and miss it. Lord, help us be ready; help us get it in order, get our acts together and, through prayer and spending time with You, have our oil in our lamp ready to burn brightly for the world to see.*

#### CONFIRMATION / IMAGE

I have a confirmation because before Cece started to speak, I had an image of... I wasn't sure if it was an oil lamp within us or just the light of the Holy Spirit in us but the lamp reading really spoke. And basically what I was seeing was that everybody here had that light in them that was lit at our baptism and continues to be lit. Some are very low; some are burning brightly. But in the image I saw the Lord Jesus come, and He was like turning up the lights that were low. It was His grace and His mercy because He wants us to shine for Him. He wants us to shine with His love. And if we but ask Him, "Lord, turn my flame higher," He will come and He will do it.

#### SCRIPTURE

From the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, **Revelation 3:20-22**: *Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with*

*him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne as I also overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*

## **SCRIPTURE / PRAYER**

**Psalm 27:13-14:** *I believe I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord with courage; be stout-hearted and wait for the Lord!* And so, Lord, prepare our hearts. Give us the courage that we need to have, the courage that comes only from You. Help us to be stout-hearted; help us to be focused; help us to be faithful; and help us to wait, always to wait for Your time, Your presence, Your love, Your salvation. Lord, help us to wait faithfully for You to come.

## **SCRIPTURE**

From **1 Peter 1:18-20, 23:** *For you know that it was not with perishable things, such as silver or gold, that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world but was revealed in these last times for your sake. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*

## **SHARING**

I have a sense that something very wonderful is happening tonight.

## **PROPHECY**

My beloved, my dearly beloved, I say to you... You have called to me and I say to you I am here. My beloved ones, my light is in you; let it shine brightly. My love is in you; share it with others. My joy is in you; let your face show it to others. My beloved ones, I am in you. Be not afraid to carry me out to others. So often you call for me, and now I say to you, always I am with you; always I go where you go. Often I put some ahead of you or in front of you, and I say to you in your mind, let them know that I am here. My beloved, believe that I am with you. I am with you always. You do not have to sense me. You do not have to hear me. But you have to trust in me. I do not leave you alone. I do not send you out alone. I go with you, sometimes before you, sometimes beside you, but always with you. And so my beloved, know that I have come already, know that I am in you, and know that I want you to go out and carry me out to others.

## **SHARING / SCRIPTURE**

The word I got earlier was truth, and what Mel spoke is the truth that the Lord is with us always. I used to think that if I wasn't in a ministry job, the Lord wasn't going to use me. Well, that's not true. Wherever you are, whatever you're doing, every minute the Lord wants you to

do something for Him, and as Mel said, He's there, and He's blessed us, He's gifted us. The truth is that we are called now. And I opened my bible to look up the Way, the Truth and the Life, and I found a part of John that I had circled earlier. I don't even remembering circling it. It says: *Whoever lives the truth comes to the light so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God (John 3:21).*

## **SCRIPTURE**

When Marilyn was speaking I was called to this verse from **John 15:16**: *You did not choose me, I chose you and I appointed you to go and bear fruit, the fruit that will last; so that the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. And before that it says: Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing (4-5).*