

## INSPIRED WORD

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### SCRIPTURE

I asked the Holy Spirit to give me a scripture tonight and He gave me **Revelation 22:1-3**: *The angel also showed me the river of the water of life, sparkling like crystal, and coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb and flowing down the middle of the city street. On each side of the river was the tree of life, which bears fruit twelve times a year, once each month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations. Nothing that is under God's accursed will be found in the city. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city and his servants will worship him.* And that's what we're going to do; we're here to worship the Lord, and when we do that, that river of life flows right through this place, and He invites us to step into it.

### PRAYER

Let's start in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, amen. Lord Jesus, we just ask that You come in power, that You help us to open our hearts, open our minds, open our lives, open ourselves to You, that we fall more deeply in love with the Father and with the Son and with the Holy Spirit. Blessed Mary, intercede for us; angels and saints, pray with us as we come before the throne of the Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER

Lord, we just know that sometimes life's a storm; the winds are blowing, the ground is unstable, the sky looks gray. And Lord, in those storms we know that You walked on the water. You calmed the storm; You called Your disciple to You and in faith, he came. And as long as his eyes were on You, Lord, Peter could walk on those waves because he was connected to You, God. Help us to be connected that way right now and really experience trust, trust that You are bigger than our storms, trust that You are bigger than our hurts, our illnesses, our problems, our failures, our screw ups. Trust. Help us keep our eyes on You.

### PRAYER

You call us, Lord. You call us to bring our hearts to You, Lord, to render our hearts to You. You call us to come close. Pour Your grace upon us, Spirit of the living God, that we may open our hearts to the loving heart of Jesus, that we may receive here in this place tonight His love and His mercy. Glory to You, God!

### PRAYER

Lord, You transform us in Your mercy and as You pour through us, let us pray the Magnificat, the prayer of the angel and Mary's response to that prayer as You flowed through her, that

Jesus could come into this world to be born. Lord, we need You to pour through us so that You can work through us and be born through us to those who we encounter, that we could bring Your name, that we could bring Your presence into every situation. Help us know how holy You are and how holy You want us to be. Transform us, Lord, in Your mercy. Transform us.

### **PRAYER**

Lord, just help us to sit here for a moment, to rest in Your presence, to be in the silence, to listen for Your voice. We just rest; we wait, wait for You even though we know You're here.

### **PRAYER**

Holy Spirit, just anoint the hearts and minds of Your faithful here. And if You have word for us tonight, Lord, then anoint and let us hear it. Holy Spirit, touch the hearts of the people now. Bring forth Your word here in this place tonight.

### **IMAGE**

Early on when we were singing, I was actually getting an image of myself just being wrapped with the wings of an angel and after that being led to the image of Divine Mercy. That's where He wants us to be, wrapped in His angels' wings and brought to His mercy.

### **SHARING**

Ever since we sang the song about His mercy flowing through us, the word mercy has been in my mind, also the word humility. I also can confirm the "holy is He". The word holy was very prominent on my mind.

### **IMAGE**

It's not easy for me to be up here. I had something from the very beginning – a firewall. And I saw that God was creating a firewall in love, protecting me from something very painful. And I just kept seeing this fire, and it was purifying, and it was protecting me, you know; it was such a loving gesture. And then I realized that He Himself is that firewall. He's not setting it up; it's Himself. His very self is this firewall for my wellbeing that helps me cope with something very painful. That's for me and for any of us. Firewall.

### **WORD OF KNOWLEDGE**

Back to the sharing on the river flowing through me – that verse just kept coming through and through again, related to the beginning verse. But what I saw was the image of a person who has a lot of green and fruitful areas but there's a place where they feel very dry as if grass will never grow there in that one place. And I believe that the Lord wants you to know that when we have the prayer teams tonight, that if you ask for prayer He will bring fertile growth to that dry place.

## **EXHORTATION / PRAYER**

From the very beginning of tonight I had a clear sense for this congregation, for this people. As we've gone across the River Jordan there was a need for us to just look ahead and see the cloud of the presence of the Lord in the daytime and the fire of His presence at night, and to not be afraid to follow His presence no matter where that might lead us. I just want to be able to follow after His presence wherever that leads. I just worship You, Lord, and praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name, for You alone are worthy. Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

## **PRAYER**

So Lord, help us not to be afraid because when You are with us, there is no reason for fear. In the day You guide us with a cloud of Your presence and in the evening the fire of Your presence, Lord. Help us to surrender to You, Lord, to follow You unreservedly.

## **CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE**

Just to confirm what's all been going on tonight and prayers I've had about this meeting here. Sometimes we make God so small to fit into our heart and then what happens is the brambles and cares of the world try to overcome us and then try to make us be distracted from His holy love and His mercy. And the passage that came out to me to share tonight is actually from **Genesis 1:1-5** about the awesomeness of our Almighty God and our ever-loving Father. It says: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty; darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day and the darkness he called night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.* And it goes on for each of the days. And when we pray, Jesus says in **Matthew's** gospel (**18:20**): *"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am with you."* And so when we put these burdens at the foot of the cross of Jesus, all of sudden we need to realize His holy love and His mercy that He has for each one of us, and He wants the best for each and every one of us. And can miracles not happen when we have belief in our Almighty God and ever-loving Father?

## **PROPHECY / IMAGE**

When I came in I immediately noticed the Divine Mercy and have been sitting kind of fixated on that the entire time. And I don't know if this is to anyone in particular or just all of us in general but I heard this invitation: "My sons and daughters, come to the mercy. The mercy is in you. Divine mercy is always available." And then I had this image of scuba divers going into the ocean and they were viewing all these beautiful fish and rocks and starfish and seaweed and just all these wonderful colors in the ocean. And I was thinking the Lord was telling us to just

bathe in the ocean of Divine Mercy and take delight in all the glorious beauty of that Divine Mercy.

### **PRAYER**

Lord, we thank You for Your holy presence that You pour forth upon us. Thank You for Your holy anointing. O Jesus, as we pray in Your holy name this evening, Lord, strengthen Your people tonight, Lord, who come to You in faith, come to You in need.

### **MESSAGE IN TONGUES**

#### **INTERPRETATION**

Come, my beloved, come. It is you that I call. I call you by name. Come, my beloved one, it is you that I call. Be not afraid. Know that I...

#### **INTERPRETATION**

I want to transform you, my children, into images of me. I ask that you be willing to do this. I ask you to come before me with an open heart so that I might transform you and send you to others. For this world is broken; this world needs you; this world needs my love shown through you. That is all, my children.

#### **IMAGE**

I just recently saw while sitting there a big wellspring just flashing forward and calling us to drink from it and be totally refreshed.

#### **CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE / SENSE**

I have confirmation of that. When we were singing, over and over that line of that song was crystal clear for me about the river starting to flow. You can hear it and let it transform you but also basically the sense of drinking and letting it refresh you, letting it fill you. And then on the other side of the coin, I'm not sure if this is something God's just telling me or if it's tied to Mel's word, but I keep getting the scripture about Jacob wrestling with God (**Genesis 32:24-29**) and how when Mel was speaking, I kind of got this sense of God saying, "You wrestle with me and I'm going to wrestle back with you, because I'm tough enough to hang on when you start wrestling with me." And that was part of the Mel word but the part that was more for me and maybe for someone else here is that Jacob was changed. His name was changed and he went from being behind to becoming one who struggles with God. He was renamed Israel and Israel means one who struggles with God and who saw God face to face. But Jacob walked away from that encounter with a limp. When we wrestle really hard because we're fighting God, sometimes we end up with... it hurts us a bit. And it's not because God wants to hurt us but because when we do that, we hurt ourselves and we have consequences for that wrestling but God is big enough to wrestle with us. And He's there with us afterwards too. And He did bless

Jacob; He did give him the blessing that Jacob asked for, and it changed his life. So maybe it can change ours.

## **SHARING**

Earlier I believe it was CiCi who mentioned the word connect, to connect with God and get a deeper connection with God. That word really stuck out and I've been hanging on to it all night and it's really making an impression on my heart. And when we sang the song "Hungry," the words that stuck out to me were "You're all this heart is living for." So it really touched the core of my soul. That connection with Jesus were the words I had an image of.

## **PRAYER**

Lord, You pour forth Your grace that we might connect with You even more. Help us to do that.

## **EXHORTATION**

Looking at the Divine Mercy picture, I encourage each of you, especially if you thought you had a word, to look at the Divine Mercy picture right now, and look at the heart of God. Look what He's doing for us, but especially what He's doing for each of us individually. Take a good look at that heart and if in fact you have been called, you have a word or something to share, look at the heart and what's being poured out to you, and use that Divine Mercy that the Lord is giving you, the strength He's giving you to come forth and overcome the fear that you have in speaking that word.

## **SCRIPTURE**

This is a word from Paul to the **Corinthians (6:1-2)** and he is quoting Isaiah, the words of the Lord to Isaiah: *Working together then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In an acceptable time I heard you and on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is a very acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation.*

## **IMAGE**

Well, I have been seeing an image tonight of a fern and I can't figure out what that means but fern, tons of fern. Fern to me means an over abundance of water usually so I'm not sure what that is.

## **SHARING**

As soon as she said ferns, I saw the image very clearly of the Pacific Northwest, up in the Hoh National Rain Forest. I don't know if anybody's been there but it rains, like, 172 inches of rain in a year. It's up in the far west side of Washington and when the sun is out, it is every color of green you can ever imagine as far as you can see. It's just every shade of green that exists in the rainbow in that space, and it's all from the abundance of water.