

INSPIRED WORD

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SHARING / SCRIPTURE

I found this from “Jesus Calling” the other day and I don’t even know why I made a copy of it: “I am creating something new in you, a bubbling spring of joy that spills over into each other’s lives. Do not mistake the joy for your own or try to take credit for it in any way. Instead, watch in delight as my Spirit flows through you to bless others. Let yourself become a reservoir of the Spirit’s fruit. Your part is to live closer to me, open to all I am doing in you. Don’t try to control the streaming of my Spirit through you. Just keep on focusing on me as well as walking through this day together. Enjoy my presence which permeates you with love, joy and peace.” And the scriptures are **John 3:8**: *The wind blows wherever it pleases. You can hear its sound but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is in everyone born of the Spirit.* The other one is **Galatians 5:22**: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.*

SCRIPTURE

From **Matthew 10:27-28** – and this reminded me of what the brothers were talking about and also the song we sang I think immediately after that video: *What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.*

SCRIPTURE / WORD OF WISDOM

Jesus and Paul talk about nothing can separate us from the love of God. Not height or depth and it goes on and on. And then another place He talks about we’re the temple of the Holy Spirit. And the scripture that came to me is from Ezekiel 43 and it kind of puts those two together in a different context. It’s why we’re holy as the temple of the Holy Spirit and that nothing can separate us from God; it’s because He promised. So from **Ezekiel 43:1-7**: *He took me to the gate, the one facing east. I saw the glory of the God of Israel approaching from the east. A sound came with him like the sound of the ocean and the earth shone with his glory. This vision is like the one I had seen coming before the destruction of the city and like the one I had seen at the river Chebar. Then I fell to the ground. And the glory of the Lord arrived at the temple by the east gate. The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court. I saw the glory of Yahweh fill the temple and I heard someone speaking to me from the temple while a man stood beside me. He said, “Son of man, this is the dais of my throne, the step on which I rest my feet. I shall live here among the Israelites forever and the house of Israel. They and their king shall never defile my holy name. And there was just that strong sense of it’s because the Lord comes and He promised to stay. It’s why nothing can separate us from Him. And why we’re the temple of the Holy Spirit – He has filled that temple. God in three persons, God the Holy Spirit has filled us to overflowing. And He promises never to leave. So nothing can separate us from Him because He refuses to get evicted.*

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

I was led to **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**, St. Paul is speaking: *When I came to you, brothers, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or wisdom, for I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my proclamations 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.* And so, Lord, on Your power, on Your Spirit, on Your anointing You send us forth. In Your power, God, with Your Spirit, You send us forth. We are the temple of the Lord as we go forth. And we go forth with Your Spirit, in Your Spirit, and with Your power. We praise You. We give You thanks.

SCRIPTURE / SENSE

I keep thinking about the parable of the talents, the one where Jesus told of the talents He gave different servants, different amounts. And one did nothing and buried it and one invested it (**Matthew 25:14-30**). And I keep asking, "Lord, why are You reminding me of that?" And He said it's because He has gifted all of us so much with the power of the Holy Spirit. And if we hold on to it and do nothing with it, the world remains the same or gets worse. But if we give back, yes, like the brothers were talking about, it will become so much more with the power of the Holy Spirit. He will take that "yes", that one little light, and magnify it so much if we but do it.

PRAYER

It's as if I'm hearing a cry, the cry of the people saying, "Help me! Help me! Help me! Help me!" Lord, you send us forth. Help us to say "yes".