

INSPIRED WORD
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INSPIRED TEACHING / PRAYER

In Jerusalem there was a temple and at the center of the temple was the Holy of Holies, and in the Holy of Holies rested the Ark of the Covenant. And around the Ark was a great veil. When Jesus died, that veil was torn in two. It was several stories high and several hundred pounds if not thousands of pounds of material protecting the Holy of Holies. But when Jesus died, that veil that divided us from the most sacred presence of God was destroyed. And with the angels we were allowed to go in and be present to the Lord and let Him be present to us. And with the coming of the paraclete, the Holy Spirit, the presence of God, that holy presence of God went from being in a tabernacle in a place to being in our hearts in an inner space so that we could carry His presence with us wherever we go. Lord, we thank You for that gift, and we're sorry for the ways we've failed to be a good sanctuary for Your presence. We ask You to heal those broken places so that we would be better vessels of Your love, transformed into the Holy of Holies through Jesus, through Jesus.

SENSE

The word that I sensed early on tonight was about the children of Israel as they went through the desert for 40 years and God prepared manna for them. He only gave them enough for one day. He gave them a day's worth of manna, no more, and if they took more than a day's worth of manna, except for the Sabbath, the manna would turn to worms; it was no good. But I think in the same way here, we're to take the day's manna and receive it from the Lord.

SENSE

So along with that manna that we're given, the Lord says that He is right next to us all the time. He's helping our words; He's helping our steps; He's our courage and our strength. But what He asked me to do tonight was to look into His face. And that's kind of scary. You have to be honest with Him when you look into His face. Did I listen to You, Lord, when You told me to do something? Was I obedient? Did I feel Your strength next to me and move in that strength? Did I use Your power, Lord? And there are going to be times when I don't. And the Lord says that's okay. Let's try it again.

SENSE

I heard the word "peaceful, peace". In this crazy, wild world, I think it's broken down and everything is so fast. I just see this perfect peace in all situations. And what Jimmie said about manna for the day, sometimes we're given peace, just for each day. You have to trust in God, that His peace will be there when you need it.

CONFIRMATION / SENSE

I want to confirm a lot of what Marilyn said. A lot of those same thoughts have been in my head since the meeting started. And the word that's come out of a couple of the songs for me has been "waiting", or a couple of references to "waiting for God." And that means patience and there's a scripture from Paul. I believe it talks about patient perseverance. And perseverance isn't fun sometimes. And I can't quote the chapter and verse but hopefully someone else knows it.

CONFIRMATION / SENSE

I don't have that scripture but I got that word "wait" all evening. And I'm very honest with the Lord. He kept telling me wait, and it was in a lot of our songs, and I said, "Lord, I don't like that word." He already knows how I feel about it and He said, "Well, why don't you like that word?" And I said, "Because I pray so many intentions for families and friends and myself and Your answer is often 'wait'." And He said, "You are thinking of the word 'wait' the way you use it, which would be just to keep waiting, like wait a minute, I'm busy." And He said, "You need to think of the word 'wait' the way I use it. Wait until you see what I will do."

SCRIPTURE

After we sang the song "Open Your Eyes", the words that came to me were "fall upon me, call upon my name, and all will be saved". And I looked it up and it's from **Acts 2:17-21**: *In the last days God said, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit on those days and they will prophesy. I will show them wonders in heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapors of smoke; the sun will turn to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious days of the Lord, and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

CONFIRMATION / IMAGE

So I believe I can confirm what CiCi said because from the very beginning the praise was very fast, very loud and in my mind I saw and heard the heavens open up and then what preceded down from heaven were the angels and saints who were marching down and sitting with each one of us and praising God. So we are not doing this alone. The angels and saints have come down and march down those steps from heaven to praise with us.

SHARING / IMAGE

Actually I have two things. The word "wait" is also not just waiting for something but when I learned the scripture "*they that wait upon the Lord*" (**Isaiah 40:31**), I learned it as they that serve the Lord shall renew their strength. So when you're waiting on somebody, like in a restaurant, you're serving them. And CiCi said to bring your burdens to the foot of the cross,

and I think you said something about then the Lord can give you a hug, the best hug you'll ever have, and because you've laid your burdens down your hands are free. I got the image of going to the Lord with burdens and He said, "Put the palms of your hands down and then rub your hands together and then rub in between your fingers so even your burdens that are the size of a grain of sand, you've freed yourself of that." And then truthfully you can go to the Lord and your arms and your soul are free enough to be able to give Him a wonderful hug also.

SENSE

Just to add another "wait" – when Laura started speaking about other kinds of "wait", besides serving or waiting on somebody or waiting in joy, I just had this rush of an image of the Lord saying, "There's also weight on me, like the weight of an anchor. Let me settle you; ground yourself in me. Let me be the weight for you, and then I can be your Prince of Peace because you're grounded in me."

SHARING / IMAGE / SENSE

I almost have to laugh at that word "wait" because I know that a lot of people are probably like me – if you're going to make a garden, I just want to smash all the flowers in there that I can. I squish them all in there and I've got it covered with flowers. But in my case and probably in others, that's not what God wants. I see in my mind an empty field really and I see one tree and it's just pruned to the hilt. And I see Jesus painstakingly picking out little tiny weeds before they get big, just little tiny weeds, and the feeling from Him is "Just wait and let the fields that are around blow seeds into your field, and let those seeds grow." And I think the moral of the story is to not fill up your life with all kinds of things and stuff and be busy. "I want other people to influence your life and I want them to impact your life so you can grow a beautiful garden that other people have influence on you. And so leave some of you fallow for me to do that in your life. So just wait and be patient. So just wait." And that's very hard.