

INSPIRED WORD
September 18, 2019

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

I'd like to start tonight with **Psalm 27:1, 4, 13**: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? Yahweh is the fortress of my life; whom should I dread? One thing I ask of God, one thing I seek, to dwell in Yahweh's house all the days of my life, to enjoy the sweetness of Yahweh, to seek out his temple. (And His temple is where His presence is and that's what we're doing tonight; we're seeking the Lord in His temple.) This I believe; I shall see the goodness of Yahweh in the land of the living! Put your hope in God; be strong; let your heart be full; put your hope in the Lord. Lord, we just ask that You help us to be strong and bold and dwell in Your presence tonight and not be afraid, for You are sweetness and light. Amen.*

PRAYER

O Lord, create in our hearts a deep desire for You.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

After the children of Israel were told to cross the River Jordan, after they piled up the stones on the other side of the River Jordan, the Spirit of the Lord said that it came to pass (**Joshua 5:13-15**): *When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man stood opposite him with his sword drawn; and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?" So he said, "No, but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to him, "What does my Lord say to his servant?" Then the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandals off your feet for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so. Father, we just pray that You would give us clear direction going forward as You have in the past, and we just submit ourselves to Your will and Your order this night. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name. We worship You in every respect for it's in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Halleluiah to the Lamb, the holy risen Lamb of God.*

IMAGE

I had this image a little bit ago. Have any of you ever been to Glacier National Park or Rocky Mountain National Park? I grew up in Montana and went to Glacier a lot. But the image I had was... Those kind of highways that go way up into these mountains, they have these tall poles on either side. When it snows really hard, those poles hopefully will be above the snow that falls so that the snowplow can come through in the spring and clear out those roads. And that's the image I had was those poles and the snow was everything that this world is full of, this junk. And those poles are the guideposts that God gives to us, and there's a bunch of different

ones and we know them. We can make that road; we can clear out that snow because we know to be in the middle of those guideposts. And just an ordinary pickup truck with a plow in front is not going to go through that snow. God wants us to be snow plows. He wants us to use the power of the Holy Spirit, His power, to clear that road for other people, to make that path through all that junk to the Father, to the Son. And I thought it was kind of appropriate because the road in Glacier is called Going to the Sun highway, spelled s-u-n, but that's what we're doing. We need to plow that road for others so that they can go to the Son, S-o-n.

SCRIPTURE

The two phrases that stuck out to me in the music were the word "awesome" which we heard at least twice and then also the verse that "God is for us so who could be against us". And that just stayed with me as soon as I heard it, kind of flashing like a light in my brain. And in **Romans 8:35-39**, it says: *Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trial or distress or persecution or hunger or nakedness or danger or the sword? As scripture says, "For your sake we are being slain all the day long; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." Yet, in all this, we are more than conquerors because of him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God which comes to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.* And that's probably enough for me to think about for the rest of my life.

SHARING

Just before we started, I just completed a prayer silently. And my prayer was that God would cleanse my heart of anything blocking it from receiving from God. And it was so amazing that the next song happened to be "Purify Your Heart". And what I liked about that was all the amazing ways God shows me that He is close, the timing of it and then the words of the song. And I just love it!

SHARING

I hope I can explain this. My little granddaughter was collecting acorns at the park the other day. And I got here and I thought, you know, it's probably very, very comfortable for that acorn to be on that tree. It was nourished; it didn't have to think about anything; it just hung there safe and comfortable, but at some point God decreed that that acorn fall to the ground. And I looked up at that vine on the banner and I thought that unless that acorn falls to the ground, it could never make a new magnificent creation. And you have an obligation, and God has an obligation to you to help you to reach your fullest potential of loving while you're here. And to do that sometimes it's going to be uncomfortable. You're going to have to change your life and you're going to have to allow that change to be your most magnificent self, because you don't have a long time here.

SCRIPTURE

The message that I got was “*Be still and know that I am God*” (**Psalm 46:10**).

SCRIPTURE / WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

As we sang the song “water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind; there’s no one like you”, what came to my mind was that we were singing of the wonderful miracles of what Jesus did, that He did the impossible. And then the gospel of yesterday came to my mind when Jesus went and met the widow coming out of the city and her son was dead. And His heart was filled with compassion and He touched the son and brought him back to life (**Luke 7:11-17**). And I think what He wants us to know is that there is nothing that is impossible with God. And I just feel like there might be someone here tonight who’s been struggling with thinking that God could never do anything about this. It’s too big. And it’s not a lack of faith; it’s just a big burden. And I believe that God is saying, “Come to me and let the prayer teams pray for you and help you and build you up, and I will hear you.”

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I think this confirms what Barb just said. This is **Luke 11:9-13**: “*And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish, or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more the Father in heaven will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.*”

PRAYER

Lord, I give You praise and thanks. I thank You for Your presence here with us now, for Your call on our hearts that brought us here this evening, for the work that You are doing here tonight. Thank You for Your love, for Your mercy, for Your compassion and for Your caring, for Your strength, for Your healing.