

INSPIRED WORD
October 9, 2019

PRAYER

Lord, we know that we're loved by You, loved by You, Lord, no matter what. And that gives us joy knowing that, knowing that we're special in Your eyes, no matter what we've done. You call us by name and You love us, each and every one. Thank You for that; that's an awesome, awesome truth. Thank You, Jesus, glory to You, Lord. So all those things we came in with, drop them here, because we want to have eyes and hearts for You. We want to look to You, God, to look to You tonight, to come close, to be joyous in Your presence, to revel in that love, and to be open, Jesus, to Your Holy Spirit. Praise You, Jesus!

PRAYER

God, we are just broken in Your presence tonight. We are just broken and do not even know how to approach Your throne. We approach Your throne on our knees and just approach You and ask for Your tender mercy and compassion tonight. We ask that every thought, word and deed that we think, say and do would glorify You in every way possible tonight, O Most High God, that everything we think, say and do would be to the glory of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We just pray that You would show us how to glorify You. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name, for You alone are worthy, worthy of honor and worthy of glory, worthy of all praise. Magnify and glorify and exalt Your holy name, O God.

SCRIPTURE

From the gospel of **John 1:1-5, 14, 17**: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning; through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness but the darkness has not overcome it. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only begotten Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 34:8: *Learn to savor how good the Lord is! Happy are those who take refuge in him!*

SCRIPTURE

From **Psalm 51:7-12**: *Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a*

steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

CONFIRMATION

I want to confirm those two scriptures that were just read. I was going through and praying today before praise and worship and I wrote down Psalms 34 and 51. So I was praying through those as well. So thank You, God.

SCRIPTURE

Also from **John 4:21-26**: *“Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour is coming, indeed it is already here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. That is what the Father seeks. God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”* The woman said to him, *“I know that Messiah (that is Christ) is coming; and when he comes, he will explain everything.”* And Jesus said, *“That is who I am, I who speak to you.”* Can you imagine? Your jaw would drop; you’ve waited your whole life for the One to come to actually come. And He’s standing in front of you saying, *“That is who I am, I who speak to you.”* And He’s also here in this place speaking to our hearts.

SHARING

This has absolutely been for me, what I am sharing, but I’m sharing it because I want to be obedient. I don’t have this happen often but tonight, from the first song, I see it now. It’s like a stream and it reminds me of being up at the Craggs and some of that area there where the mountain stream just comes through and there’s just this flow of the stream. And in my mind I can see the stream flowing, flowing, flowing. And the Lord advised me how I participate. I want to give the Spirit a tongue. I give the Spirit a voice by opening my mouth. Out of my inner most being flows rivers of living water. And then He impressed on me, *“What is obstructing that?”* I’ve seen those streams; I’ve gone on retreats and have just gotten away and watched literally what seemed like for hours, probably more like for minutes, watching a stream, watching the little twigs come through, watching the leaves push through, watching the force of that stream press and do the work the stream does. And the Lord called me... this is not a work of mine; this is not something I have merit for but He asked me, *“What is obstructing that?”* He called, *“Jamie, what is obstructing that stream?”* Because I have no doubt that you may feel dry at times. I feel dry at times but I have no doubt that somewhere that stream is flowing with force and life and vibrancy and power and meaning and purpose and life and performing what streams do. But I pray to know what... and it’s wisdom to observe and to note what is obstructing the stream’s flow in my life. And taking a step. It’s not something I get credit for; it’s not a merit; it’s not a work. It’s just removing an obstruction for the flow of God in my life. And then we began singing the song *“Flow River Flow”*. All that is what I’ve had in my heart going

on; I'm writing as fast as I can. And then you pulled up the song. I was lost. So I had to speak. Thank you for listening.

SCRIPTURE / PROPHECY

I thank You, Lord, for that sharing because it brings forth this word You've put in my heart. From **Psalm 46:4-5**: *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.* And I hear the Lord saying to us, "That river is flowing in this place right now, right here. And I say to all who are thirsty, come, drink of that live-giving water. And I say to all who need to be cleansed, come and bathe in my love and mercy flowing through that stream. To all who need just a quiet place, I say, come and sit and hear the stream flow and then you will hear my word speaking to your heart. To each and every one, I say, come, come, come to my river that flows through this place and out into the world. Come. Be made whole."

SHARING

This goes right along with what you two just said because when we sang the song "Open the floodgates of heaven," God just said, "Think about that." And so I did. And it's like... do I really think that God is up there with a floodgate keeping His graces, His blessings, His love behind this floodgate and not letting that come? Is He the one that lets maybe a little trickle out or...? We're telling Him to open the floodgates. I think we're the ones that control the floodgates because what? We're afraid to get flooded with His abundance, with His greatness, with His awesomeness? I don't think God is the one who's just allowing a little trickle or whatever. I think it's us. And we talk about what's the barrier, and I think we're the ones who just don't let that floodgate open and flood ourselves with everything that He has to give to us.

CONFIRMATION / IMAGE

I confirm everything that everyone has said about the floodgates. I had an image during the songs of a bubbling river that was gushing out, and then I got the word "yield", as if the Lord is saying, like Denise said, we are the ones who stop it. And we have to yield from our heart, not our head, but our heart to allow everything to come through.

CONFIRMATION / IMAGE

So as they were singing that song, I can confirm Jamie's testimony that he just gave. But here's what I saw in the image. There were boulders all in the stream. And of course we have obstacles ourselves that we need to work on but Jesus himself was picking up the boulders and moving them to the side, putting them on the shore as we went down that stream.

PROPHECY

And I heard the Lord say, "My people, open your hearts." He said, "Open, open your hearts, for I am a mighty river and let that mighty river overwhelm you."

PRAYER

O Jesus, help us to open wide. Break those barriers, Lord. Reveal them to us. You are the great breaker of chains, Jesus, breaker of barriers. Help us to be free to allow Your mighty river of grace to flow in and through us, to drink deep of that life-giving water. Lord, the river of Your grace flows here in this place, touching us. Lord, help us to open those floodgates within our hearts to receive fully that flow of that mighty river, and to let it out in love and power, in healing, in mercy, in encouragement, in freedom. Help us, Jesus, to say yes to that river of grace, yes to Your Spirit, yes! Remove the barriers; show them to us; remove them. Say yes! We give You thanks and we give You praise for Your holy presence here and Your word tonight, for Your mission.