

## INSPIRED WORD August 31, 2016

Tonight we will be watching a DVD titled: “**The Power of Worship**”, with **Father Matt Williams** as the speaker.

### PROPHECY / SCRIPTURE

When we started to sing this song: “Fear Not”, what popped into my mind was the things that I fear, and I said, “Lord, I am afraid of a lot of things.” He said, “But I am with you, and I also equip you!” **Ephesians 6: 10 – 18**: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

### CONFIRMATION / SENSE

I confirm what Laura just said. Sometimes this scripture sounds a little scary, but then we hear “Fear not!” Sometimes I think that we get a little afraid of that sacrifice because we focus on what we will lose, not on **what we will gain** when we place it on the altar of the Lord. But the Lord tells us, “**Fear not, for I am with you!**” I just got this overwhelming sense that someone here really needs to hear that Jesus is with us, **Jesus is with you!**

### SCRIPTURE

**Isaiah 43: 1 – 4**: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in return for you. Because you are precious in My eyes and glorious, and because I love you.” God of the universe says, “**You are precious in My eyes and glorious, and because I love you!**”

### SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

**Isaiah 2: 1 – 3**: In the days to come, the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many people shall come and say: “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain, to

the house of the God of Jacob, that He may instruct us in His ways, and we may walk in His paths.” I think that this is the point of ‘fear not’ – be not afraid to come up the mountain and be taught by the Lord to walk in His ways.

### **PRAYER**

We ask you, Lord, to be present to all of us. We step out in faith and say, “We fear not, Lord, because we know that You are our Protection, our Truth and our Help. We pray this in Your most holy Name! Amen!

### **EXHORTATION**

It is very important for each of us to remember that whatever evil happens in the world, **He is always the Lord and He is greater than all evil!**

### **SUMMARY / EXHORATION**

In one of the first songs that we sang tonight, there was a verse that said, “We set a fire for Your name”. I was wondering how that comes about. Then we sang the song, “Fear Not”, and we got over the fear because we got equipped as Laura read in **Ephesians 6**. So we fear, and then we got equipped. Then in the DVD tonight we heard, “We need to worship God, to pray, and when we do that we realize Who God is, and who we are.” Then we sang the song which had the words, “He is more than enough.” Because of that, we build a fire for His name, because it is His glory that we are building, and His glory, as He is with us and standing next to us, shows us Who He is!

### **PRAYER**

Lord, let us always know that in every fiber of our being that You are enough for us! Remind us, Lord, of this as we walk through the chaos of the day, when we come home at night, when we wake up in the morning and when we go to bed at night. **Remind us, Lord, that You are enough for each one of us, and that You are all we need, and all that we will ever need!** Thank You, Lord!!

### **EXHORTATION**

When we come together as a community to praise and worship God, He tells us to “Fear not”, and that He is enough for us. He reminds us that we are a prayer community, and as a prayer community we are called to pray for each other.

(Praying for the people present who need prayers.)