

INSPIRED WORD
July 22, 2015

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40: 31: But they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

PRAYER

When we gather in His Name, He is present among us. Lord Jesus, we affirm Your holy Presence here; all of Your people are here, and the young people are here. Lord, we know that You love them with a love that we cannot describe. O Jesus, we welcome You into this place! O Jesus, we ask You to walk among us here tonight! O Jesus, we ask You to touch each and every one of us here. Glory and praise be to You, O Lord Jesus! We give praise unto Your holy Name! Mighty and loving are You, O Lord!

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3: 3 – 10: The Lord Calls Samuel The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Here I am." He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call you. Go back to sleep." Again the Lord called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am; you called me." Eli answered again, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." Now Samuel did not know the Lord, because the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to sleep. The Lord came and revealed His Presence, calling out as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening."

PRAYER

How great are You, God! How great are You, God, Who called us into existence! You brought us to the Father's house, Who cares about every circumstance of our lives. How great are You, God, Who knows all of our pain, Who gives us mercy, grace and love; Who gives us hope! Glory be to You, O God!

SCRIPTURE / SHARING

Matthew 22: 36 - 40: "One of the Pharisees, an expert in the law, tested Jesus with this question, 'Teacher, What is the greatest commandment in the law?' Jesus replied, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.'" I just find it interesting that Jesus said that

the second commandment resembles the first commandment, because so often we see them as two totally different things - loving God with our whole heart, soul and mind is different from loving our neighbor as ourselves. But loving God, our neighbor and ourselves is all one package, because it is all love. In that love, God flows through us, and helps us to love Him, to love others, and to love ourselves, especially when it is most difficult.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95: 1 – 7: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are His people, the flock under His care.

PRAYER

Lord, we open up our hearts to Your call. Speak, O Lord; Your servants listen for Your voice! O Lord, speak to us; speak to us in an image, speak to us in Scripture, speak to us in words of wisdom, knowledge and prophecy. O Lord, speak to us; Your people listen for Your voice! Speak, O Lord, Your servants long to hear Your voice!

PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

Tonight, My beloved, I have called many, and many have come. I now speak to you, My beloved ones; do you come only tonight; do you come for only a little while, or do you come to stay? When you turn and run when things get difficult, will you seek other gods? You see, My beloved, I call you to come and stay, as I have called many others to come and stay, but I am sad because they come only for a while. Then they turn elsewhere. So I say to you, My beloved, come, but come to stay! Do not turn away, do not run, do not seek elsewhere, but come only to Me, My beloved ones! Often I have told you that I am a jealous God; but I am jealous for your benefit, not for Mine. It is only under My wing, My beloved, that you will survive! It is only under My wing, My beloved, that you will thrive! Look deep, look honestly, and then speak to Me. If there is a fear, speak it to Me! If there is a doubt, speak it to Me! If there is a concern, speak it to Me! Be in the light, My beloved; do not turn to the darkness. I call you, My beloved, so listen carefully; I call you, but I call you to come and stay! My Father awaits you, I await you, and we send Our Spirit to give you the strength to come. The choice is yours! It is really a simple choice; come and stay or turn elsewhere!

EXHORTATION

'Come and stay in His love' doesn't necessarily mean being here in this church all the time. We have to stay in His love when we are out in the world. We can find His love by paying attention to what Jesus is doing; by paying attention to what is happening around us all the time. Things will happen in our lives that are beyond being coincidental and we have to realize that Jesus is present in our lives. Watch for the

blessings in our lives, accept them and give thanks to God! Remember that He loves us and He cares about us, so don't forget to ask Him for help! He also helps us before we even pray for help because He knows our each and every need.

PROPHECY

When Mel was speaking in Prophecy a few minutes ago, I heard the words, "Choose Me!!"

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

There is someone here tonight who is having a problem with their right leg – with the upper leg. Is there someone here who is having a problem with their leg, due to an accident, or other causes? (The people prayed over a person who came forward for prayer.)

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your word, for Your touch and for Your holy Presence here tonight. We are Your flock whom You shepherd. And, like little lambs, when we go astray, Lord, You come to find us and bring us back to You. Help us, O Lord, to choose You always and to stay with You. Help us to be confident in Your holy Presence! Amen.