

INSPIRED WORD

October 14, 2015

PRAYER

Holy are You, O God! You are worthy of all praise! As the Summer sets and the Fall begins and this change of seasons takes place, we turn our hearts and minds to You, Lord God. We ask that You would help us to find new adventures in You. Thank You, Lord, for calling us here tonight to be with You, to praise Your holy Name, to recognize Who You are, and to recognize who we are in Your service. Help us, Lord, to lift up our praises to You tonight.

SCRIPTURE

When the pastoral team was praying in the back before this praise group started, we had two Scriptures that came up. One was **Psalm 30: 11 – 12**: “You turned my wailing into dancing; You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to You and not be silent. O Lord, my God, I will give You thanks forever.”

The other one was **Psalm 138: 1 – 2, 4**: “I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart; before the gods I will sing Your praise. May all the kings of the earth praise You, O Lord, when they hear the words of Your mouth.”

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

Romans 12: 4 – 10: For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor.” We are a body, although we all have different parts, and we all have different gifts. Sometimes we may think that we only have the gift of Word of Knowledge, or that we have the gift of Prophecy, or that we have another gift. I don't know about you, but I want all of the gifts. God wants to give us all of the gifts; He wants us to have **all** of the gifts. So as we come together tonight, let's come with that frame of mind and the energy and ask Him for all of the gifts. Then let's watch God move in power within us tonight. We are the instruments that He uses. It is all about the Holy Spirit coming and living within each of us and transforming us to become more like God, like Christ.

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 10: The hand of the Lord came upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; which was filled with bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones come to life?” I answered, “Lord God, You alone know that.” Then He said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put

breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.” So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army.

PRAYER

Your breath, the breath of Your Spirit, O Lord, raises us to life! O Lord, dryness can be made supple again, and dry bones can take on flesh, discouragement can take on hope, and weakness can take on strength, and the spirit can take on mercy and forgiveness. O Spirit of the living God, come! Breathe upon us, Your people standing and sitting here in this place, raise us up, **raise us up!** Fill us afresh with that fresh wind, Your breath, Your holy breath, that we might be a holy people, a people whose hearts are dedicated to Jesus Christ. O Lord, fill us!! Fill us, O Spirit of God, fill us!!

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6: 18: With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones.

PRAYER

O Spirit, come and move in power in this assembly! We have asked, O God, and You said in Your Word that when we ask, we receive. So Spirit of the Living God, move in power and let Your holy river flow, the river of Your grace, the river of Your Presence here in this place! Take us into it, O God! Glory be to You, Lord!!

IMAGE / PROPHECY

I had an experience many years ago at a large conference. The song that was being sung was this same song, “Let the river flow, let the river flow; Holy Spirit, come and move in power.” Then from the back of the conference auditorium came all of the dancers with a big long blue cloth and it was like the river of God was flowing from the back to the front of the auditorium. I just had that image again, and it was happening right here, right now. We had a word from **Ezekiel** a few minutes ago about being revived; and in the song that we sing, ‘all who touch it will be revived’. The Lord said, “Will you touch My river? Do you want to be revived? Do you want to be filled with more life to bring My love? Touch My river; all who touch it will be revived.”

PRAYER

Lord, You told us that Your river of grace is here, and Your people are here to be revived – those who want to be revived. Lord, we stand and receive the grace of revival! Lord, we want it! Lord, we want to be revived by You! From the depths of our being to the grace being offered by You, we say, “Yes”, to You! Lord, revive us here in this place, revive us for our mission, revive us in Your Spirit, as that is the only thing that can do it for us – You, You alone, the Spirit of love, the Spirit of Jesus, the Spirit of grace! Come, Holy Spirit, come, and do for us what we cannot do for ourselves; revive us in Your grace! Glory to You, O Lord! We give You praise!

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 84: 1 – 2, 5 – 7: How lovely Your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Happy are those whose strength is in You, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion. As they go through the dry valley, they make it a place of springs; the early rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength; they shall see the God of gods in Zion.

IMAGE / EXHORTATION

During one of the very first songs that we sang about 'It is rising up all around', I had this image of geysers in Yellowstone Park. There are some geysers that just bubble, but the ones that get everyone's attention are those that erupt. With our praise, our joy, our thanksgiving, and with the love we have for God, our hearts just want to erupt like those geysers. And the most famous geyser is Old Faithful. That is what God wants from His faithful people!

SENSE

I have a sense that we are leaving something out tonight – that someone here has a word to speak that we need to hear.

IMAGE

I just kept getting an image of a hurricane lamp and like it says in Scripture, 'A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.' (**Reference: Matthew 5: 14**) We are the hurricane lamp and Jesus is the flame with us. How brightly are we going to shine for Jesus to others?

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

I have been hearing God asking us to participate with Him in what He is doing. Then I was getting this Scripture in **Ezekiel 34: 16** "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." I am just hearing Him asking us to participate as He is doing those things, and as He calls us in each situation.