

INSPIRED WORD
September 19, 2018

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we give You praise and thanks for allowing us to come here to this place tonight to give You glory and profess Your holy name. We ask You here in this place to send forth Your Holy Spirit upon us. Send forth Your Holy Spirit of power upon us this night that we might praise You in spirit and in truth, that we might be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and through those, minister Your love, Your touch, Your healing to one another. And we ask this in Your holy name, the name of Jesus the Lord. We say to that – Amen!

PRAYER

Lord, just give us a hunger for You tonight. Touch our hearts and give us a hunger for You tonight, that we want to draw close, that we want to experience Your holy presence, that we want to be transformed, that we want to be open vessels to Your Holy Spirit tonight, and that we don't want fear to stop us or self-consciousness or anything. We want to be free in the Spirit of God. Lord, we're here to proclaim Your glory, Your holiness, Your power, Your love, Your caring. Glory to You.

PRAYER

Lord, we just ask for Your holy presence here in a mighty way tonight. We open our hearts to You. Lord, we want a taste of Your glory here.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

In **Psalm 108:2-7**: *Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn! I will praise you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your mercy is great above the heavens, and your truth reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! And your glory above all the earth! That your beloved may be delivered, saved with your right hand, and hear me! God has spoken in his holiness. O righteous and true, righteous, O righteous are You, O Lord. Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb, holy the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We do praise You, exalt You, and magnify Your name, for You alone are worthy, worthy, worthy, righteous and true. Holy, holy and just are You; holy is the Lamb of God.*

IMAGE / SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

When we were praying prior to this prayer meeting, I just saw this image of an extremely bright light in the sky, a light that appeared to be almost brighter than the sun itself. And at the same time that I got that image, I got this scripture from **Matthew 5:14-16**: *"You are the light of the*

world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine for others so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." It's interesting... the image on our screen tonight. And at the same time, often we have asked the Lord to set the fire in our hearts to burn brighter. We need to recognize that the light that shines through us is not a light that we create. But rather that we allow the light of Christ to shine through us. Any joy, any happiness that we show to others should be the light of Jesus Christ shining through us. Not to hide it, not to be afraid to let it show, but let it shine as bright as the Lord Jesus Christ himself shines.

SHARING / CONFIRMATION

I have to confirm what you said, Mel, because as I was sitting here... I've kind of been the past few weeks thinking about how we've crossed the Jordan. And I have to admit I've been feeling a little left out, like I don't know that I've crossed the Jordan and become different. I just have to be really honest with you. But I read something today that was really short and it was a two sentence thing and it said, "Satan will whisper to you: 'You can't get through this storm.' But you are to look him in the eye and say, 'I am the storm.'" What that means is, to me, crossing the Jordan means I've gotta be bolder. I've gotta be like a storm; I've gotta speak the name of Jesus; I've gotta pray for people I don't know. Outside of this meeting, I have to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit - and there's an urgency to it. Not a destructive storm but a relentless storm with the power of Jesus. That's what crossing the Jordan is for me.

CONFIRMATION

We say amen to that.

EXHORTATION

I'm glad you brought that up, Laura, because I know people are asking what it means to be beyond the Jordan and that's exactly what it means, that now we've been here in this community for so long but God is saying, "Go". We're going to the other side. We need to be out there and then bring the stories back here to encourage one another and then go out there again with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, with the joy of the Lord, with the truth that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

EXHORTATION

You've gotta yield to these gifts of the Holy Spirit; you've gotta step out in boldness. Out there you have to step out in boldness as well. This is crossing the Jordan River. This is moving out - all in for God and all out for other people. You're all in for God, all in for Jesus, and all out for other people. And in here we're all in for God, we yield to the Spirit; we're out for other people and yielding to those gifts. We bring people in too - that's part of crossing the Jordan, bring people here who need Jesus. Bring people in here who need to know Him, who need to know

His love. Bring people in here who are despondent and despairing. Bring people in here who need the healing touch of Jesus Christ. Bring them in here. And then when we pray for them, we praise God for the people and let the Lord minister to them. And when we're outside, we don't stop.

SHARING

We were at a really cool thing on Sunday on the eastern plains and there was a food truck there. You know, food trucks are everywhere these days. And this one had on the outside of the food truck: "As for me and my truck, we will serve the Lord." And it just made me smile.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

In **Psalm 48:1-3**: *Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, and his holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole world. It is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is in her palaces, he is known as her refuge. Halleluiah to the King, the holy King of kings, righteous and true. Holy, holy, holy is the King, righteous, righteous, righteous. You alone are righteous. Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lamb, righteous in all Your ways. We exalt You and magnify Your name, for You are the King of kings, righteous in all Your ways.*

PRAYER

O Lord, we want to be all in for You, all in for You, nothing held back. We want that grace. All in, Lord, in all circumstances, in all situations, in all places - all in for You, Jesus.

SENSE

Going back to the song before – "Your grace is enough" – there's another line in that song: "I'm covered in your love." And I was prompted to have you ask yourselves this question. When you think about yourself and what you do and how you act and what you think and what you say, can you say that everything is covered in His love? And if there's some part of you or your life that you can't say that to, that's what you need to ask mercy for.

CONFIRMATION / PROPHECY

Going along with that, the words I was getting were: "My holy presence purifies. My holy presence purifies. My holy presence makes holy you who open your hearts to me. My holy presence purifies."

SHARING / PROPHECY

The line of that song that just really spoke to me was: "With all creation I sing, praise to the King of kings." And on Sunday I had some time out on the eastern part of the state out near Limon, went for a little drive, and stopped at this abandoned house, and got out and took a walk out into this empty field behind the house. And the house had like police tape – Do Not

Cross – all around the house and it was next to two farms on either side of it but the section behind this house was just dead. And yet as you're walking in the dry earth, you could still smell the sweet smell, almost sage that it smelled like as you're walking through it - that would rise up. And the thing I noticed the most were the fences. There were little barbwire fences separating the properties, just skinny strings of wire, and yet I couldn't cross that to keep walking. I was stopped by this little tiny string of wire. I couldn't go into the house because of a string of yellow tape. It was enough to stop most people from even looking at the house or wanting to go inside. And I was just struck by... I have a lot of skinny fences chunking up my life right now for no real good reason. God made the world open. Why do we subdivide it? Why do we let a little piece of tape or barbwire stop us from moving forward? Those little pieces can be something that just says in your head "I can't", "I'm not good enough", or even "I shouldn't". And He says, "You should; you are good enough, and you can." And I asked the Lord, "God, give me some clippers and the courage to use them." And He responded, "I am the clippers. Let me walk with you."

SHARING

I hope I can communicate. I have an artistic background, an artistic family. What I was imagining when we were worshipping was an artistic image of a dark cloud... the bright light coming down in rays breaking through. And it was reminding me of the scripture that there is no beauty that we should desire more than Him. He needs us. He needs us in those dark and ugly places. And could He be any more beautiful to us? I don't know. I should think it's all good.

SCRIPTURE

I think all we have heard and experienced tonight can be summed up in this scripture from **Philippians 2:1-11**: *If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete. Be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. With each of you, look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped at, but emptied himself, taking a form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

PRAYER

And so, Lord, we get ready to leave this place and proclaim Your lordship, to proclaim Your love, to bring Your light, to bring Your hope, to bring Your consolation, to renew joy. Jesus, we give You praise; Jesus, we give You praise; Jesus, glory to You.