

Strike Force Prayer Meeting
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Welcome Home, Beverley! So glad you survived the ordeal! May the Lord accelerate the overcoming of jet lag and readjustments!

Opening Prayer

Praying in tongues as we gather as one body in the throne room. We want to lay down our heavy hearts and agendas as we step into Jesus in unity as one body. We Thank You for the corporate anointing. The Lord has opened up a space for us so He can speak to His Bride.

Review of our progress:

- Repentance for taking our calling and assignment too lightly; we've taken the Word of Lord too lightly.
- Repentance for not knowing Jesus as Lamb of God in a new way
- Matthew 22:8 Parable of the Marriage Feast – “those who were invited were not worthy.” Everyone was invited, but not all were worthy to attend.
- Matthew 22:11 There was a man who was not dressed in wedding clothes. He refused to wear the clothing prepared for him. In his rebellion, he rejected Jesus and was therefore thrown out of the banquet hall. Being correctly dressed is a huge issue.
- Revelation 19:7-8 “Let us rejoice and shout for joy! Let us give Him glory *and* honor, for the marriage of the Lamb has come [at last] and His bride (the redeemed) has prepared herself.” She has been permitted to dress in fine linen, dazzling white and clean—for the fine linen signifies the righteous acts of the saints [the ethical conduct, personal integrity, moral courage, and godly character of believers].” We need to make ourselves ready and get properly dressed.
- Matthew 22:14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.” We must choose to be chosen and prepare ourselves accordingly, set apart, to be given seats of government as in Bessie’s dream.
- We need to become vessels of honor. 2 Timothy 2:20 Now in a large house there are not only ^[a]vessels *and* objects of gold and silver, but also vessels *and* objects of wood and of earthenware, and some are for honorable (noble, good) use and some for dishonorable (ignoble, common).

We have work to do in setting ourselves apart, becoming vessels of honor, putting on proper clothes, getting ready for new assignments. I sense it may look quite different than we are expecting.

- It is important that we don’t rush into doing things. Like sniper training – many hours of preparation before the target strike appears.
- We need to wait on Him and hear Him in a new way in this new place.

- We need to understand Revelation 5 and 6 and hear what He has to say to us
- We need to lay down our weapons and just hold on; slow down. Our time is not yet. This is all new in what we are going to be walking into, and we need to be fully released from our old to be moving in the new He wants us to walk in.
- God doesn't seem to be as concerned about time frame as we are. We feel the weight of so many things to pray for – COVID, elections less than 90 days, economy collapsing, etc. He does have a plan. We must wait on Him for direction. He is teaching us a new way. We are not doing intercession as usual. He is teaching us to be a Strike Force Team for His purposes.
- I'm reminded of Mary Beth's dream where she jumped onto the tree stump to get away from the bear. A tree stump is a picture of humility – the humbling of Nebuchadnezzar was shown as a tree stump in Daniel. Humility will protect us.
- Humility is the key; we must wait on Him and go slowly through this time of preparation for us. Rev. 5:10 TPT "You have chosen us to serve our God and formed us into a kingdom of priests who reign in the earth."

Do We Know Him as the Lamb of God?

- God is wanting to show us something about the Lamb that we have not seen. Because we haven't seen it yet, we dare not rush into things. We must not rush into our assignments until we have this piece, because we would not be able to fulfil the assignment. We need a new perspective. We need a right covering over us. It's looking different from what we thought it might look like.
- Yes, we know Him as the Lamb that was slain that took away the sins of the world.
- In Revelation 5, John saw the Lion prevailing, but when he looked, it was the Lamb holding the scroll.
- Peter totally misunderstood what Jesus was about to do in making the greatest sacrifice to save all mankind. Peter did not want to leave or forsake Jesus, on the one hand, but are there aspects of Jesus sacrifice that we still don't know that He would like to teach us about?
- Peter was determined to fix the situation at Jesus's arrest (cutting off the ear of the guard). Peter had an idea of how he thought the situation could be resolved – but, it was not what God had in mind. That's where Peter's pride kicked in. He thought he could fix it. God took him through the experience of denying Jesus, because that humbled him. Peter had no clue why Jesus needed to die. That didn't make any sense to him. That looked like the enemy won! Peter was going to do everything he could to stop that from happening.
- When Jesus was talking to Peter, he was restoring him to a place of ministry.
- There are some things about what God is doing in our time that we don't have understanding, yet. We think we know what God needs to do right here in our situation. Actually, it might turn out to look a whole lot different.
- In Revelation, we look at the seals and discover that's it's not all wine and roses! There's destruction there. People are dying. The economy is crashing and it's the Lamb that opens the seals. Could it be that He is allowing these things to happen? If so, we don't want to be fighting what the Lamb is doing.

- Do we know the Lamb? What is the wrath of the Lamb? I don't think God is wanting us to pray to fix things right now. Maybe He's allowing things to happen and testing us to see what's in our hearts. He's allowing us to go through fire. The white linen that the saints are wearing means that it has been cleaned by fire. "White" means that it is burning like a lamp. Maybe He's allowing us to go through some fire to cleanse us so we can wear the clothes He wants us to wear.
- Just as Peter didn't know what God was doing, neither do we. We need to humble ourselves and go low. The Lord is asking us, "Do you trust me?"
- Humble ourselves from pride and thinking we know what's going on. Humble ourselves and wait. Lay down our own breath. Lay down self-reliance and self-sufficiency. God is calling us to a radical humility, because that was the Lamb. The Lamb was slain. He gave His life for His father's purposes. The victory of the Lamb looked like defeat by earthly terms. When you look at the cross, the devil thought he had won. It looked like Jesus was dead, but this was the wisdom of God. The wisdom of God is very different than the wisdom of man. We want the wisdom of God. It's the church that is to make known the wisdom of God to powers and principalities throughout history. It's through radical obedience.
- This is why the Lord is telling us to go slow, to go low, and to wait on Him. How do we begin to do that?
- Could it be that God is asking us to take off the clothes in the realm of the spirit that we've been wearing in the last season? Taking off clothes makes us humble and vulnerable. In the realm of the spirit, clothes signify identity, rank, status. Maybe if we take those old clothes off, we can be dressed in the righteous works of the saints. We want to be dressed in the wedding garment that's being prepared for us to wear. He's prepared a garment for us. We want to choose to be chosen. We have to cleanse ourselves of everything that we're not meant to be carrying or wearing right now.
- We humble ourselves before You, Lord, and ask You to dress us for this new season. He's prepared them through the death of Jesus.
- Let's go to prayer before the throne of God. We humble ourselves and begin to take off the clothes that we've been wearing. It's about purifying and cleansing. It's what the ancients did in putting on sackcloth and ashes. It's about humbling ourselves to pray and come before Him and wait in His presence. There's something He wants to shift over us.

Prayer

- Father, we are gathered as one before Your Throne. We confess we don't know everything, in fact, we know very little, but we want to be obedient to You. We're hearing that we need to humble ourselves and even in the dream, we need to jump on the tree stump.
- We repent for every place that we've run off and tried to figure out an assignment and go before You, instead of waiting on You for direction.
- We repent for being like Peter when we've tried to fix things and sort things out.
- Forgive us for our impatience, Father.

- We want to begin to take off some of the garments we've been wearing. Lord, I want to take off my impatience with You and my impatience in wanting to know what the next thing is.
- We want to take off any garments of pride. Pride in thinking we know how things should work and what things should look like. We want to take off those garments.
- We want to take off all that we achieved in the last season. We want to take them off and bow low in humility before You. Lord, we need You. We don't want to move from this place without You. We want to walk in Your Wisdom and Your Ways.
- Are we willing to be naked before Him and before each other? That's what repentance is all about – being naked before Him. We need to give up that which we pick up to cover our inadequacies, fears, unbelief.

Repentance Prayer in Groups for 10 Minutes

- We repented for fears of unbelief and fears of being left behind, not prepared to go forward.
- Repented for not trusting the Lord with our futures, for impatience for wanting to be doing something right now.
- Repented for being a lone ranger and not willing to work with others.
- Repented for rebellion of refusing to wear the garments He's giving us.
- Repented for our knowledge and thinking we already know how things should be in our world today. Laying down the mantle of knowledge.
- Repented for sleep clothes – staying in pajamas
- Repented for not recognizing the Lamb that was slain, who took everything on the cross, who is sitting at right hand of God, where we should be sitting, as well. Repented for not taking our seat of authority with Him.
- Repented for divisions in the body of Christ.
- Isaiah 43:18-19 TPT "Stop dwelling on the past. Don't even remember these former things. I am doing something brand new, *something unheard of*. Even now it sprouts and grows and matures. Don't you perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and open up flowing streams in the desert."
- John 17:11 "that they may be one even as We are one." We repented for our individualism, separateness, comparisons of one to another.
- Isaiah 30:15 "Lord Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, says:
"Come back to me! By returning and resting in me you will be saved.
In quietness and trust you will be made strong. But you refused. You said, "No, we will flee on horses."
- Discussion of how are we rejecting Him? How are we not willing to put on the clothes He's giving us? Like the man at the wedding who refused to put on the wedding clothes. We asked Holy Spirit to reveal ways we are rejecting and rebelling against Him.
- We looked at how Joseph dealt with Mary being pregnant by the Holy Spirit. He had no scripture; no understanding of what God was doing there until an angel appeared to him.

- Or, take Noah who spent years building the ark with no knowledge of rain or flood or purposes of God. He has no idea of what he is preparing for, but he was faithful to build and prepare.
- Example of Adam and Eve. They were naked before God until they ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil --- knowledge --- are we elevating that over trust of God and seeking His wisdom and revelation?
- We need Holy Spirit to convict us of what we don't know and what we need to lay down on the altar. We need Holy Spirit to unveil and veil that maybe over us, especially when we think we've done everything, but Lord, You know what we need to do. He's got to get us to the place where He can unveil and show us truth. We give You permission to deal with us.
- It's in Isaiah 30:15 – returning and rest It means coming to the end of ourselves. We need to come and rest in Him. Then maybe we can sit in heavenly places that He has for us. He has prepared those places and those places are in Him.
- Repented for knowing that we are called to wait upon the Lord, but not really waiting on Him.
- We asked for grace to be humble.
- Like Peter, we thought that we knew what was going on, but laying that on the altar and asking the Lord to forgive us for being like Peter.
- Vision: I see us kneeling, bowed down, and I see the King with a crown is covering us with a big crimson robe, then I see Him pick one of us up and He's holding and cradling us as a baby. Not only does He need to mature us, but it's total reliance on the Lord.
- The Lord is bringing us into a place of humility. The sense I have is that we just need to stay there.
- Isaiah 30:15 "By returning and resting in me you will be saved. In quietness and trust you will be made strong." In Mary Beth's vision, that's a returning to Jesus. He is lifting us up. Let Him carry us. He has us in a place. We have to learn rest in the place he's prepared for us. In this place we can take our seats of authority and, walk in a confident trust with Him. He is going to show us what He wants to show us, unlock what needs to be unlocked, have us in the right place at the right time, cause us to make connections we need to make, pray for the right things, decree what we need to decree, do what we need to do in the time and in the exact moment that He wants us and causes us to do that. That's part of trusting in Him. Otherwise, we're just trusting in ourselves. There's a discipline that we're about to learn about resting in the place where He's put us and being confident in what He is doing with us in that place.

I like this picture of the baby that was wriggling around, not resting! We're going to try not to wriggle! This week we are going to rest and not wriggle. We say we will trust You. We not going back to trying to figure it out! We're going to rest in Him. Let's see if we are able to do it! Let's embrace resting in Him and putting a confident trust in Him. In returning and rest, we will be saved. This is a different way for us to pray. This is a new place that needs to be established in us. We need to know how to rest in Him.