

WORD OF LIFE

2024 Word Gifts

December 8, 2024

Don Grogan

Isaiah 40:3 ... prepare the way of the Lord...

And Jesus says to us, "I conquered your enemy on the cross to open a path to your hearts. Now I am coming along this path to conquer your hearts. But for me to conquer your hearts, you must first surrender to me. And as you surrender your hearts to me, I want to change your hearts. O, my people, surrender your hearts to me. Where there is any sin or darkness and confusion I want to bring my love and my light. Where there is any hardness of heart, I want to bring my mercy. All this so you are ready when I come again to call you home. For when I come again - and even today - I will be seeking a people who are full of my love, my light, and my mercy."

Terry Ballantyne

Zechariah 9:11-12 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your captives free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Lord says to us, "I see the struggle that you have in this world of darkness and confusion. And in this world I say to you I am your stronghold and you are my prisoners of hope. And I say to you that I will restore and set free the captives from the waterless pit, and on that day you will say to me, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty I am free at last.'"

Jim Bergler

Hebrews 3:7-15 So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

Lord, our God, you claim our hearts. Lord, we don't want to be a rebellious people. We don't want to keep sinning against you, Lord. We want to have your heart. Lord, we want to follow after you. We don't want to be in rebellion. Lord, we want to see your rest. We want to know your rest, Lord God. Lord, let us not put off the things that you want us to do today. Let us not put them off until tomorrow. Lord, help us to do those things today. Lord, give us courage to give our hearts to you fully; to give our hearts to what you have for us, Lord. Help us to not keep on sinning, but help us to follow you and all that you have for us. Thank you, Lord our God.

Dallas Burkholder

As Joyce was sharing with us about reflections in Advent, one of the things running through my mind was how my own comfort can be a hindrance to desiring the coming of the King, because I live very comfortably. And as we were praying, I felt like God brought to mind the passage where Paul writes about the body of Christ and writes that when one suffers, all suffer. I really had a conviction from the Lord that the body of Christ is suffering. We may not be (though some of us are), but the body in totality suffers - suffers greatly - and yearns for the coming of Christ. So I just felt an invitation from the Lord for myself,

and I think maybe for all of us in this season, to deepen our identification as a part of the body. To open ourselves up to suffer when one suffers - that that might sharpen our desire for the coming of the King in this season.

November 24, 2024

Dave Mayoros

John 10:14-16 I am the good shepherd; and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold; these also I must lead, and they will hear my voice. And there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Jim mentioned the word on peace. And our peace really comes from doing what the Lord wants us to do. We don't have that all spelled out for our lives, but we do know that what we've promised in our vows, and in what we've done - what we've promised the Lord - we know that by carrying those out, we're carrying out His will. And one thing we have is a call to unity, to be one people. And I really experienced that strongly in this, that there will be one fold under the one good shepherd.

Ellen Gryniewicz

My people, do you trust me? Do *you* trust me? You look around the world and you see terrible things happening to people, and you think, how can they trust me? But I'm saying to you, "Do *you* trust me?" I have put you in a sheltered place. If you, in a sheltered place, cannot trust me, how can you teach other people who are in more dire circumstances to trust me? Trust me. I am worthy of your trust.

November 10, 2024 - Anniversary Prayer Meeting

Stan Mathay

My servants, my people, the Word of Life, I know the plans that I have for you. Plans for good and not evil. And they are plans for fruitfulness for you. Yes, have you not borne fruit in the past? And I say to you that you shall be a fruitful vine. Yes, you shall be a well-watered garden overflowing with fruitfulness. So carry on in my call, my servants. Carry on. Do not lose heart and be not weary. But press on, for I have much fruit for you to bear. Look up and see me and bear the fruit that I have for you," says the Lord.

Jim Bergler

The Lord says, "Have I not blessed you, my people? Have I not kept you, my people? Have I not made my face to shine upon you as my people? Have I not been gracious to you, my people? Have I not lifted up my countenance upon you, my people? Have I not given you peace along the way? I've called you into being. Your journey has not been easy, but I've called you into being and I've gone before you, and I've gone with you, and I'll continue to go ahead of you and before you and behind you... my people. Bring me hearts of thankfulness. Bring me hearts of praise for what I've done among you. And grow in your faith for what I'm going to do for you in the future. For I will go before you, my people. I will go with you and continue to be with you, my people," says the Lord.

Ellen Gryniewicz

The Lord says, "Walk with me step by step. Do not run ahead. Do not lag behind. Do not imagine or fear what lies ahead. Do not mourn or break your hearts over what lies behind. The way is harder than you fear, more glorious than you dream and stranger than you can imagine. Therefore, put your hand in mine and walk with me in the way I lead. For I know the way and I will bring you home."

October 27, 2024

Dave Mayoros

2 Chronicles 7:13-16 When I shut the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

And I think the Lord has called us... by our name (Word of Life) and I think our land is in need of healing. And I think we should continue to pray and seek His face, continue to repent (of both our sin and the sin of us collectively as the Word of Life). And the Lord wants us to continue to pray for the conversion of our land, conversion of all those around us, asking the Lord for His mercy. The Lord is so merciful. So just encouragement to continue to pray, continue to seek the Lord's face, to continue to cry out to the Lord.

Rosemary Thornton

Brothers and Sisters, while we were singing I just saw the Lord going around the room and stopping in front of each one of us, each one of us personally, and laying His hand on each of our heads. He knows us. He knows what we need. And I feel like the Lord is wanting us to open our heart to Him now personally, each one of us, and open that place of true need and give it to Him. Entrust it to Him.

Terry Ballantyne

Exodus 3:13-15 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations..."

The Lord would say to us, "I AM. I AM. I AM. What troubles you? What causes your heart to sink or to shake? Know that I AM. What is causing you to be angry? [Know that] I AM. What temptations are pressing hard upon you?" The Lord says, "I AM. This is my name forever throughout all generations. I AM is among you. I AM is within you. I AM is the One who loves you.

Gordon Leipold

I've been reading Ezekiel for the last couple of weeks, and as we were praying I just felt a nudge from the Lord reminding me of the consequences that Israel faced by totally ignoring God's prophecy.

October 13, 2024

Ellen Gryniewicz

My children, your worship brings me joy. Does it bring you joy to worship me? I want you to take joy in worshipping me. I want to teach you how to find your joy in worshipping me, for this is the source of all your joy. And there is no joy that lasts that does not come from me. Worship, adore, praise my name and take joy in me.

Rosemary Thornton

The Lord says, "I stand before you the King of Kings and the Lord of Hosts. I stand before you the King of the Nations and the Lion of Judah. And I tell you, you are in my hand. I have you in my hand. You are in the hand of the Creator of the Universe. You are in the hand of the Lion of Judah. You are in the hand of the King of the Nations. Bow your hearts before me. Yield yourself to me. Humble yourself before me in confidence and in worship, for you are in the hand of the Lord of Hosts."

Terry Ballantyne

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up. Again, if two lie together, they are warm; but how can one be warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

The Lord says to us, “I am working and my Father is working. I do not sleep. Behold, I who keep Israel neither slumber nor sleep. And I am working in you to build a threefold cord in you that cannot be quickly broken. I am working my unity in you and I am building ecumenical, covenant community in you. Come. Come and work with me, I who do not sleep or slumber, I who am your keeper. Come and build ecumenical covenant with me so that the world may see me and be drawn to me, and see how you love one another, for my glory and to lift my name high. I do not sleep. I do not slumber. I am your Keeper. I and my Father are working.”

September 22, 2024

Jim Madlo

I tell you, my people, every one of you is broken... but I desire to heal you. And I tell you, you are not able to comprehend how much I want to heal you.

Don Grogan

James 1:17 Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

I believe God wants to say to us, “O, my people, my Word of Life, all the good things you have lost, and all the good things you hope to gain, you have because you have me. For I love you with a great love, and have every good gift for you. So I ask you not to let despair linger within you for the good things you have lost. And do not let anxiety grow within you for the good things you have not yet obtained. For my only desire is for you to rest in me as I rest in you. For I tell you, O Word of Life, you are enough for me. And I ask you, am I enough for you?”

Terry Ballantyne

Psalms 56:1-4 Be gracious to me, O God, for men trample upon me; all day long foemen oppress me; my enemies trample upon me all day long, for many fight against me proudly. When I am afraid, I put my trust in thee. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust without a fear. What can flesh do to me?

The Lord says to us, “Is your heart afraid? Put your trust in me. Is your heart angry? Is your heart perplexed at what you see, or what you know, or what you hear? Put your trust in me. Put your trust in me when your heart is afraid, for I am sovereign over all things. I know all, I understand all, and I am in control of everything. Put your trust in me.”

Stan Mathay

The Lord says, “I am God and I do not change. I am not like a man to change, but I am God; the same yesterday, today, and forever. My call to you does not change. It has not changed, and I know the plans that I have for you. Plans for good, and not evil. Plans for abundant prosperity. Yes, my sons and daughters, I call you out into the light, and bring you my blessing and goodness. Continue to persevere. Continue to love one another. Press on in the call that I have given you, for I am blessing for you in abundance,” says the Lord.

September 8, 2024

Terry Ballantyne

For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered for ever. He is not afraid of evil tidings; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. His heart is steady, he will not be afraid, until he sees his desire on his adversaries. Psalm 112: 6-8 RSV

O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of me, there is no help for him in God. But thou, O Lord, art a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. Psalm 3: 1-3 RSV

The Lord says to us, “You hear of evil tidings, do you not? Wars. Rumors of wars. Threats. Spiritual attacks. Persecutions. Temptations. The enemy whispering in your ears, ‘there is no help for him in God’. And yet, though your foes are many, and many are rising against you, I would not have you be intimidated or cowed or made fearful by these evil tidings. Rather, I would have your heart be firm, trusting in me. I would have your heart be steady, trusting in me. For I am, indeed, a shield about you, your glory, and the lifter of your head. Cry aloud to me and I will answer you from my holy hill. My hand is not against you. I am with you. I am for you. I am on your side. I will keep your heart firm; I will keep your heart steady, trusting in me.”

Paul Beckman

From John 13: Jesus, at the Passover during supper, when the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around his waist. And when he had washed their feet, and put on his outer garments and had resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

My sense is the Lord coming to us with this question: “How low are you willing to go to serve and to love and to care for your brothers and sisters? You cannot go lower than I have; the one who has come to make each of you a son or daughter of the Living God, brothers and sisters under the same covenant and the same commandment. But you can go still lower than you have, and so I ask you: Are you willing to let me come to you in this hour and to begin a new season of love among my people? Are you willing to let me give you new eyes to see those around you, your brothers and sisters whom I have redeemed? Are you willing to let me come and break the pride that is in your hearts or in your minds? Are you willing to let me come to you and teach you, inform you, and restore you in your own hearts, healing what is broken in you so that you can love those who are around you? I tell you, my sons and daughters, that my breaking will be gentle, but it will be just. It will be gracious and it will be complete. I ask that you offer your hearts to me now so that I can make this a place where love abounds, where love is visible, where love reigns among my people. Are you willing, my sons and daughters, to let me come to you in this hour and to begin a new season of an outpouring of grace to love in abundance, to love beyond your own strength, to love beyond the vision that you can even have of what it is to love? Let me come to you, heal you, change you, and release in you the power of my own love for you so that it can be seen physically, spiritually, powerfully in the midst of a world that needs to see these things,” says the Lord.

July 7, 2024

Ellen Gryniewicz

My children, I am with you always. I am with you when you are aware of me and I am with you when you are not aware of me. I am with you when you are busy and when you are turned to me for prayer time. I want you to be with me all the time. I want you to know that I am with you and to be aware of me. I want

you to be with me when you turn to me for prayer times and in every moment of your life. I will show you how to do this. I will give you help and grace so that you can do this. I want you to be with me.

June 23, 2024

Don Grogan

Luke 15:20 But while he (the prodigal son) was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another.

And Jesus our Lord says to us, “O, my Word of Life and my sons and my daughters, with my feet I can leap the galaxies and stride the universe, but my only desire is to walk with you. And with my hands I can carry all the riches of the world and all the riches of the heavens, but my only desire is to carry your burdens. And so I ask you, will you walk with me? For I desire to take you closer and closer into our Father’s arms. Will you give me your burdens - all your burdens - so that we can not only walk but run into our Father’s arms together. For I want to show you more and more my love for you and our Father’s love for you. Then, as you know more of our love for you, you will grow stronger in your love for one another.”

Terry Ballantyne

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And the Lord says to us, “Indeed, let my word dwell in you richly. Let it dwell in you abundantly, lavishly. Let it dwell within your men’s groups, in your women’s groups. Let it dwell in your marriages, in your prayer meetings. Let it dwell in your days of renewal and your retreats. Let it dwell within each one of your hearts richly. For then there will be power to love one another. It will help you to overlook faults in each other, to shower mercy upon each other, to lay down your lives for one another. Let my word dwell in you richly.”

June 2, 2024

Tom Gryniewicz

I opened up to Philemon 1:4-7, and I sensed that God wants to speak to you through the words of Paul who says, “When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. And I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have, indeed, received much joy and encouragement from your love because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.”

Terry Ballantyne

The Lord says to us, “Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. I died for all of you. I rose for all of you. I ascended for all of you. And I sent my Holy Spirit for all of you. Extend mercy to one another. Reach out in mercy to one another. Shower mercy on one another. Be quick to forgive, slow to anger, and slow to judge. Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Shower mercy upon one another as I have showered mercy upon you.”

Amy Hughes

I had a sense that the Lord wanted to remind us that we are brothers and sisters. That we are a family. And just like in an earthly family, sometimes when there is disunity among the siblings, it can stem from a lack of security in the Father’s love. A lack of security in their parents’ love. So I just had a sense that when we feel disunity, the Lord is calling us to reach out to Him, to spend time with Him, and to ask the

Father to show us the strength of His love for us. And the image from scripture that I got was the Father and the older son in The Prodigal Son, when He says, “My son, all that I have is yours and you are always with me.” Just that sense that He would say that to us. “My son, my daughter, all that I have is yours and you are always with me.”

Paul Beckman

The Lord is speaking a healing word. He’s speaking a word that He wants to plow up fallow ground and break hard ground. There’s a river of grace that is flowing from His heart to ours. Let’s not let this moment pass us by. Let’s take what is in our hearts - whatever it is. Even the things that are hard in us, confused in us, angry in us, insecure, unsure of the Father’s love. He knows these things. He wants to take them and He wants to bring healing to us. Let’s give Him everything that’s in our hearts so that He can make them more and more fit as dwelling places for His mercy and His grace.

Sue Cummins

The song we sang said there’s power in the Spirit to live. Right now, Father, we just ask you to release in us the fullness of the power of your Holy Spirit: to live lives of mercy, to live lives of sisterhood and brotherhood, to do the work that we can’t do. We pray for wisdom. We pray for energy. We pray for grace to just wake up and make it through our days with you, Lord. We ask you to walk with us, to stand with us, to bring us healing and for us to be able to be a source of healing to those around us. Give us the strength and grace to live as you call us to live. Amen.

May 19, 2024

Dallas Burkholder

Just had a sense that was very similar to Paul’s exhortation; that the Lord invites us to ask for more of His Holy Spirit. That whether we’ve never been baptized in the Spirit or whether... it’s so common that we can’t remember a time without it, that He has more of His Spirit for us. I felt that God brought to mind His example with the disciples, who Jesus has already appeared to and breathed His Spirit on, but when Pentecost comes there’s more. More of His Spirit. So just an invitation today as we remember and celebrate Pentecost to pray for more of God’s Spirit and be filled in a deeper and more profound way with His Spirit.

Tom Genyk

About a week ago, I was praying for a word from the Lord for Pentecost and the Lord brought to mind *John 16:12-15* where the Lord was speaking to His disciples and He said, “...*the Spirit of Truth... he will guide you into all truth. He will speak [only] what he hears and will declare to you the things that are coming.*”

And the Lord says, “O, people of Word of Life, I’m calling you to a higher wisdom, a higher mission. One that is single-hearted and is sensitive to my Holy Spirit in everything you do. I love you, my Word of Life. I have blessed you, but there is so much more that we can do together. My Spirit is eager to speak to you the things that are coming. Seek me. Fast. Pray for the kingdom of our God. Some of you are distracted by the things of this world. Those distractions may not even be sinful. I call you to put aside those distractions and seek that still, small voice of my Holy Spirit. He will declare to you the things that are to come.”

Terry Ballantyne

Psalms 116:7 Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

The Lord says to our souls, “Return to your rest; for I have, indeed, dealt bountifully with you. In a time of sickness, in a time of death, in a time of confusion and darkness, return to your rest; for I have dealt bountifully with you.”

Esther Center

I just really felt like God wants us to search deep and ask; Do we really, truly believe that He can heal us? Do we really believe that He can heal broken relationships, some of them so painful for very long? Do you really, really believe He can restore us and bring unity, to bring His Spirit to make this a live community? And then, in the vein we've been hearing, ask for that if you don't believe it. Really ask for the trust and the faith; because He can and He is big enough.

Jim Bergler

I had a similar sense as we were singing More of You, O Lord; The phrase, "Be welcomed here," I just had this vision of some of us (or maybe even many of us) removing the welcome mat at our door and just kind of slipping that back into our house. And, in different ways, not welcoming the Holy Spirit into our lives. And the Lord just bringing that to mind, but also, what are different areas of our life where we've not welcomed the Lord into our house, into our midst? Or we've said, "You can come into our lives under these conditions, God, if you behave this way or do these things for me in my life." I just want to pray into that area and ask us to think about that; if there are any ways that we've done that; where we've removed the welcome mat. Maybe we had it out for many years, we've opened our doors wide open to the Lord and what the Lord has for us, His Holy Spirit, but we've removed that welcome mat to the Lord, to the working of His Holy Spirit.

Lord, first of all we repent. We repent for any ways that we've done that in our lives, Lord, individually or corporately. Lord, we want to welcome you. We welcome you in this place. We welcome you in our community. We welcome you into our lives. And Lord, any ways that we've not allowed you into our lives, Lord, we repent of that. We say we want to fling the doors open to our lives and we welcome you into our hearts, into our lives. We ask that you would do your will in our lives, that you would do what you want to in our lives and in our midst, O Lord. Come, Holy Spirit, and do that among us. Amen.

May 5, 2024

Don Grogan

John 7:37-38 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

My people, I urge you to prepare for the day of Pentecost that is upon you. The day of the outpouring of my Holy Spirit, the outpouring of my love, my great love. And what is my great love? It is this: that when you were yet in sin and darkness I bore a crown of thorns for you. But out of my great love for you, and as you turn to me and come boldly toward me, I will [give you a crown of tongues] and a crown of victory over sin and death. And this is my love for you, that while you were in sin and darkness, I was lifted up high on a cross to die a horrible death. But out of my great love for you, and as you turn to me and come to me boldly with confident hearts, I will lift you up to the Father, higher and higher to the Father, and you will know the Father's love. And the Father's love will be in you, and you will love the Father and me, and those I give you and those around you. For I love you with a great love, my people.

April 21, 2024

Paul Beckman

The Scripture says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim. And what do the redeemed of the Lord say, and what do they proclaim? The say, "We were dead, but now we are alive. We were separated, but now we're united. We were once far off, but now we are drawn near

through the blood of Jesus Christ. We now have a tongue to praise and honor and extol the Living God. We once were silent but now we raise a shout of praise to Him who has the victory forever and ever.” Let the redeemed of the Lord declare it, that they now stand with the Living God worshiping, glorifying, honoring and exalting Him with eternal life now and forever to the exalting and praising of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Kathleen Hagelthorn

Safe home. Safe home in port. Strained cordage, shattered deck, torn sails, provisions short, and only not a wreck. But, O, the joy upon the shore, our voyage perils over. (Lyrics to a song by Sr. Stacy Whitfield)

And I felt like the Lord was just saying to me, “I know what life has been like. I know what has been challenging and difficult.” But we live for a greater kingdom. We live for another prize. And He sees us, He knows us, and the prize awaits us.

Terry Ballantyne

Brothers and Sisters, I had a sense from the Lord. It’s a couple of parts. One is the Lord putting a question to us as the Word of Life, and then also the Lord putting a question to the Coordinators and the Senior Women Leaders of the Word of Life.

Exodus 17: 8-12 Then came Amalek and fought with Israel at Rephidim. And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose for us men, and go out, fight with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.” So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat upon it, and Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

And the Lord says to the Word of Life, “I put a question to you. Will you go and do likewise? As my servants Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses and put a stone under him when he was weary, will you do likewise to the leaders of the Word of Life? Will you hold up their hands? Will you take a stone and put it under them when they are weary, when the warfare is long, and the battle is fierce?” And the Lord says to the leaders of the Word of Life, “Will you go and do likewise to the brothers and sisters in the Word of Life? Will you hold up their hands until the going down of the sun? Will you take a stone and put it under them when they are weary, when the battle is fierce, and the warfare long, and the fight is hot?”

“Will you go and love one another as Aaron and Hur loved Moses, and put a stone under him and lifted up his hands when he was weary? Will you go and do likewise to one another?”

Joanne Beckman

You’ve heard the Lord say, “Love one another.” You’ve heard my word today that says to love one another. You’ve heard the message and exhortation to love one another. And your response has been, “I want to be like you, Lord. I want to have your heart, Lord.” And the Lord says, “The way I’ve shown my love to you, the greatest way, the highest way I’ve shown my love to you is that I’ve forgiven you and I’ve shown mercy toward you. If you want to love one another and if you want to be like me, then show mercy to one another and forgive one another. Let your grievances drop and let your judgments and the grudges that you hold drop now.”

I feel like the Lord is saying that this is a season we’re coming to where there really is grace to forgive one another, to show mercy to one another, to love one another.

Ellen Gryniewicz

This word is pretty much a confirmation of what Joanne just said. The Lord says, “I call you to love one another and to love me. And for some of you, this makes you sad because you are experiencing difficulty in loving. You are experiencing a hard time loving your brothers and sisters and a hard time, therefore,

loving me and receiving my love. I intend to heal this. I intend to heal you. I intend to bring down the bulwarks that prevent you from loving. And you know how this is done. It's done through forgiveness. Unforgiveness is the great barrier to love. Therefore, my children, give me your hearts. Give me yourselves. Give me your lives in this upcoming time and I will heal you and you will love.

April 7, 2024

Jim Madlo

I tell you, my people, you have many needs. But I want you to know I will not give you everything that you want, but you can be assured that I will give you everything that you need.

March 24, 2024

Jim Madlo

[no audio]... I want to prepare you for these times. Trust in me, turn to me, and seek me as you see these troubles come to you, and I will give you the grace. I will give you the power to be able to withstand the evil and the power that is coming against the world at this time.

Don Grogan

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

My people, I say I want you to rejoice in the gift of rejoicing I have given you. Yes, you can rejoice in times of joy, but [with] the gift of rejoicing I am giving you, you can rejoice in times of joy and in times of trouble. And you may ask, "How can I rejoice in times of trouble?" And I tell you, you can rejoice because I am with you. I am at your side and I am fighting for you. And where there is darkness, I will bring light. Where there is fear, I will bring hope. Where there is despair, I will bring hope. And where there is death, I will bring life. Rejoice always in me for I am with you always.

Vince Zahm

Matthew 12:1-8 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful on the sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the law how on the sabbath the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord over the sabbath."

I just had the sense from the Lord that we often want to take on burdens that are not our own; that we often take unnecessary burdens on ourselves. And just a sense of an exhortation from the Lord to cast aside those burdens that are not our own but to embrace, accept, and joyfully embrace the crosses that He has permitted us to have. The crosses that are for us.

Terry Ballantyne

I had this image in my mind of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then the cross in the midst of them. And the Lord saying to us, "Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. I have not forgotten you. I am doing a work of unity in you. And not in you only, but also in the Sword of the Spirit. In this work of unity I am pouring out my spiritual gifts upon you and upon all in the Sword of the Spirit. In my mercy I am giving you grace to receive them, to discern them, and to use them wisely and in the power of my Holy Spirit."

February 25, 2024

Linda Bergler

Isaiah 30:15 This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength..."

Brothers and Sisters, I believe the Lord is inviting us to experience the grace of a true repentance. That it's more than just turning from sin, but it's actually turning to the Lord. It's returning to the Lord. When we turn (or return) to Him, we are turning away from our sin.

Don Grogan

Psalms 33:18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his merciful love...

And the Lord says, "Remember. Remember it was my mercy that drew you near to me. Remember it is my mercy that keeps you near to me. And as I make you a people more filled with my Holy Spirit, I will first pour out more of my mercy upon you. O, my Word of Life, I am giving more of myself to you so that you can be more a people of my mercy. A people who receives my mercy, and a people who gives my mercy.

Mike Miklosovic

The Lord wants us to hear Him, of course. And in the sharings, what came to me was "Surrender." We're always struggling to surrender because we think our way is better. We think our way is going to make us happier. How silly. We know that God's way is best, but we can't quite get ourselves to do it fully because we just think our way is better. So I think the Lord is telling us constantly to surrender. And He wants to tell us, too, that is the most pleasing thing for Him. Why? Because that's where He can bless us because we have to humble ourselves to surrender, and He loves the humble. He loves the contrite. He loves when we come to Him and say, "Lord, I can't surrender. I'm trying, but I just can't do it. Please help me. Please give me the grace to receive everything you have for me."

Ellen Gryniewicz

My children, I love you. I really, seriously, deeply love you. Will you not live in my love? Will you not enter into my love and remain in my love? Will you not let me nourish and hold you and help you in my love? All things for you are in my love. If you step out of my love into your own way, into your own difficulties and hatreds, you step away from me. Remain in my love. Refuse to go out of my love. Stay in my love because I love you.

Jerry Bonar

Brothers and Sisters, the Lord has just been putting on my heart obedience, and how Christ learned obedience. It takes knowing what to obey, and to know what to obey we need to listen, and to listen we need to spend time with God. The link between surrendering and obedience.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Pete Giles

Ezekiel 18:21-28 "...But if a wicked man turns away from all his sins which he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; for the righteousness which he has done he shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live? But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and does the same abominable things that the wicked man does, shall he live? None of the righteous deeds which he has done shall be remembered; for the treachery of which he is guilty and the sin he has committed, he shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous man turns away from his

righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die for it; for the iniquity which he has committed he shall die. Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die...

The thought I had on this scripture is this: The law is good, but the Old Testament law brought death. Really the truth is that none of us can fulfill it. We all transgress. We all fight the good fight and we fail. But our righteousness is found in Christ, because Christ did not sin and He paid the debt for us. And I just want to call us on, that you can fight the good fight. Another way of thinking of righteousness is being presentable to the Lord. How are we presentable? When our hearts return to Him in humble repentance. We can fight the good fight. We say we can't surrender, but it's a lie. You're lying to yourself. Surrender. Give your life over to Christ.

When you sin, repent. Turn away and confess your sin to whoever is appropriate, and we shall live. Christ has paid the debt and that's what makes us presentable.

Terry Ballantyne

John 11:25-27 Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" Martha said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."

The Lord says to us, "Do you believe this? Do you believe that I am the resurrection and the life? As you walk with me through the forty days, when there is pain, when there is darkness and you cannot see the light, do you believe that I am the resurrection and the life? When your families are struggling and your children are questioning their faith, do you believe that I am the resurrection and the life? I put this question to you: Do you believe this? What will you say to me?"

Summary of Additional Words (both focused on having the Lord's perspective)

1. The Lord inviting us to sit at His feet, to learn from Him.
2. The Lord reminding us that His thoughts and His ways are not our thoughts or our ways. They're far above us. He wants to reveal and show Himself to us. He invites us to trust Him in a deeper way.

February 11, 2024

Jim Bergler

As we were beginning to worship I felt like the Lord drew my attention to John 21, where Jesus appears to the disciples and reinstates Peter. *[John 21:15-17] When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."*

I just felt like the Lord is coming to us in a very personal way today. That He is the God of love, that He is the God that knows all things, and He's asking us that question. "My son, my daughter, do you love me? Do you love me?" That is the most important thing. That is the only thing. And then Peter went on to ask about the other disciple. "What about him, Lord?" And I just feel like the Lord wants to draw back to us personally and ask us, "Do you love me? My son, do you love me? My daughter, do you love me?" That is coming from the Lord and that is the most important thing that we need to be focused on right now - loving the Lord and responding to Him, because the Lord's asking each of us that personally. And to keep our eyes fixed on the One who is love and to keep our attention and focus on the One who knows all and who is in all.

Theresa Hofer

1 Corinthians 12:24-27 God has so composed the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior part, that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

And my word to you, O Word of Life, is this. Love one another. Care for one another. For you are not individuals separated. You are members of one body. My body. When one suffers, all suffer together. So love one another. Care for one another. I will give you what you need, for you are members of one body. My body. And I am love.

Terry Ballantyne

This is from the Gospel of Luke [1:36-37]. This is Angel Gabriel speaking to Mary. *“And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible.”*

And the Lord puts a question to us. “What happens to a man or a woman or a child when I touch their heart? I will tell you. Darkness gives way to light. Unbelief gives way to faith in the King. Anxiety gives way to peace. Anger gives way to rest. Unforgiveness gives way to forgiveness. When I touch the heart of a man or woman or a child, nothing will be impossible for me, for I am your God.”

Ashlee Shaffer

Isaiah 43:16-19 This is what the Lord says - he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

I just feel the Lord giving a word to us of hope and encouragement in this time. And a question to me in the past year and to all of us: “Do you believe I am good? Do you believe I am good? You do or you don’t. Circumstances do not prove that I am good. I am good. So follow me, believe in me. I want to heal you. Believe that I am good when things are not good and follow me.”

January 14, 2024

Paul Beckman

I just sense the Lord bringing His name to mind and saying, “My name is the name in which under heaven there’s no other name than the name of Jesus. It’s the name that encompasses every need. It’s the name that encompasses every blessing. It’s the name of the Healer, the name of the Redeemer, the name of the Anointed One.” It’s the name that He wants to write on our very hearts and give us the faith to take that name and to allow it to form us and to transform us - to transcend the things that we see every day so that our minds and our hearts are fixed on heaven. I sense the Lord saying, “Just take that name, the name of Jesus, into your hearts. Take that name into your minds. Take that name into your spirits and just receive the grace that comes with the name of Jesus.” Jesus, Yeshua. The Redeemer, the Savior, the Light, the freedom that we need to worship and to glorify the King of Kings.

Ellen Gryniewicz

My children, I am King of the universe. I am a glorious king and I reign over all things. And yet, you do not see my reign on the earth over men. I fully intend that I shall reign, in fact, over all men. But to accomplish this, I need people who will do my will. My children, I can do so much when I have a people who will do my will. And, my children, my aims have come to so little when people have not done my will. I called you to be a people who will do my will and you have said yes to me. Each one of you has said yes to me, but now hard things have come upon you. Are you changing your mind? Can I depend on you?

Will you be for me a people who will obey me, who will come when I say come, and go when I say go? Will you be a people for me?

Terry Ballantyne

1 Samuel 3:2-5 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place; 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!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

And the Lord says to us, "My lamp has not gone out. My lamp has not gone out. Come to me when I call to you. Run to me and say to me, 'Here I am, for you called me.' And I will speak to you, for my lamp has not yet gone out."