

Prophecies for February 8, 2009

I feel like the Lord is saying that you have to slow down and stop for Him to cleanse our wandering heart. How can He wash away our shame and brokenness if we're moving constantly? We live in a world where that's our distraction. It's in constant movement. If our bodies are not moving, certainly our brains are. Sometimes coming here on Sunday is the only time we really stop and let Him cleanse our broken hearts. Let Him purify us. And that's okay, but to be more mindful of other times adding more time into our lives to stop. Stop in the car, stop anywhere. We live in a world where busyness is a distraction of the enemy. The Lord can only cleanse us when we're still. We need to ask the Lord for that time. We need to ask Him to help us with that if we're having trouble staying still, keeping our minds quiet.

I was sharing with the clergy this morning that I had a similar thought to what Carol is expressing. The Lord is trying to teach us about the moments He gives us. I was up at two o'clock this morning, and I was trying to get some work done. My computer was being a little slow, and I was talking to my computer in very explicit terms. And it took all of ten seconds for it to do whatever it was doing, but I was mad that it was taking so long. It hit me after I turned off the computer. I was lying down trying to go to sleep that the Lord was telling me those moments are precious, moments of grace. I think nothing about sitting down for thirty minutes to watch a meteor shower or taking the time to go out and watch the stars, the sunrise or sunset. It takes a lot longer than ten seconds to do that. And I give glory to God in those moments. Can I not take ten seconds for my computer to download or whatever it's doing. Just to take that time to give the same glory to God. It's precious moments. It's gifted time. It's grace. And we take those moments in our day and turn them into curses instead of blessings, because we have something we want to do. The Lord says, "I'll meet you right where you are, right now, if you will turn your heart, mind, soul, spirit toward Me." This moment is the one the Lord has created to be with you. "Take this moment," says the Lord, "for I am with you, and I will bless you if you will turn to Me."

I also heard the Lord saying when we were singing over and over, "Fill us with Your fire, fill us with Your fire," that sometimes it seems to us in order to do great thing for God, we need to have great talent or great intelligence or large amounts of money or fame or influence or fill-in-the-blank of what you think you need to accomplish great things for God. He was reminding me that the great things that were accomplished for Him at the very beginning were by a bunch of people who had not a lot of talent and not a whole lot of intelligence, no money, no fame, no influence. And they were the ones who turned the world upside down. And as they did it, they were filled with His fire which is the only thing you need to accomplish great things for God. And even if you have great talent, intelligence, money or influence or fame He expects you to use that, too. But you don't need that if you've got His fire, because a bunch of very simple, uneducated, untalented, unknown poor fishermen changed the world with His fire. So we do, Lord, ask for Your fire. That's what we need, and that's all we need.

I had a real funny image during that song. We were watching the race last night, and there was a commercial. I don't even know what the commercial was for, but it had one of the race car drivers with a GPS in his race car. It said, "Turn left, turn left, turn left..." because what else could he do? And you know, when you walk by faith, there's only one way to go. And I was thinking that's what we all need – a God Positioning System. So we'll all know which way to go. There's only one way to go.

Many people think surrender means weakness. It depends on who we're surrendering to. We are

warriors, and we are to surrender to our Commanding Officer, in this case, the Lord. We're surrendering to Him so we are submitted to him and getting orders from Him and being equipped by Him in the armor that we need to fight the battle we have to fight every day. So this is not surrender to the enemy. It's not surrender to your fears or anything else. It's surrender to the Lord so you can be equipped to fight. It's kind of funny. I've been on a Winston Churchill kick in my reading recently. And I just finished a book titled, "Never Surrender," which comes from his speech: "We will fight them in the streets, and we will fight them in the alleys. We will fight them on the beaches and never surrender." And, Satan, we have to say to you today: "We're going to fight you in the streets and in our workplaces. We're going to fight you in our schools and we're going to fight you. And we're never going to give up, and we're never going to surrender. We don't intend to surrender to you."

You know, that's really what it's all about – letting the Lord lead. Jack and I were choosing music yesterday morning, and we had some interesting discussions. He was talking about when he goes out and plays at different places and how the women just love to dance. They just love to get up there and dance. You know it would be so cool if we had some Christian dance music. We could just get up and dance. And maybe we were just created, that's part of our make-up, to dance. When God created woman He created her to follow. And we as the Bride of Christ, we're created to follow God as the leader of our dance. I think the world has influenced the church to not wait for God to take the lead. In the worldly bars and dance scenes, the women won't wait for the men. The men have learned not to be the aggressor and not be the authority and not take the lead. So they don't want to dance so they won't do it. The women want to dance, so they get up and dance with each other. And that's not right. So we as the Bride of Christ need to wait for the Lord's leading and let Him be the leader in the dance where He should be. And, yes, we surrender to Him, but as we do that we're setting an example in the world how proper authority flows down. Yes, Lord, we do surrender to You, surrender to Your dance. Take the lead, Lord, take the lead in Jesus' name.