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DISCUSSION:

This is a very, very good subject. I'm going to share some of the things I've learned about prayer. And it's not completely everything that I know, but I've felt like there were certain things that I should share and impart to you from Heaven what it is that may be lacking in your life that God showed me when I visited with Jesus Christ.

PRAYER:

Father, in the name of Jesus. Thank you for Heavenly impartation. I thank you for the Holy Spirit that will ministering to everyone that listens and help them to walk out all the things that you have for them. And I thank you, Lord God, that you're going to teach them how to pray and give them the strategies, Lord, to fulfill everything that's in your heart for their lives in Jesus name Amen.

Some of the things that I want to talk about in this series:

- The very fact that God does want to answer your prayers.
- He wouldn't have you pray if He didn't want you to receive your answers.
- He's a loving, kind, heavenly father that wants to see his children taken care of and provided for in every way.
- This is not a game with Him. He would not require you to pray and then not answer and provide for you in every way.

When I was in on the other side, I saw the warfare that's going on down here with evil spirits. I want to help you to understand what's going on around you. For some of you may not see everything that's going on. There's a couple of things I'm going to try to answer for you that the Holy Spirit is given me.

- One of the things about prayer is that you have to have a holy and a righteous passion. And so I am going to be talking about that.
- I'm also going be talking about Praying from the depths of the spirit and the spirit
 of God can take you to a place in prayer. And Jesus taught me about this and I
 always share that.
- I want to talk about confidence in God so that you can have the answers to your prayer, knowing that He hears you.
- God wants to help you. He wants to do for you what you are asking.
- If it is not something that He wants, He will let you know; He has something better for you.
- I found that that this confidence and prayer comes from an everyday fellowship with the Holy Spirit. So we'll talk about that.
- I want to get into some things about understanding God's will for your life and about the books that are written in heaven about you.
- And then also talking about authority and dominion and how Satan is defeated.

So we'll get right into it. Most first talk about some of the things that Jesus taught me about what John 14 is what I want to talk about.

So John, 14, says this in the key verse, remember, is John 14 21, where it says,
Those who truly love me are those who obey my commands and who ever love
passionately loves me, will be passionately loved by my father, and I will
passionately love you. In return, it will manifest my life within you.

And here this is in The Passion. Translation I'll be reading from The Passion translation for a lot of this lesson. And he says here that that if you really, really, truly love God and you truly love Jesus. Then he said, you know, he said he said, if you love me, you're going to obey my commands. And it's interesting that the way everything's worded here, there is no difference between obeying God and loving God.

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- They're both the same.
- I'm finding as I grow older and as I saw what I saw on the other side, but now I have to live it out down here.
- I'm seeing that faith has a lot to do with obedience.
- And obedience is such a big part of what's happening in believers life that I feel like it's not being emphasized enough.
- And with that obedience is understanding authority. So understanding authority causes you to obey because you realize it's a centurion had the greatest faith that Jesus encountered.

He said, I haven't found this kind of faith in Israel. And this Roman soldier demonstrated great faith. And I. So I'd want to know what it was that Jesus marvel that it actually uses that word. And when you hear things like that. Well, Jesus told me. He said, when I marvel at something, you ought to take note. And he marvel that this man understood and had such great faith. But if you read into what Jesus was saying, he was talking about authority there.

He was saying, you know, I am a man under authority and have men under my authority.

- And I have people over me.
- I have people under me. These two things.
- So all of us. We have people over us. We have people under us. And he said because of this, I am told what to do. And then I tell people what to do. And so he said, Jesus, just speak the word. And I will receive the healing for my servant.

And, you know, it's interesting that Jesus said go your way, he's was healed at that very hour. But the soldiers didn't even require Jesus to come with him to his house, even though Jesus offered to do that. This is the key. So if you really love God, you love Jesus, you're going to obey his commands.

- It says, whoever passionately loves me? We will be passionately loved by my father.
- So I'm going to passionately love Jesus.

- It's not a turn off to talk about how much you loved Jesus and to express that by talking about him all the time.
- And the more that you talk about Jesus and lift him up, the more that the father is touched by that.
- And he will turn and pursue you.
- And you'll have great favor in your life.
- And you just watch.
- You just start to do that and be consistent with it.
- And you're going see your prayers answered because see, it has to do with favor.
- And it has to do with what it brings attention where the father sees what you're
 doing. And he takes note of it. And that would be that you so much love God as
 so much loved Jesus that you would obey him.

And then it says that the father is going to love a person like that. And then he's going to he said, I will passionately love you in return and will manifest my life within you. So then Jesus is going to start to manifest his life inside of us when we do all these things.

So remember this:

- If you're going to prayer and you are needing something,
- if you're if you're going to request something, you know something He knows, and you're going to go to him knowing it is going to be given.

Remember this verse, verse 14 through 21. This is a prayer secret. This is a strategy. God loves those who obey him because there is no difference between loving and obeying.

- And then remember that when you passionately love God and you seek him, he's going to passionately love you back and he's going to seek you out.
- He's going to favor you. And that's what Jesus said.
- I'm going to believe.
- I'm going to love you in return.
- I'm going to manifest my life within you.

- So that's going to start to happen.
- And this is the strategies of going to God in prayer, is that you do this all the time.
- You think about God, you obey his voice and his promptings, and you passionately love him so much.
- You tell him that. But then you act on that.
- And when you do that, you're going to start to see such a manifestation of God, the father and God the son.
- And you're going to see Favor coming your life.

Now, Jesus went into a long discourse in Chapter 14. So I'm going to read that to you. And comment along the way because it's so important to frame your world here. This is a strategy of how you can love God to the place where it moves him. And then he starts to give his commands out to his angels to favor you. And you're going to see this in your life.

So remember this:

- Jesus said this because he knew he was leaving.
- And this is very important when you go to prayer.
- He said, don't worry.
- John 14:1-31

"Don't worry or surrender to your fear. For you've believed in God, now trust and believe in me also. My Father's house has many dwelling places. If it were otherwise, I would tell you plainly, because I go to prepare a place for you to rest. And when everything is ready, I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am. And you already know the way to the place where I'm going."

Thomas said to him, "Master, we don't know where you're going, so how could we know the way there?"

Jesus explained, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with me. To know me is to know my Father too. And from now on you will realize that you have seen him and experienced him."

Philip spoke up, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be all that we need!" Jesus replied, "Philip, I've been with you all this time and you still don't know who I am? How could you ask me to show you the Father, for anyone who has looked at me has seen the Father. Don't you believe that the Father is living in me and that I am living in the Father? Even my words are not my own but come from my Father, for he lives in me and performs his miracles of power through me. Believe that I live as one with my Father and that my Father lives as one with me—or at least, believe because of the mighty miracles I have done.

"I tell you this timeless truth: The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do—even greater miracles than these because I go to be with my Father! For I will do whatever you ask me to do when you ask me in my name. And that is how the Son will show what the Father is really like and bring glory to him. Ask me anything in my name, and I will do it for you!"

"Loving me empowers you to obey my commands. And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth, who will be to you a friend just like me—and he will never leave you. The world won't receive him because they can't see him or know him. But you will know him intimately, because he will make his home in you and will live inside you.

"I promise that I will never leave you helpless or abandon you as orphans—I will come back to you! Soon I will leave this world and they will see me no longer, but you will see me, because I will live again, and you will come alive too. So when that day comes, you will know that I am living in the Father and that you are one with me, for I will be living in you. Those who truly love me are those who obey my commands. Whoever passionately loves me will be passionately loved by my Father. And I will passionately love you in return and will manifest my life within you."

Then one of the disciples named Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "Lord, why is it you will only reveal your identity to us and not to everyone?"

Jesus replied, "Loving me empowers you to obey my word. And my Father will love you so deeply that we will come to you and make you our dwelling place. But those who don't love me will not obey my words. The Father did not send me to speak my own revelation, but the words of my Father. I am telling you this while I am still with

you. But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like me who sets you free, he will teach you all things in my name. And he will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you.

"I leave the gift of peace with you—my peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but my perfect peace. Don't yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts—instead, be courageous! "Remember what I've told you, that I must go away, but I promise to come back to you. So if you truly love me, you will be glad for me, since I'm returning to my Father, who is greater than I. So when all of these things happen, you will still trust and cling to me. I won't speak with you much longer, for the ruler of this dark world is coming. But he has no power over me, for he has nothing to use against me. I am doing exactly what the Father destined for me to accomplish, so that the world will discover how much I love my Father. Now come with me."

- OK? This is really, really profound section of scripture.
- I think about how we just let that fall by the wayside.
- We like what we read and everything, but do we really take it inside of our hearts and realize that this is huge, what God is saying to us through this scripture?
- Jesus was talking about his relationship with his father.
- He was saying that that the relationship that he has with the father has caused him to get to the place where there was miracles coming through him.
- So even though he was a son of God, he didn't act on his own.
- He only spoke what His father was saying.
- So he was submissive to the father's, submissive to the Holy Spirit.
- He was doing that for a reason to show the relationship that we can have with the father.

So he didn't allow himself to be known as a son of God whenever he would go places. He was called the son a man. And there's a reason why he wanted to do everything that he did on the Earth, walking the way he did as a man would.

so that he could redeem us.

- So he didn't do anything as God.
- He did everything in the flesh as man with God inside.
- And that was because of the redemption process that that came forth when he went to the cross.

Well, it's interesting now that that when we read this, we see that the relationship with the father cause miracles to be brought forth and that the words that were brought forth were from the father. And so their actions and their words, words. And this caused a synchronization so that he said, listen, if you've seen me, you've seen the father. He said it's so it works of the father that I do. He's working through me. Well, he's already said that, as we read and 21 that that if you passionately love me, he said me and my father are going to come and live with you.

- He said he said we we're going to show and shine our life through you. We're going to come live with you.
- And this is the relationship that we've gained now because of the cross.
- This is and this is why in John 17, he talks about the fact that the father loves us just as like he loves Jesus. It says that. So this is profound.

When he gets the verse twelve, I want you to grasp this because there's such an impartation on this. This is, I will tell you, this timeless truth. The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same miracles.

Wow. He's going to do the same miracles that I do even greater miracles. And these because I go to my father for I will do whatever you ask me to do when you ask my name. Well, that sounds pretty easy. I mean, so you ask the father in Jesus name. And he said this is how the son's going to show what the father is really like and bring glory to him. OK. Then it says this. Ask me anything.

• What is anything? That is anything. Anything in my name and I will do it.

So God through Jesus Christ is saying you can have anything you ask for in prayer. And that's the absolute truth.

- So you don't base what God is doing or saying on your experience because you
 might not experience the answer right away. You might not experience your
 healing immediately. That doesn't mean that God doesn't want to heal you.
- You have to rely on the word of God, which is absolute truth.
- So I believe that you are receiving the impartation right now from heaven on this subject.

We're going to continue on. I'm going to keep on reading. We're gonna be on verse 15 now and we're going to read through the next section. And I just want you to grasp what Jesus is saying and doing here.

I'm going to read the whole way down to the end to verse 31.

So verse 15 says, Loving me empowers you to obey my commands. Wow. So
God's love inside of you and that passion toward him. It causes you to be
empowered, to be propelled, to obey what he commands. Did you notice that
Jesus uses the word obey and and the word commands, which is very strong. It's
a it's military terms. It's interesting because Jesus is the new covenant.

And yet there are things that he asks you to obey and there's commands that have been spoken. And Jesus says, I will ask the father and he will give you another savior, another comforter, the Holy Spirit of Truth. Who will be to you, a friend just like me. And he will never leave you.

- Wow. So now he's introducing the Holy Spirit to them, telling them that he's going to send someone else that's just like him.
- So the Holy Spirit is not a bird.
- He is just like Jesus.
- And he's never going to leave us.
- So even if you feel like the Holy Spirit has pulled back or left, it's not true because
 Jesus said he's never going to leave you.
- The world doesn't receive Him because they can't see Him or know Him.
- But you know Him intimately because He will make His home in you and will live inside of you.

• So as a born again, Spirit filled believer, you have the Holy Spirit inside of you.

Just the fact that you became born again, you believe, on the Lord Jesus Christ.

- You confessed Him with your lips, with your mouth.
- You are saved and you have the Holy Spirit dwelling inside of you.
- He is the Spirit of truth. He is a comforter.
- He's a friend just like Jesus.
- And He is never going to leave you.
- These are the absolute truths.
- So now when you go to prayer, you have to remember these things.

These are secrets to my prayer life that I'm giving you. There are things that I saw on the other side. I saw that whatever we ask, we are going to get! Anything!

- I saw that he empowers us to obey him.
- And it's because we love him passionately.
- And I saw that the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of truth, is a friend.
- And he's never going to leave me.
- This is the kind of thing that you have to meditate on and watch your prayer life go in the favor so quickly because God wants you to know him intimately.

The world doesn't receive the Holy Spirit because they can't see him or know him.

- But Jesus said. But you know him intimately because he will make his home in you.
- And he will live inside of you.

So the Holy Spirit is going to stay.

- He's going to abide.
- He's moving in.
- Verse 18 says, I promise that I will never leave you helpless or abandoned you
 as orphans. I will come back to you soon. I will leave this world and they will see
 me no longer. But you will see me because I. I will live again. And you will come
 alive, too.

Verse 20 says so when that day comes, you will know that I am living in the father and that you are one with me, for I will be living in you. Those who truly love me are those who obey my commands while it's holy. Now he reiterates that again.

So we see the impartation of this.

- Whoever passionately loves me will be passionately loved by my Father
- I will passionately love you and return to will manifest my life within you.
- And this is the key verse that I mentioned at the beginning. This is him in the middle or toward the end of this discourse? He's repeated this loving and obeying statements several times now in verse 22, he says one of the disciples named Judas. But it wasn't Judas Iscariot, said, Lord, why is it you will only reveal your identity to us and not to everyone?

And Jesus replied, Loving me empowers you to obey my Word.

- And my father will love you so deeply that he will come to you and make you our Dwelling place.
- But those who don't love me will not obey my words. So there you have it.
- You have people that don't love God. So they're not going to obey God.
- But those who love the father and the son. He said the father will love them so deeply that He will come to you and he will make you His dwelling place.

This is the truth. This is what the Bible says. This is something you have to meditate on. So when you go to prayer and you are thinking about these things, it's really prayer is a local call. It's not a long distance call at all.

- The. Father is living in you.
- And so when you pray your desires become his desires and that passionate love makes God cause you to obey him.
- And then that obedience causes the favor to come in.

Now 24, it says verse 11 forces. But those who don't love me will not obey my words. The father did not send me to speak my own revelation. But the words of my father, I am telling you this, why I'm still with you. But when the father sends the spirit of holiness, the one like me, who sets you free while he will teach you all things in my name. And he will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you.

- So here you have the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer.
- And in this walk with God, He's going to come and He is going to be a spirit of holiness.
- So think about that. He's one like Jesus, and he's going to set us free.
- So the Holy Spirit is going to set us free.

Well, can you imagine going to prayer, yielding to the spirit of holiness and yielding to the Spirit of God who is just like Jesus.

- And he is going to set you free.
- And he's going to teach you all things in my name.
- And he will inspire you to remember every word that that Jesus has to.

As I told you, this is the promise that was given by Jesus right here. And you need to meditate on this, because when you go to prayer, you are in the spirit of holiness. You are encountering Jesus because Jesus is like the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit set you free.

- That's why you need to allow the Holy Spirit to manifest himself in you and through you.
- And when you yield to prayer, remember, God is orchestrating the whole thing because he wants to give you what you asked for.
- And that is the truth that I saw on the other side.
- It is a war down here. And when things don't happen right away, we give up.
- But we're supposed to stay in there. And that's why Jesus said this.

He said this in verse 27. He said, I leave you the gift of peace. With you, my peace, not the kind of fragile peace given by the world. But my perfect peace don't yield to fear or be told in your hearts. Instead, be courageous.

- So you're supposed to be full of courage.
- Remember what I've told you, that I must go away.
- But I promise you, I will be back to you.
- I will come back to you.

- So if you truly love me, you will be cleared for me since I'm returning to my father who is greater than I.
- So when all these things happen, you will still trust and cling to me.
- I won't speak it with you much longer. For the ruler of this world is coming.
- But he has no power over me. For he has nothing to use against me.
- I am doing exactly what the father destined for me to accomplish so that the world will discover how much I love my father.

This last part is amazing as well. Remember this, that Jesus is telling us himself too. That he's leaving us with a gift. It's a gift of peace.

- So we can encounter this supernatural peace that comes from him.
- And that peace is going to cause us to be courageous.
- And that courageousness is going to keep us.
- It's going to help us.
- We have destiny.
- And just like just like Jesus won over the devil when he came to him, Jesus said he has nothing in me.

And it's the same with us. God causes us to triumph over our enemies. So when we go to prayer, remember that one of the strategies is to remember who we have with us.

- That's the beautiful, Holy Spirit.
- And that the father and the son have moved in with us as well as the Holy Spirit, according to this chapter.
- So be encouraged that God wants you to pray and get your answers. But it has to do with relationship.

It has to do with yielding to the Holy Spirit. who is our helper.

- Our stand-by.
- Don't yield to fear.
- Don't be troubled.
- And don't allow yourself to be discouraged, but be courageous.
- So it just right now just yield to that that courage.
- Let God speak to you.

 Let him take you to the to the place where you can see that the father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are dwelling within you and that what you ever you ask in Jesus name.

You know that you have it because the son wants to give glory to the Father. So Jesus revealed this to me. And he showed me this as a strategy. So I know you're encouraged with this that there is a holy passion that you need to yield to and that passion causes you to obey. So I just believe in right now that you've received help so that you can obey God, that you can have so **much passion** that you actually obey him.

- And then you seem to favor start to manifest because you find yourself on the path of obedience and you truly love God.
- But like I said and that I said here in the verses is Jesus said, if you really love me, then you obey my command.
- If you don't obey his commands, then you don't love him. That's what he's saying.
- OK, because of that, what is it that is hindering you right now? Do you know what it is that's bothering you?

Are you allowing God to teach you and show you what's going on in your life? Are you are you yielding to him? Because that's what the Spirit is asking right now.

- Just relax and let him have his way with you.
- Let Him teach you.
- God wants to show you some mighty things.
- There are mighty things that God has for those who love Him.
- It says that He will withhold no good thing from those who love Him and fear Him.
- God is watching over you.
- There is a process of bringing you into favor.
- And this is a secret strategy from heaven that the Lord has shown me.
- And this this will help you.

Now, I want to go on. I want to talk about praying from the depths. And I want to tell you a little story, because Jesus, when he when he visited me in 1992, he showed me some things. And one of them was that he was in the belly of the earth for three days.

- And when he was down there, he was isolated, alienated from the father.
- He told me that that the agreement was that he would experience the alienation of being separated from the father.
- And he told me that this was the hardest thing for him.
- And he didn't talk about his crucifixion as much as he did about being alienated from the father down in the belly of the earth.
- And he went to Sheol.
- He went down to the depths and did not hear or feel the father for the time that he was down there.

So he said that he suffered in that area as well before he was resurrected so that we can live from the depths from deep places inside of us, no matter what is going on. Whatever it is that we go through, we feel that demonic is trying to attack us. He said, I cleared away in the spirit for you to pray from the depths. Because I learned how to do that. And then he started to instruct me. From Psalms 16.

So I want to read that to you. And I also want to comment here and there on it, because I want to impart the truth of Jesus. Talk to me about because he said, "Kevin, when you pray, you yield to the spirit. He said, you've got to yield to the depths of the spirit.

- There's deep intercession that comes.
- And this is a prayer secret.
- And what you'll find is that most people never yield to this this depth.
- They don't go deep enough in prayer.
- They don't allow their spirit to take the intercession.
- And this is what the Lord wants for us.
- He wants us to grasp this truth.

Okay, so I'm going to read Psalm 16 and comment on it here and there.

Psalm 16 New Living Translation (NLT) A psalm^[a] of David.

¹ Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge.

- ² I said to the Lord, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you."
- ³ The godly people in the land are my true heroes!

 I take pleasure in them!
- ⁴ Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.
 I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood

or even speak the names of their gods.

⁵ Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing.

You guard all that is mine.

⁶ The land you have given me is a pleasant land.

What a wonderful inheritance!

- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I know the Lord is always with me.

 I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.
- ⁹ No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. [b] My body rests in safety.
- or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.
- ¹¹ You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.^[e]

Footnotes:

- a. <u>16:Title</u> Hebrew *miktam*. This may be a literary or musical term.
- b. 16:9 Greek version reads and my tongue shouts his praises. Compare Acts 2:26.
- c. 16:10a Hebrew in Sheol.
- d. 16:10b Or your Holy One.
- e. <u>16:11</u> Greek version reads You have shown me the way of life, / and you will fill me with the joy of your presence. Compare <u>Acts 2:28</u>.
- Keep me safe all mighty God. I owe my Dear Life to you.
- Nice safe place.
- I said to the Lord, You are my maker, my meat mediator and my master.

- Any good thing you find in me has come from you.
- And he said to me, My lovers, my holy lovers are wonderful, my majestic ones, my glorious ones fulfilling all my desires.
- Yet there are those who yield to their weakness and they will have troubles and sorrows unending.
- I never gather with such ones nor give them honor in any way.
- Lord, I have chosen you alone as my inheritance.
- You are my prize. My pleasure.
- And my portion.
- I leave my destiny and its timing in your hands.
- Your pleasant path leads me to pleasant places.
- I am overwhelmed by the privileges that come with following you, for you have given me the best.
- The way you counsel and correct me makes me praise you more for your whispers in the night.
- Give me wisdom showing me what to do next.
- Because you are close to me and always available.
- My confidence will never be shaken, for I experience your wrap around presence every moment.

Now here is where Jesus showed me that he quoted these verses to himself in the belly of the earth because he did not feel the presence of God. He was separated because of sin and he had no communication with the father.

- And so he rehearsed this whole Chapter 16 while he was down there.
- And there were the at the devils were down there.
- There were all kinds of things happening to him.
- And he said it was he went through great suffering and great separation for us because he had to go to the vilest, deepest part of hell so that he could he suffer for that violence.
- And then come up with the keys.
- And he did that so that he had redeemed everyone.
- No one has to go to hell, in other words, is what he said.
- But people do go to hell, but they shouldn't go because he paved the way out.

- So in in that verse eight, he said, because you are close to me and it says in the King James, because I.
- I said the Lord always before me and because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Because he did that. The Lord showed him the way out. The father raised him from the dead. So he said in verse nine said,

- My heart and my soul explode with joy.
- Full of glory.
- Even my body will rest.
- Confident and secure.
- For you will not abandon me to the realm of death.
- Nor will you allow your holy one to experience corruption for you.
- Bring me a continual revelation of resurrection, life, the path to the bliss that brings me face to face with you.
- So Jesus was repeating this.
- He told me that King David had.
- And it was the promise that one on the third day that the father would tell the
 Holy Spirit to resurrect Jesus, bring him back up through the grave, and then as
 man caused him to ascend on high and be seated at the right hand and God.

And so God is wanting you to know right now that Jesus suffered when he died. He went to Sheol.

- He went to the pit and he went to the lowest part.
- And there was no presence down there of God.
- There was nothing.
- And he was alienated from the father so that you wouldn't have to be.
- He suffered all that so that you would have to go through that.
- So there is deaths and there is these things that Jesus went through.

And if you remember, he also went through that in the garden. He had Jesus explained to me he got to pray from this place of the depth that Jesus said,

- you've got to know that the father is going to deliver you.
- And in in Jesus was not going to deliver himself.

• And so the scripture that went to read to and I went to do this in closing, he says in Luke, 22 versus 41 to 44, it says, and he was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw. And he knelt down and he prayed saying, Father, if it is, your will take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done. Then an angel appeared to him from heaven, strengthening him and being in agony. He prayed more earnestly than his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And this is an encounter that he had. Even an angel shows up. But see, he had to stay right there within what God had for him.

- He couldn't allow any of these things that were happening around him to get him out of what God called him to do.
- And that was he was not going to let that cup pass by him.
- He was going to drink of it.
- He was doing that for our eternal salvation.
- And he prayed from the depths there in the garden.
- And that's what I wanted to know.
- I wanted you to know is that this happened with Moses, too.

He was completely surrendered to God because there was all these miracles happening and God was using Moses, but the people were not listening. And one day in Exodus 33 fifteen. God was done with the people, but he wasn't done with Moses. And so Moses said, listen, we're not going anywhere unless you go with us. So that's what he said in Exodus 33 15th.

- And see, this is where the attitude that Jesus told me, you have to get to this
 place where you're only going to do what the father wants you to do and you're
 going to stay in there with God until the righteous and the holy will of God is
 executed.
- So you've got to have a passion for that.
- And Moses was finally put his foot down and said, you know what? We're not going anywhere unless you go with us.

 So I believe that this has helped you. And remember that that the apostle Paul said this. And second, Timothy, for 18, he said, the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for his heavenly kingdom to him, be the glory forever and ever.

John 15 New Living Translation (NLT)

Jesus, the True Vine

- 15 "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener.
- ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.
- ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.
- ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.
- ⁵ "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. **For apart from me you can do nothing.**
- ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.
- ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.
- ⁹ "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.
- ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.
- ¹¹I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!
- ¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.
- ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.
- ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.
- ¹⁵I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.
- ¹⁶ You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

1 Corinthians 2 New Living Translation (NLT)

2 When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

⁶ Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. ⁷ No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God^[c]—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. ⁸ But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. ⁹ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." [d]

¹⁰ But^[e] it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. ¹¹ No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. ¹² And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

¹³ When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. ^[1] ¹⁴ But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. ¹⁶ For,

"Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?"

But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.