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Day 5 - Gathering in the Spirit, August 13, 2020 with Jim Murphy

Prophetic Word:

1) **Hebrews 10:38-39** "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back." ³⁹ But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

- we've been listening to amazing words and we are saying "yes, yes" at this time, but will we be able to say "yes" later on?
- I don't want to be one who says "yes" now and shrink back later on

2) I hear the Lord singing to us, *"My child, I need you, oh I need you. Every hour I need you. Your heart, your voice... now make your choice, my child how I need you."*

3) **James 1:21-22** Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

4) **John 15:16** - You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last
- God is calling each to go and bear fruit

5) Do not be afraid, remember that My yoke is easy and My burden is light
I will not ask you to do anything where I am not going to be with you.
You and I make a good team.

John 10:10 ... I have come that you may have life... life in abundance

Abundance of life is available for you. The more you focus on me, the more you will be able to enjoy My presence and My abundant life for you. You can be a witness to the world which need Me so desperately. You can share My love. It will not be difficult if you ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. We would love to guide and to share Our lives with you. Just be open, be willing and be ready and I will call upon you.

Day 5 - Summary of the week by Jim Murphy

- I will give you a talk under 20 minutes which is a miracle in itself
- I was struck that how everything has come full circle

1) God and Jesus says, "I am"

- it doesn't mean that God will just do things... but He will be for us what we need Him to be
- there is a difference between doing and being
- God is so big and so complex and He has the capacity to relate to you and to be for you specifically what you need
- that's nothing we should be presumptuous with
- the Lord has the capacity to be what you need Him to be
- He doesn't take orders from us; but by His generosity and love, He is willing to be what we need Him to be for us

- "I am..."
- you have a God who can meet every one of your needs in a way that nothing and no one else can
- God is so generous and capable, that He can certainly be what you need Him to be
- we need to give God thanks for that
- we all have our own uniqueness and God has already taken care of that

-Isaiah 55

- the corollary of **Matthew 11**
- we started with an invitation from God to come to Him
- there is some irony here
 - you can't go somewhere unless you are willing to leave where you are
 - when Jesus called the fishermen in the Sea of Galilee and said, "Come to me and I will make you fishers of men"... immediately they left their nets ; James and John left their dad and co-workers and they followed Him
- they couldn't stay in the boats and follow Him
- there needs to be a leaving of one place in order to go to another place
- that looks different for each one of us
 - it may be a geographical leaving for some, while it may be an emotional leaving for another
 - ie: "I can't keep up with this contradiction anymore."
"I can't hold up to this anger and be a person of mercy. It just doesn't work anymore"
"I've got to let one thing go in order to come to a new thing."

- the invitation to come is a call to transformation, to a whole new life, .. a complete new way of living
 - that is required when you come

- In **Matthew 11**, come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest, I will give you food, etc...

- but there is a transformation that comes... "take up my yoke and learn from me"
 - we learn from Isaiah 55 that He says "heed and listen to me"
 - it is one thing to listen... ie: "Oh, isn't that interesting...", but to heed the word means that we really get it and we act on it
- there are 4 steps necessary to OT thinking in order for you to hear God
- 1) you have to hear Him... whether you receive a direct message from the Lord, whether you hear the word during Mass, or you hear it from a friend
 - whatever it is, you hear from God
 - 2) you need to understand what it means as best as you can
 - 3) you have to agree to it... there is **a decision that needs to be made**
 - this is very important
 - 4) you then have to act on it
- that is what it means to hear the Lord
 - the last step, "acting on it", is really a call of obedience
 - at times, the call will not make sense
 - at times He is just looking for us to be obedient
 - one reason for obedience is to do what God wants to get done
 - but there is a greater thing going on here... even if our understanding and doing isn't perfect or complete, the fact that you're trying to understand and do God's will... that is what is pleasing to Him
 - the Lord will never lead you deeper into the work of the devil or our own flesh
 - the spirit of God takes us into the reality of the Holy Spirit
 - each time we die to self (leave our thing behind) and move towards God, we are moving more out of our flesh and the devil and we are moving one step closer to God
 - God wants your obedience because it transforms you to be more Christlike
 - obedience is not a bitter pill; it is the means of our transformation

SEEK

- **1 Chronicles 22** - [devote your heart and soul to seeking your Lord and God](#)
 - that evening, many in the Word Ministry had a word about seeking
 - the challenge is how badly do I want the Lord
 - some may say, "it's nice if it's dropped into my lap, but I am not willing to drop everything to get it"
- in the book of **Song of Songs / Solomon** - it is pretty raw
 - there is this woman looking for her lover and she goes crazy over him
 - she wants to be with her lover
 - the Church Fathers say this is how we should long and seek God
 - am I seeking God as diligently as He is seeking me?

- probably not
- as we recognize our lack, we ask Him to light our heart on fire and ask that we will seek Him with greater fervor and that there is nothing more important than Him
- just as that woman in the book of Song of Songs searches for her lover, I want to look for the Lord

STORY: after Communion, Jim received a prayer

- continuation....

- I hope at the moment of my death, I will be found by God stretching out, reaching out for Him
- so I pray... "*Lord, when I die, may I be found reaching for you*"
- what matters is that you are turning and reaching, **straining for God**
- that is what He is looking for, that you are straining for Him
 - ... it doesn't matter whether your journey has just begun or whether you've been walking through your faith journey for a long time

- seek the Lord while He may be found

- **there's a timing here... there is a moment of grace, a window of opportunity...**

- do not put this off; do not delay; don't take the chance
- right now, right here, seek the Lord

- the whole concept of **repent... that invitation**

- it's not about condemnation, but it's an invitation to transformation

- repentance consists of 3 things:

- a) recognize that I am not on the right path - there's something wrong; there's something not working
 - in Alcohol Anonymous, the definition of **insanity** is doing the same thing and expecting different results
 - a lot of times, even if it isn't working, we keep doing it anyway

STORY: - while in Australia, he and his friend were lost in Sydney

- his friend was "flying" through the roads because the prayer meeting had started 10 minutes earlier
- Jim said, "I think we're lost" and his friend replied, "but we're making good time..."

- we need to recognize that we're lost
 - "I don't know what will work, but I know this doesn't work"
 - start with recognizing this isn't working

b) repentance implies a change in direction

c) continue on in the new way

- Jim was struck by the passage in **Ephesians 4:28**:
 - Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.*
 - this is complete turn around!

- the taker is now the giver

Isaiah 55:13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

- in place of weeds and thorns, God will replace them with life giving plants
- no one enjoys having a thornbush or nettles growing in their heart, mind or in their life
- what God is saying is "if you will repent and forsake your old ways and thoughts and come to My ways and My thoughts, I'll take the nettles and thornbush out and replace them with life giving plants

- repentance is not a bad thing; it is actually a beautiful thing
- Jim prays that we bring the whole message of "Come" to our family, friends and neighbours

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- people who think God is a waiting with a lightning bolt, hoping that they make one more mistake so he can justify punishing them, are SO WRONG!
- this whole week we have been speaking about God's mercy and love
- and yes, sometimes God has to speak the hard truth
- sometimes He needs to discipline to order our lives
 - no one likes it, but ultimately, He is doing this because He loves you, He desires to heal you,
 - He's not just trying to stop you from doing bad things
 - His desire is for you to turnaround and be like Him... and for you to live **with Him** and for you to live **in Him**
 - it's more than the human mind can comprehend
 - this is exactly what God is offering us

- we need to thank God for His generous love
 - we all need to examine our hearts, our lives and relationships and say, **"Lord, here I am. Change, reshape, remove what you need to remove, put whatever you need to put in... Do whatever You want. because living with you is much better than living with me."**

- when we hear God say "come", let's be willing to walk away from other things in order to be with the Lord.
 - whatever price you have to pay, whatever pain you have to endure, whatever hardship you will need to experience... it will be worth it.
- GOD BLESS YOU!

Prophetic Word to the conference:

You are indeed my children; I have called you by name and you are mine. Let all the sounds around you fall to the ground but let the sound of My voice and My love carry you each day as if on the wings of an eagle. Surrender to My love to My voice and always look to Me. Stay with Me.

When you come to Me first thing in the morning above ALL else, you shall begin to operate more and more in the supernatural Kingdom life. One glance toward Me during your day will bring you right back, strongly, into My presence. Gaze on Me often till My presence becomes constant.