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I think the Lord is wanting to ask us tonight, what part of the word 'no' don't you understand. There is therefore no condemnation. So if Satan is condemning you, don't listen to him. If other people are condemning you, don't listen to them. If your own heart is condemning you, don't listen to it. There is no condemnation for those of us in Jesus Christ. We are to not also be in the business of condemning each other either. Because then we're just contributing to the problem. There is no... it's a big word; a little word, but a big word...no condemnation.

There is no greater love than that with which I would bind you to me. Come my people and enter into that new place in me. And go no more out and in, but remain. And I will be unto you a healing balm. A mighty strength. I will make you to become my holy nation in the earth in these times. Let me pour out upon you and within you that holy oil that I am. Let me saturate you with the Holy Spirit and make you as you have never been. Transforming you to be my vessels of light that we may walk as one, for I desire that you be one with me.

I think the pivotal word in that word from the lord is remain. We've been doing all of those things, but we haven't been doing them consistently. As Jackie spoke the words, the Lord, He told us that we had gone out and in. He wants us to remain in him. That's where our strength comes from. That's where our power comes from. That's where the healing comes from. Lord, may we remain in you from this day forth.

Sometime ago I got a word about steadfastness and the image of Rosa Parks, taking her rightful place on the bus and sitting down and refusing to move. That's what the Lord wants us to do - is to take our rightful place in the body of Christ and take the authority that we've been given to sit down and refuse to move. Even when the world says 'you don't belong here, you belong over there. You belong in the back - you belong somewhere else. You're not worthy to sit here.' Refuse to move. You are worthy to sit there. Christ has made you worthy. I can't help but think about the bus boycott afterward. There was a lady walking to work - who walked miles to work instead of taking the bus. And somebody was driving by and tried to pick her up, and she refused to be picked up. And he said 'well aren't you tired', and the woman said 'my feet is tired, but my soul is rested.' My feet is tired, but my soul is rested. That's what he wants from us. We may be tired and may not be able to move, but he wants us to remain in him.

If we're to dwell with him, that means stay. And don't dwell on the move. Lord, I confess that I have not done enough dwelling with you. I have gone my own way too many times. Forgive me. Lord, I confess that I have not done enough dwelling. I have gone my own way too many times. Forgive me.

Do not be afraid.

I remember last week the Lord gave me a word. I had done a couple things that he asked me to do in the past couple weeks. And He was saying how pleased he was with that. And I was, in false modesty it turned out, I was saying "oh that's no big deal". And He said, stop right there - it is a great big deal that you've done something that I've asked you to do. And He said, you're tied up in all these other things that have nothing to do with me, and to you that's a big deal. The Lord says, "let me praise you in these things that I think you've done well." I also think he is saying he is raising up a nation, but this nation will not have borders. It will not be tied to a physical land mass, and his nation will be made of those who listen to Him and follow Him. It won't be Israelites, it won't be Americans, it won't be Russians or Chinese, it will be His people. Like he's reversing the tower of Babel

thing.

This is so not me. But I think the Lord - He wants us to ask. He wants us to just ask for everything. For the whole thing. Not just a piece. He wants to give us the whole Spirit - just everything. But He wants us to ask and not be satisfied. And so, Lord I'm asking - I want it all. I want you to give it all. Give it all. Give everything that you want to give to us - give it to us. We're asking Lord - we're asking and we've got open hands to receive - I just thank you Lord that you love us so much that you want to give us every good and perfect gift. Help us, help us Lord to ask, and help us Lord to receive. We know you want to give and we know you have it. Open our hearts, open our hearts, open our hands, open our spirits that we may receive all the good things that you have for us.

Behold I stand at the door and knock. Please don't close me out. Don't keep me out. I'm waiting; will you be the master of your own home, or will you let me come in. I'm waiting to come and open the door.

I say that's what the Holy Spirit wants to give us - is love. But where there are tongues, they will cease; where there are prophecies, they will go silent. Sometimes hope fails, and faith wavers. But love never fails. The moon - the moon will go out like a light, the sun will burn out, the earth will crumble. But love will go on forever. He wants to give us the one thing that lasts forever. Don't be afraid, don't close him out; don't close out God.

Now! He wants to give it to us now. Ask. Ask. No one can ask for you; you must ask for yourself. To receive, you must be willing to lay down yourself and accept the gift He wants to give to you. Amanda can't ask for you, Jack can't ask for you. The clergy can't ask for you. Behold I stand at the door and knock. Open, and I will come in, and I will sup with you, and I will fill you with my Holy Spirit says the Lord.

I keep thinking too that part of this whole process is to take seriously what we said a little while ago about renouncing Satan - renouncing spiritual forces and renouncing evil powers of the world - renouncing, which means every time they stick their ugly little heads up over and over and over and over and over again in your life or in your brain, and we're gonna do that - we need to renounce them. Discouragement, you are not of the Holy Spirit - get out of here. You don't belong in my life. Despair, depression, negativity - whatever it is, that's out. That stuff gets in the way of opening the door. It is like having boxes and boxes in front of the door and Jesus is knocking, and you're trying to open the door. But you can't open it because there is all this luggage and boxes and stuff in front of your door. And I've more and more come to believe that renouncing something is really a good idea to do out loud. You know, talk to those things - I mean I was having a real bad discouragement thing going on today, and I should have known, you know, it's Pentecost - of course you're going to have that. You know - you gotta get - get out of here. You don't belong here. Get out of my life. That's not where I belong. There is no condemnation, no condemnation, no condemnation - go away. And just take ownership over that. We don't have control over a lot of things, but Jesus said we have control over that.

I'm always overjoyed when I see, experience, or evidence that the Lord has spoken, and then several days later, several weeks, several months He'll bring out his word. About 2 or 3 nights ago I was on facebook, and I was just moved to listen to this song I love so much. I posted it to facebook two nights ago, and it's a song by Paul McCartney and Wings, it's "someone's knocking at the door, someone's ringing the bell. Do me a favor open and door and let him in." I always wanted to do that song in church. But it's there two days ago, and it's wonderful when I see the Lord speak to other people. It's awesome.