

## **Prophecies for September 7, 2008**

*Jack*

Before the service we were praying coming in here today, as Father Bill said, we offer ourselves up entirely to the Lord. Lord, I don't have a lot to offer this week. I've got temptations, failures. And the Lord kept saying, "I'll take that. Thank you very much. Got anymore? I'll take that, too."

"But, Lord, I'm not worthy."

"I'm going to take that, too."

*Father Bill*

The Song of Solomon says just one look from our eyes causes God's heart to be ravished. When we turn to Him with whatever we have, even if it's our brokenness and our failures; if we just turn to Him and look to Him, it makes His heart flutter with joy to have His children turn to Him and look to Him. Throughout the day, when we're feeling most low and things are going bad, if we just turn to Him it brings joy to His heart. With whatever we have, whatever we give, He is going to be glorified. Turn to Him, seek His face, bring joy to His heart.

*Christopher*

On the surface that seems like a rather obvious trade for us, but when we were singing that song, I realized the reason we don't do it: trade my sorrow, my shame, my pain for His joy. We have to give up ownership of our lives to do that. For many of us, myself included, we'd rather have pain as long as it's my pain, because it's mine, and I have control over it, and I know where it's coming from. It's my sin, and I like it, because I know it. His joy is unpredictable. It's His. I can't control it. We pray, Lord, that You will give us the grace to give up control of the stuff we don't really want anyway, but we think we want because it's ours. We pray for the grace to give that up to You, and take on Your glory with Your Lordship. We pray that You will take that honor.

## **Prophecies for September 14, 2008**

*Jack*

Lord over the storm, Lord of our hearts, Lord over our lives, Lord over our money, Lord over our jobs. We give thanks, Lord, for Your favor. We fall short each day, but You say it's all right. You come back to me. That's the one place we can get help, Lord.

*Christopher*

I feel like the Lord is saying that the subtlest form of pride is self-condemnation. That when you say you're not worthy or that you're not up to it or it's just time to give up or whatever you're essentially saying that Christ didn't save you. Christ couldn't save you. God isn't powerful enough. You're essentially taking control and saying I have the ability to say whether I am worthy to follow Christ or not. And the truth of the Scripture is right there. There is no condemnation for those who believe in Christ Jesus. So there is no need to condemn yourself for whatever you've done or haven't done or whatever you perceive your failings to be. Because self-condemnation can lead to self-pity. I know, I've been there. I've done it a lot. And self-pity leads to inactivity, inaction, depression, You

