

Mother of God Community
Sunday Night Prayer Meeting
March 6, 2016
Prophetic Words Series – Talk #4
Dawn Glennon

Introduction:

As you know, God has been impressing on Marty, Elaine and I the words He wants to remind us to ponder and we are responding with these talks. But these words were given to the entire community, so as we've said before, we sense that He wants ALL of us to ponder His messages to us and He will reveal things in them that He wants us to know for today. We encourage you again to take these words to prayer. But now, we are also asking you to pray about sharing what the Lord reveals to you with the community in a talk like this one. If that is something you feel the Lord is leading you to do, please contact one of the Council members or Prayer Meeting Leaders or Marty, Elaine or myself and we will work with you to get it on the Prayer Meeting schedule.

This is the word the Lord led me to ponder and share with you tonight:

January 25, 2015

Behold, I make all things anew. Get ready to be challenged in your status quo. I am stretching your limits and boundaries of understanding, of love and of charity. I am transforming my body and equipping it to withstand the times to come. You must yield and be opened to being transformed. Will you trust me? Will you let me? You were made for times such as these; chosen from all of eternity.

My children, I am transforming and stretching you individually and as a whole. Be opened to letting me lead you. Ask me what I am doing specifically. I will answer you. Come and be with me. I need to impress that vision in each of you; therefore, I invite you to see it with me for yourself. Oh my children, how I am rejoicing at the coming transformation in you! I love you my little ones.

I have to admit I struggled a bit with this one. I found it very difficult to really stay focused on. I wanted to gloss over some of the sentences because it was clear that if I really took them to heart, I would have to change. This message is about the Lord wanting to transform us and I just found myself being very resistant to that message!

No matter how many times I read it, I still felt like my mind was running away from trying to understand it. My mind would wander anywhere but there. But, the Lord is patient and He kept bringing me back to it, and so I kept reading and waiting and finally the Lord started filling my mind with questions. As I would read a sentence He would bring questions to my mind. Each time I read through it, more questions would arise. Now, I haven't even come close to answering them all yet, but I've come away from my time with this word so far, knowing that I have to keep bringing this word and the questions it raises to prayer until I understand all He is trying to say to me and allow myself to be changed. I don't know about you, but that at times sounds exciting to me, but at times it sounds very unnerving or even a little scary.

So now I'm going to go through the word a few sentences at a time and share with you some of what the Lord has shared with me. I'm not going to attempt to really answer the questions He raised with me, but rather just give you an idea of what He has sent me off to think about.

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There are 2 though, that I'd like to share more deeply on, but for the most part I'm just going to share some of the questions and thoughts He gave me.

Behold, I make all things anew *(We've all heard this many times)*

- *The word 'anew' jumped out at me and I felt compelled to look it up. Anew: it means in a new or different, typically more positive, way.*
- *Now, I know that my first reaction to new ways of doing things is not always to look at the positive aspects.*
- *And so the question that came to me here was: Why do I not immediately ask God how He sees it?*

Get ready to be challenged in your status quo. I am stretching your limits and boundaries of understanding, of love and of charity.

- *What I heard was: If you believe I am with you always, then why are you afraid of changes to the status quo? If you have trouble believing I am always present with you, just ask Me to help your unbelief.*
- *When I thought about stretching our limits and boundaries of understanding and love, some questions that came to me were:*
 - *Will you give Me your fears and anxieties so that you are free to show My Love to others?*
 - *Will you give up your subtle judging?*
 - *Will you put Me before all your busyness?*
 - *There were several more questions like this, but you get the idea.*
- *Increasing our limits and boundaries of charity....*
 - *Will you focus more on others and keep your heart open so that you quickly see those in need of kind word, or a friendly chat or simply a prayer.*
 - *My charity begins with simple things. These open your heart so that charity in all things becomes as natural a part of you as it is of Me.*

I am transforming my body and equipping it to withstand the times to come.

- *My own mind asked: What do the 'times to come' bring that we need to be equipped to withstand them? It sounds like those times going to be difficult and painful.*
- *What I kept hearing the Lord say here was: Will you trust Me to give you what you need, when you need it? If you need help trusting Me, ask, and I will help you.*

You must yield and be opened to being transformed. **Will you trust Me? Will you let Me?**

- *This is one I'd like to share a little more deeply on*
- *I heard 2 messages when I pondered these sentence and they are related.*

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- *The first was, Will you give Me your fears, and do what I prompt you to do without questioning? Will you say 'Yes'?*
- *It often takes me longer to say 'yes' to God than it should. As I look back now with the perspective of time, I realize that God has been asking me to change over and over throughout my life and that many times I have been whispering (instead of shouting) my 'yes', Only willing to gain my faith in baby steps. At times I have said 'yes' right away, but more often not. I realize, though, that the Lord has changed me from the little girl who was afraid to answer the phone to someone standing up here tonight. These questions led me to the next one:*
- *Will you let Me change your understanding of yourself? To be honest, I'm still working through this one. This was a question He kept repeating. Will you let me change your understanding of yourself?*
- *I know intellectually that I am His child. But if I had to describe myself to someone what would I say? I'd probably start with I am a wife and a mother. I'm an IT Program Manager for T. Rowe Price. Then I might list the things I'm good at and the things I like to do, I might add the things I'm not good at and that I don't like.*
- *But I knew that wasn't the answer He was looking for. I sensed Him saying instead: 'I made you to be like Me and to be with Me.'*
- *I will be pondering this for a while, but, in the mean time I have said 'Yes, Lord, I will let you change my understanding of myself, and I will let you do it now!...and I am asking for Your help.*

You were made for times such as these; chosen from all of eternity.

- *With this sentence I heard: Like Esther, will you accept My direction for you? Will you allow Me to change you so that you can accomplish My tasks? If you are afraid, talk to Me, ask Me for help!*
- *You can see that so many of these questions are related and the answers all point back to spending time with Him for help in finding the answers.*

My children, I am transforming and stretching you individually and as a whole. **Be opened to letting me lead you. Ask me what I am doing specifically. I will answer you**

- This is the second place I'd like to explore with you a little
- His first question to me was: Why do you hesitate to ask Me what I am doing? You do not need to be afraid of the answer; I made you to fulfill your purpose. (I admit, my first reaction was to hesitate to ask because I was a little afraid of the answer)
- Will you surrender your busy-ness to Me so that I can make you aware of what I am doing in you? Ask Me to help you find time for Me.
- Busy-ness is my biggest problem. I repent of it in confession quite often. So His answer to me was that I need to ask Him to show me how to 'make time' for Him.
- I also sensed Him saying, Ask Me how to pray, ask Me how to come into My Presence, I will answer you. Ask me to help you let go of your anxieties, your hostilities, your busyness, and your fears. I will start wherever you are and bring you to Me.

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- He wants us to spend time with Him so He can help us with all these things. He knows we are struggling, but if we do not say 'Yes' please help me' then He will not force us.

Come and be with me. I need to impress that vision in each of you; therefore, **I invite you to see it with me for yourself.**

- *He is saying "Come, see what I see!" I will show you who your really are!*
- *Can I really reject His invitation?*

Oh my children, how I am rejoicing at the coming transformation in you! I love you my little ones.

- *Here I just sensed His great excitement for us, and I want to be just as excited!*

Throughout this word I heard that Him saying that He wants me to come spend time with Him. Talk to Him about all my fears, hostilities, busyness, etc. To be open and honest with Him. And if I don't know how to pray, how to make time for Him, how to spend time with Him, how to be open to Him, He wants me to ask. His heart is longing for me to come spend time with Him so He can change me.

Reading and listening to His words is good and necessary, but it is not enough. He wants us to talk to Him about everything that is on our minds and hearts, and ask Him for help in all things. He wants us to ask ourselves hard questions like the ones He gave me as I read this message over and over.

It will be difficult, it will take time, but it will change you! He wants us to ask Him for help with all things large and small.

A little change each day gives us confidence to be ready for the next step, but we must be willing and persistent.

This is what I sense the Lord calling me to do with this word. And I'd like to encourage you to ponder this word when you have time and see if He wants to use it to speak to you as well.

- *Small groups to discuss anything about this Word that touches you*
- *Homework (don't worry, it won't be collected and it's totally voluntary) - Go home and ask Him what He is doing with you, and with the community. Tell Him what you think and feel about His call to change us. Be honest with your thoughts and fears and listen for what He says to you.*