

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## The Secret Place Is the Secret May 11, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

When I hear or even speak the lyrics of this song my heart melts before the Lord. This is song says everything about coming into the secret place and being with Almighty God Himself. Here are a few of the lyrics:

Eye to eye  
Face to face  
Mouth to mouth  
Come breathe on me in the secret place  
Just breathe, breathe on me, breath on me  
I must see You  
It's Your breath of life that that gives me life  
It's Your breath of life that lets me live

The secret place is where you pursue God because you MUST be with Him. Pursuing God means to eagerly seek after Him – to go after and chase after until you find what you are pursuing. Jesus' secret place was on the side of the mountain and in the garden. In the secret place it only you and God – no one else enters your secret place. Your secret place is not visible to others – it is the place of hearts meeting. It is the place of secrets being revealed. It is the place of promotion. It is the place of encounter. It is the place where hope is infused into your being. It is the place where you are rooted in your identity and definition comes. It is the place of increasing union. It is the place where walls come down and every pretension melts away. It is a place where strength and courage rise up. Eye to eye, face to face, mouth to mouth...

I believe Jesus heard John 15-16 in the secret place with His Father.

I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in Me, and I in you, you will bear much fruit, apart from Me you can do nothing. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit. As My Father has loved Me, so have I loved you, now remain in My love. If you obey My commands you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. You do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. I will send to you from the Father the Spirit of Truth and He will testify of Me. All of this I have told you so that you will not go astray. When He the Spirit of Truth comes He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears and He will tell you what is to come.

Jesus is sharing conversations and revelation that came in the secret place. The secret place is real. It is the place of breath and life. David shares conversations from the secret place. My heart says of You, 'Seek His face!' Your face Lord I will seek. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand. The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. I will fear no evil for You are with me. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways. My soul thirsts for the LIVING GOD. When can I go meet with Him?

Isaiah shares conversations from the secret place. I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand. I will make you into a threshing sledge; new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff. Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past.

The secret place is the secret. It is the place of becoming. It is the place of impartation and revelation, equipping and strategizing. It is the place where your heart is synchronized to His heart. It is a place of great strength. It is a place where every distraction and every lie falls off. The secret place is a place you must choose. God does not force you into the secret place. As David says – my heart says, My heart says of You 'Seek His Face!' Your face Lord I will seek.

We are in war! There is no doubt about that. Powers and principalities have positioned themselves to persecute Christians, pass laws to shut down preaching the gospel by calling it hate speech, redefine sexuality, calling evil good and good evil. Removing the right of parents to freely raise their children. Restricting freedom.

In the secret place war strategies are given. In the secret place there is clarity. You come out of the secret place with new boldness and focus knowing who you are and what to do.

### **PRAYER**

In this war over our nation we declare that the United States of America belongs to the Lord!! Angel armies are throughout our land and the King of Glory has come in – He is the Lord of Victory, armed and ready for battle, the Mighty One. The invincible commander of heaven's hosts! Yes, He is the King of Glory!

God, You are righteousness and the champion defender over our nation. You answer us when we cry for help. You are jealous for this nation. Lord, prove them wrong when they say, 'God can't help you!'

I know that You, God, are never pleased with lawlessness and evil. Boasters will collapse, unable to survive. Continue to expose the lies and corruption in the land. Expose those who carry destruction in their hearts drawing people into their darkness with their speeches. They are smooth-tongued deceivers, flattering with their words. Declare them guilty, O God! Let their own schemes be their downfall! Let the guilt of their sins collapse on top of them, for they rebel against You. You God are the only DELIVERER.

**We call on Your name and declare Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!! Have mercy on our nation.**