

## Early Prayer January 19, 2010 Set Your Face Like Flint

**John** sings: *Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.*

Lord we bless You this morning. We wait upon You. Holy Spirit, fall on us this morning. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty! Lion of Judah! Captain of the Hosts! We rejoice in You this morning.

*Sings: We will run and not get weary. We will walk and not faint. We are the army of the Lord.*

Raise up your hands into the heavens. We are going to possess the heavens over us and open the portal. We are going to seize the heavens and say that the air is ours.

Commodore Perry's older brother, who was also Commodore Perry, during the war of 1812 on the Great Lakes originated the phrase, "We have met the enemy and he is ours!" I did not know that they talked like that back then, "He is ours!" Today we say, "We have met the enemy and he is ours!"

*Sings: We will run and not get weary. We will walk and not faint. We are the army of the Lord. We are possessing in the name of the Lord. We have met the enemy and he is ours! The Captain of the Host is marching with us and the enemy is ours. We have the blood and the enemy can't stand against the blood. We have authority in the name of Jesus. The enemy can't stand against the authority. We will rush Satan's kingdom. We will tear down his wall. We will take dominion and conquer.*

**Robert:** Good morning. We welcome you on the web cast. We have gathered to praise the Lord and start the day with Him. We are in the lead up to Passover. It is still about two months away, but the Lord wants us to begin to focus and press toward it now. He wants us to come into that place with Him to see the power of His blood demonstrated. This morning we are pressing on and pressing in with the Lord.

**Linda:** The Lord said for this morning that we need to understand what it means to set our faces like flint. As many times as Chuck has said that it is going to be a battle leading up to Passover, the Lord is saying it again. Today He wants to give us a piece of revelation that we are going to need for the weeks ahead. He also wants us to stand in a place of intercession for the body, for them to be able to set their faces like flint. As we came in this morning I asked Raymond if his face was set like flint and he told me what happened to him this morning and I'd like him to share that.

**Raymond:** I was up late last night and this morning I woke up before my alarm went off, so I know it was the Lord, I thought, "I can just turn my alarm off. It will be OK to miss early prayer. There will be enough people there for me to stay home." Holy Spirit came up in me and said, "You have a choice." I said, "Lord, I will set my face to go." It was a little thing, but sometimes it is the little bitty things that will get you. We have to command that and get up. We have to command the day and join the saints to press forward. We declare that the body of Christ will not become ensnared with little things. We will pull our legs out of the brambles and briars. We will crush Satan's head and we will go forward. God has things for us to do. We will conquer the little things so that God will make us watchers over much.

**John:** We are going to shake off those little things.

*Sings: I'm shaking it loose. I'm not turning back, I'm moving up in you.*

It's the little foxes, not the big things, that hit you in the face. Sometimes you don't even notice those things. They attach to you like little leeches but after a while you have a bunch of them and they are taking you down. Let the Lord begin to show that to you. Lord, bring revelation of the things that are hanging on us that we have not noticed. Remove the veil so that we can see those little things that are taking us down an inch at a time. We are shaking them loose!

*Sings: I'm shaking it loose.*

**Rich:** My wife and I are here from the Great Lakes area. We have a House of Zion there. When John shared what he did about the Great Lakes and Commodore Perry, I knew what I had to say. We are shaking some things loose. We flew in last night and the Lord said to get up this morning and come up here to be part of this. Here is what I saw as John was making his declaration about Commodore Perry. He was making declarations! I'm going to say as a House of Zion to all of you out there who are still in your pajamas, I'm dressed today. We are sneaking up on the enemy. He does not know what to do with us. He is looking at buildings, but does not know what to do about all of these houses. They are everywhere and more are joining all the time. I'm going to make a declaration that in 2010 we are shaking it loose all over the world! You may have your slippers and pajamas on, but you are a warrior.

**Linda:** We declare that if we have to go to a different place to be where You have appointed and called us to be, we will set our faces to get there. We will not stay in a comfortable place and assume that somebody else will take care of things. When we get our word from You, we will set our faces to be at our appointed place at our appointed time.

**Brian:** When I walked in this morning, something fell out of my Bible. It was this little gold stick. I looked at it and wondered where it came from. I began to look through my Bible and in the back of my Bible, under the back flap of my Bible, in a place that was not easy for something to fall out, was this little picket fence that Chuck gave out at one of the

Firstfruits meeting. Somehow, one of the pickets broke off of the fence and fell out of my Bible. The Lord is saying, "This is a time that I am going to shake loose things from the Word that I have given you and you have tucked them away and forgotten about them. I'm going to begin to shake those loose, break them apart and bring them out so that they will be like manna and word for you. You will digest them and meditate on them. This is a season that My word is going to shake loose. Let the word shake loose in you. Let My promises stir so that My voice goes forth today."

**John:** Lord, there is nothing, large or small that You cannot shake off of us.

**Linda:** I have to give a testimony about things getting shaken loose. As we were getting ready for today, I kept thinking about something that happened a few years ago. I knew that it was linked in with setting my face, but when I set my face, things got shaken loose. A few years ago Stacie Forest and I were scheduled to go to Sri Lanka. I was just going with her because I had traveled more internationally than she had. We were scheduled to leave on a Monday and the Wednesday before that I realized that we were flying part of the trip on American Airlines and I could request upgrades for us. I called American and said that I would like to request upgrades for myself and for Stacie Forest. They said that I had a ticket, but that Stacie's had been cancelled. I asked them to check and they assured me that I had a ticket to leave on Monday, but Stacie did not. I cannot explain how that happened, but I knew that Stacie and I were both going to Sri Lanka and we both needed tickets. American told me that there were no more seats and that it was not possible to get another ticket. We talked to two more travel agents and they assured us that there were no seats. I knew that the devil was trying to steal our tickets, to steal our trip and to steal the purpose of God. Something rose up in me and I stood in my office, pointed into the heavens and commanded the devil to give me that ticket, to let it go! I begin to demand that he shake the ticket loose from wherever he had it. In two days, we both had our tickets on the flights we wanted.

When we know what God has said and we know that He has appointed us to be at a certain place at a certain time, we will set our faces like flint. We will not take no for an answer. We will not assume that someone else knows more than we know and give up. We will demand, we will press, we will contend, we will command the heavens, we will storm the gates of hell and they will let go of what they have held up that belongs to us. They will break before us. Your promise to us will be released. It is not just a matter of seeing resistance break; it is a matter of entering into what You have called us to, receiving the blessing and fulfilling the destiny that You have called us to. We declare over the body of Christ that there will be a new mindset and a new resolve. We will make declarations into the heavens. We will be the head and not the tail. When You have said it we will stand and see it fulfilled.

**Raymond:** When Linda was sharing, what I saw was that she had a lot of things, but she laid them down. We need to lay down our abilities and say, "In the name of Jesus, we give them up." Father, we will not war as we warred in the last season, in our own strength. We lay those things down as idols before you and take up the name of Jesus. We pick up the new way to worship, to declare and to walk forward into what You have for us so that those columns that stood before us in the last season will be kicked over and become rubble before us. We will come up over the rubble. It will be a stepping stone and not a stumbling block. We are coming through and positioning ourselves for Passover. We are going forth into the battle with the Lord Jesus Christ at our head.

**Anita** brings out a broken column.

**John:** We have met the enemy and he is ours! Linda saw those tickets and said, "They are mine!" Look to see what is yours and begin to demand it in the name of Jesus, by the blood of the Lamb.

**Catherine:** Nothing is impossible with God. The answer is within you and resonates within you. He will bring people across your path so that you can give them the answer now. You will not have to go into fasting or any old religious stuff that He has delivered you from. While we were praying, I saw something. I am a pilot and I saw us in a supersonic jet. He is the pilot, we are the co-pilot. He has set the throttles. We are on the runway. The door behind us is set and locked so we cannot go back. We will keep our eyes focused on the horizon and not be distracted.

**Mary Ellen:** When Brian came up and showed the one picket of the fence, what I saw was a tongue depressor. One of the things we need to shake loose is our tongues so that we can declare the word of the Lord. This morning what I have heard through Raymond and Linda and Catherine is a power and authority of declaration that I have never heard before. Loose the tongue and command the word of the Lord.

**Linus:** Part of us moving forward and setting our face like a flint is understanding our position and identity in the Lord. I declare now and prophesy that You are the stronghold that we abide in and You are in us. The moat around the stronghold is Your blood. Your blood is there to protect us from the attack of the enemy. We stand confidently and declare that we will not be affected by the attack of the enemy. We set our faces upon You. You lead us forth into victory. You give us strategy, peace and sustenance. Everything that we need, we have, because we are in you. We stand in confidence. We move forward in boldness because Your glory is upon us. You release through us and enable us to do what You have called us to do.

**Raymond:** I want you to see something. Had I succumbed to that voice this morning, the word of God would not have been released through me. I would not have been used and there would have been a place lacking in the army. I set my forehead as flint. I declare over you that you are setting your forehead like flint to go toward Jerusalem for Passover.

**Linda:** What I saw when Brian held that up was a gap in the fence. The Lord is also saying that He will show us what has been shaken loose that needs to get back in place. Otherwise you will not be the army that He wants. The description of the army in Song of Solomon is that there is not one missing. The Lord is issuing the call to those who know they are not in place. The word says, "Wake up! Put on your strength daughter of Zion!" We send out the call to wake up and get in place.

**Linda Davis:** Again and again I hear the Lord say, "Take your position." Many of the things the enemy launches against us are because he wants us to shrink back. As I take my position as who I am in Christ, the confusion and swirl and oppression that has been circling me and trying to push me back will move out of the way. We simply need to get in position. There is a breach when we don't. Every one of us is needed in that army. If we do not get into place, there is a gap.

**John:** This week one of the worship team members did not come up and take their place. We had a talk about it later and they said that they did not feel like there was any need for them to be there. I told them that it did not make any difference whether they had the song to sing or the instrument to play. When you are not in your place, there is a gap in the anointing God wants to bring forth corporately. Raymond, we could not have made it without you and everyone else. We cannot make it without everyone that is on the web. We have become a prayer meeting that is all over the world.

**Linda:** Right now we set our faces like flint against every spirit of self rejection or inferiority that makes us feel that we are not needed; every spirit that tries to pull us out by making us feel like we are less than who God says we are; that we do not have a place; that it is OK to be isolated. We contend and set our faces against those spirits. We release an overcoming spirit over the body today. When you hear those voices, you will say, "That is not at all what God has said to me. God has called me to stand my post. God has assigned me a place. Whether I feel like it or not, I will be in my position."

**Man:** I recently read a book on deliverance that reminded the body that Satan is a fallen angel. We are in the likeness of God. We must bind Satan because the name of Jesus has all power over Satan. Take what belongs to you. Do not let Satan have it. Take your prosperity, healing and health. Take the land.

**John sings:** *Turn your face to the fire.*

**Anita:** When we come up against those structures, we must remember that they are under the blood. (She drapes a red scarf over the broken columns)

**John sings:** *Under the blood.*

**Shara:** If I am going to have my face set like flint, I want to be sure it is set in the right direction. If it is set wrong you are going to be in trouble. Jesus' face was set like flint to go to Jerusalem. It was set like flint to go to the cross. It was set like flint to obey the voice of the Father. I declare that in this Passover season, we set our faces like flint to go to the voice of the Father. We set our face to the death of the cross, which is the living blood of Christ. The blood of Christ could not be released until the death of Christ was accomplished. I set my face like flint. Any place You see in me that needs to die, I speak death to it. The death of that thing means the life of Christ. I declare a holy revelation will come over the body and we will see the things that are hindering and have kept us from the power of the living God. It is His power. It is His glory. It is His life. It is His blood. We set our faces like flint to everything He says.

**Robert.** This morning Linda asked me what it meant to me to set my face like flint. To me it means that you have such a clear revelation of the word of God and the will of God in your situation that you determine that you will get there and nothing will stop you. As we were sharing, it reminded me of the testimony Allen shared on Sunday of the brother in Thailand who was electrocuted and died. He had 220 volts of electricity passing through his body for over 3 minutes. They finally got him disconnected from the power but he was dead. He was not breathing and his heart was not beating. They did what they could to resuscitate him. Nothing worked. They took him to the hospital and the doctors worked on him for three hours and nothing happened. He was dead. There was no life in him, but they knew what God had said. They knew that it was not this man's time to die. Everything in their minds said that it was hopeless. They could see with their eyes that he was not breathing. They knew with their minds that after three hours his brain was gone. They heard the testimony from the doctors that it was hopeless, but they knew what God had said. They looked at him and in the name of Jesus they commanded him to live and his eyes opened! He is completely recovered. That is setting your face like flint. Lord, when we know what You have said we will not listen to the bad report of doctors, of our minds, of

friends, of what others have said. When we see Your will clearly revealed, we will set our faces and say, "That's where I'm going."

**Brian:** David was an example of that same thing. In I Samuel 30 at Ziklag, everything was taken from him. He lost his family. He lost his possessions and yet he inquired of the Lord, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" The Lord answered, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all." When we set our faces like flint, when we hear the voice of the Lord, there is a divine recovery that occurs. There is a recovery that occurs that is beyond what we can expect. It is beyond what we can imagine. Chuck was in Las Vegas last night and he sent an audio clip of what he said there which I transcribed. It says, "Within us tonight there is a cry that will be sent out over this whole region. The Spirit of God spoke to me this afternoon and said, 'There is a cry tonight of divine recovery that will be loosed from this house. It has been in the people, but I have not heard the cry. Tonight the cry will come up to heaven and divine recovery will begin.' Celebrate recovery! Recovery! Recovery! Recovery! Divine recovery! Shout it over your family! Shout it over your neighborhood! Shout it over your city! Shout it over your bloodline! Shout it over your state! Divine recovery begins tonight! Shout it over your children! Shout it over your supply line! Divine recovery is coming!" Lord, there is a remnant here who are willing to shout that recovery is coming. Recovery is coming to our children. Where health and strength and vitality have been stolen from our children, we declare that divine recovery is coming to our children. If you have a divine recovery that you are willing to loose, I want you to come up here and say that divine recovery is coming.

**Melinda:** Divine recovery is coming to the body of Christ. I had a gold bracelet that I had lost. It had a key on it and reminded me that God had made me a key and that He was the key in me. Yesterday I looked on my dresser and there was a half carat diamond sitting there. I had not realized that the bracelet was gone until this morning. The Lord had placed a treasure there. My husband said that he did not place it there. The housekeeper did not place it there, but there was a half carat, not crystal or cubic zirconium, but a diamond! Divine recovery is coming. The manifestation of it is coming so swiftly. Before we know that we have lost a thing, we have already got something in place that is stronger, greater and more valuable than we could ever imagine. Driving in this morning, when I hit the Denton County line, I heard, "Press! Press! Press like never before." That is what setting my face like flint means to me, to press on to the promise. Not that we have apprehended, but we press toward the high calling of Christ in Jesus' name.

**Linda:** We declare that for the joy set before Him, Jesus endured the cross. He heard the word of the Lord. He knew the path of His destiny. He knew what was waiting for Him and what was on the other side of what was waiting for Him. It says in Hebrews that we are to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith that enables us to set our faces and go through whatever You have called us to go through. We are assured of the promise on the other side. Lord, You said for us to press into Passover, to set our faces like flint to Passover. There is a promise for us on the other side; the restoration of the power of the blood of Jesus. We fix our eyes on Your promise and count You faithful to do what you have said You will do. Lord, we declare over the body of Christ that they will hear Your word. The passage that this expression, "Set your face like flint" comes from is not in the Gospels. I got up early this morning to look for it and it is not in the Gospels. It is only used one time, in Isaiah 50. In that passage the Lord says, "How is it that I have called and no one has answered?" Have you ever had that happen when you needed to call someone and there was no answer? In Isaiah he says, "I have heard!" God, we release that call to the body. Wake up and answer! The Lord has a word for you. Wake up and answer! Isaiah says that because he heard the call, he had set his face like flint. Jesus heard that call and set His face like flint. We have heard Your call. We have set our faces like flint. That same strength that was in Jesus that enabled Him to endure the cross and despise the shame is in us. It is ours. It is our birthright. It is our right of inheritance to have that same thing in us. Right now we reach up and take what You have promised to give us. Our faces will be set for the joy set before us.

**Shara sings:** *Divine recovery. Divine resuscitation. Divine restoration of the breath of God. He has come to breather recovery of lost fortunes.*

I am seeing a picture of mouth to mouth resuscitation. That is what I see by the mouth of God.

*Sings: Divine recovery of the breath of God. He's come to breathe life. He's come to restore identity. He's come to put glory instead of shame. It's divine recovery. It's by the breath of Holy Spirit. Breathe! Breathe in because He's breathing out. It's a divine recovery.*

**John sings:** *If I can take one more inch I'm going to take it. If I can move one more inch, I'm going to move.*

I went through a horrendous time a week or so ago. When the dust settled from the battle, it looked like I had taken about an inch. The Lord said, "But you didn't back up. If you can take an inch, take it."

*Sings: Our face is set like a flint. We're going to recover all. If I can just take an inch, I'm gonna take it. Eventually I'm gonna recover all, I'll have it all, my inheritance, but if I can just take an inch, I'm gonna take it. Take it!*

*Take it! We have met the enemy and he is ours. We have seen our stolen inheritance and it is ours. We are taking it back. If we can just take an inch, we will take it.*

**Lady:** Winston Churchill said, “We will fight them on the beaches. We will fight them in the city. We will never surrender.” We are a troop and we will go leap up and run through a troop and leap over a wall. It is by faith, not by the strength of natural man. We take the grace of God. He says, “How much more shall those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.”

**Linda:** Jesus, when You set Your face like flint, You recovered all. All that had been lost through the Fall, You recovered. You recovered the right of redemption for mankind. You recovered Your own physical life. Part of the hope set before Jesus was the promise that God would raise Him from the dead. Jesus, You were the example of divine recovery by setting Your face like flint. Jesus, we honor and praise You this morning. You did not back up at the little things. You did not back up at the big things. You kept pressing forward. We declare over the body that there will be a new revelation of what it means to set our faces like flint. There will be new revelation of the promise and new zeal for divine recovery.

This morning we particularly lift up to You the State of Massachusetts and the Senatorial election there today. We lift them up in this time of seeing which way they will go. Our nation is determined by which way this election goes. We ask for divine recovery for our nation. We ask for faces set like flint for the promise, the identity and the destiny that God has for this nation. We ask for divine recovery. We ask for zeal for divine recovery. We throw the vision for divine recovery before the voters of the State of Massachusetts. We say, “Don’t get tripped up in the little things. Don’t think it will be OK if you don’t vote that somebody else will.” We call them to wake up! Wake up and get in your place. Wake up!”

**Brian:** Last night I reviewed Chuck’s word to Massachusetts from the 50 State Tour. Massachusetts is called the Mother of the Nation. On July 14, 2004 Chuck and Dutch (Sheets) were there. This is the word that came forth that night, “I have gathered you in this place tonight to create a sound of conflict around this city and this state. Release that sound of conflict now. Even though the enemy has home field advantage, there is a shout of victory that is creating confusion in the enemy’s camp that is being released tonight. It only appears that the enemy of My covenant is winning. There is a roar that is greater than the roar of the devourer that is rooted in this particular city of Boston. That roar is rising. That roar is gaining strength. The other 49 states are beginning to roar with you. The call from My house to this city is extended to this entire nation. When the call is heard, it will be like the “shot heard round the world.” There is a sound of conflict of My covenant that has arisen in this place tonight. The enemy has a voice that will sound loud over the next six months. He will shout ‘Treason! Treason!’ from this state. But the shout from My house will cause the shout of treason to fall to the ground. Let the conflict begin. Let the voice of My people be heard louder than the voice of the enemy in this state. There is one in your midst in this state that will fall. There is another that will rise up. Do not look at falling and rising but watch My hand begin to move. It will be a sign to this land that I have come to put some down and rise others up to restructure justice in this land.”

Father, we say let the roar of Your people in Massachusetts be heard. Let the roar of Your people in the 49 states be heard. Let the roar of the Lord be heard so that Your structure, covenant plans and purposes are birthed in the State of Massachusetts and the Union of the United States of America.

**John sings:** *I will strike the doorposts with praise.*

**Robert:** Hallelujah! You are dismissed. Set your face like flint and watch situations around you change this day in Jesus name.

**Emailed from Joe Knight:** As I was listening to the Lord talking about setting our face like a flint, He reminded me that as a young boy growing up we would look for the flint rocks that were shaped in the shape of an arrow head. As we found these flint rocks we knew they were used by the Indians when they make their arrows. The arrow head or flint rock was the hardest rock of any rock; it would not crumble or fall apart. As I meditated on that I began to see us as we set our faces like a flint the Lord would put us on the shaft of the arrow and get us ready to be shot out. The Indians also used flint to start a fire. So wherever we are shot out to when we land we will start a fire for the Lord