Two words of encouragement from the Lord Jesus for the Church.

1) Paul states in 1Cor 14v15: "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." In his teaching to the Corinthian Church, he gives them direction on a balanced prayer, praise and worship life in their Christian walk.

The Lord Jesus said to me very recently that today there is much "praying with the understanding" (praying with the mind), but little "praying with the spirit" (praying in tongues), and that this is one off the main reasons for a powerless Church.

He then went on to say that if we use the gift of tongues diligently (like the early Church did, 1Cor 14v2,4,18, Jude v20,21) we would see mighty signs, wonders and miracles happen when the last great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh occurs (Joel 2v28-32 with Acts 2v16-21), thus fulfilling John 14v12-14.

He then went on to say that any Church or Christian who neglects to use it diligently, will see little or nothing happen and will be living in defeat.

2) Acts 2v16-21:

The Lord Jesus showed me the following regarding the coming revival: He showed me a person rolling a snowball up a mountain, as they got further up to the top it became harder to roll the snowball because as it rolled up the slope it gathered more snow on it, thus getting heavier and requiring more effort to get it to the top. However, once the snowball had reached the top and it was pushed down the other side, it didn't just roll down the mountain and continue to get bigger as it went down the slope, but it triggered a massive avalanche that covered the whole side of the mountain.

What the Lord Jesus is saying is that we need to continue to pray diligently in tongues, and even when it gets harder to pray because of attacks from Satan and the power of darkness, it is essential to pray through until we get the answer and the Lord Jesus pours out of His Spirit upon all flesh, thus fulfilling Joel's wonderful prophecy. Joel 2v28-32, Acts 2v16-21,39, Eph 6v10-20.

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