

1. PROPHETIC MINISTRY STARTS WITH INTIMACY WITH THE LORD!

From our last meeting one of the keys mentioned in hearing from God and operating in the prophetic is intimacy with God. God loves you and wants to spend time communicating with you. He created us so He could have a family. Jesus wants a bride that He can love and communicate with.

Griffith mentioned we need to be with God 90% of the time and 10% with people when it comes to giving prophetic words. We must spend time with Him in His word and in prayer. Something I learned years ago in YWAM was to keep a journal of what the Lord is saying to me. Every day as I have conversations with the Lord I write down what He is saying to me which causes me to focus more strongly on what He is saying. Ask Him questions and write down what you believe He is saying. He might just say, "Wait on Me. I will answer at the proper time."

Ps. 24:3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god (NIV).

We access the Lord with clean hands and a pure heart. When we are convicted of sin, we need to repent and confess our sins. The blood of Jesus is more than enough to give us access to God the Father.

Heb. 10:19 And now we are brothers and sisters in God's family because of the blood of Jesus, and he welcomes us to come into the most holy sanctuary in the heavenly realm—boldly and without hesitation. 20 For he has dedicated a new, life-giving way for us to approach God. For just as the veil was torn in two, Jesus' body was torn open to give us free and fresh access to him (TPT)!

Meditate on scriptures like this to get into the secret place with the Father. Jesus welcomes us to come to the Father! He longs for us to come into His presence. He loves us! He paid with His blood and broken body so we could have full access to the most holy sanctuary! The more you do this in your personal times with God the stronger you will become in the prophetic.

Eph. 2:6 And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One) [AMPC].

We are seated with Jesus in the heavenly realms with full access to the Father who is right beside us!

Isa. 50:4 [The Servant of God says] The Lord God has given Me the tongue of a disciple and of one who is taught, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He wakens Me morning by morning, He wakens My ear to hear as a disciple [as one who is taught] (AMPC).

This chapter is describing the coming of Jesus the Messiah. We need to follow His example. If we have the tongue of a disciple, we will be anointed to speak a word to the weary at the right time. Intimacy with the Lord enables us to speak prophetic words to encourage others!

2. RECEIVING PROPHETIC WORDS FOR OTHERS.

Intercessory prayer groups in YWAM are where I first learned about the prophetic. We used the principles Ryan shared last month: 1. Get right with God. 2. Use authority to bind the voice of the enemy. 3. Silence our own mind. 4. Invite Holy Spirit to speak. 5. Listen to what He is saying.

Our prayer group would then intercede for whatever the Lord brought into our minds. He might bring a Bible verse, a picture, a word, a person, or country into our thoughts. Often the Lord would give us different pieces of a puzzle as we shared what He was saying which gave us a blueprint to intercede.

I learned to get the heart and mind of the Lord for others which can lead to receiving prophetic words. The Bible teaches us that Holy Spirit and Jesus are interceding for us. Prophetic words come from what Holy Spirit and Jesus are praying and saying about others.

Rom. 8:27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us (NIV).

Ps. 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be (NIV).

Every person has a book in heaven. Jesus' and Holy Spirit's intercession line up with the heavenly book which contains the plans of God. His plans are far better than we can imagine. When giving prophetic words we end up getting a portion of the heavenly book of someone which brings revelation and encouragement for them to live it out.

1 Cor. 14:1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort (NIV).

Our desire must be to strengthen, encourage and comfort others.

Acts 2:17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy (NIV).

We are living in the last days where everyone gets to prophesy! No one is left out. You might not get long prophetic words like some of these guys. I don't. I might get one word, a phrase, or a Bible verse. Some people have a stronger gift than others. You can also grow the gift. Just keep pursuing the heart of Jesus for others! Ask Holy Spirit for revelation for others!

1 Cor. 2:9 However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him—10a these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit (NIV).

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come (NIV).

Getting the Bible into you can greatly help in giving prophetic words. This gives Holy Spirit more ammunition to work with. I have been reading scriptures before we have these Zoom meetings asking the Lord to give me a verse for someone. Before the last meeting, I was reading in Ephesians chapter one and verse 18 was highlighted to me. The Lord said this is for someone during the Zoom meeting. He then highlighted who it was for when we had our ministry time.

Eph. 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people (NIV).

I then declared the Lord was turning the light on so she would know the hope she is called to and for clarity in her calling.

3. WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE PROPHETIC WORDS THAT OTHERS GIVE TO US?

1 Thess. 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good (NIV).

We test them and hold on to what is good. I take notes when someone gives me a prophetic word. I seek to hear the heart of God in what is said. I ask myself, do I sense the Holy Spirit in what is being spoken? Later I will take the word and ask the Lord about it. I want to make sure it lines up with my heavenly book and with the scriptures. I might ask another spiritual leader in my life to help me evaluate it.

No one is perfect in giving prophetic words. Portions might be very accurate while other portions can be wrong. Sometimes it can take a long time for a prophetic word to come to pass. I have been waiting for 38 years for a portion of a very accurate prophetic word to come to pass in my life. It is possible a word could yet happen that seemed inaccurate at the time.

In Genesis 17 God told Abraham he would be the father of many nations when he was 99 years old. The Lord can tell you something that makes no sense. Ask the Lord for wisdom and confirmation.

I have 2 pages of prophetic words that I go over every day, decreeing that they will happen. Some I don't fully understand but I ask the Lord for clarity. Prophetic words enable us to fight for what the Lord wants to do in us and through us.

1 Tim. 1:18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well (NIV).

Ryan has prophesied to me that I have a golden shield of faith over me that keeps getting bigger because of the many trials that I have been through. This has helped me to engage even more strongly in the protection from the enemy.

Eph. 6:16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one (NIV).

When I feel a spiritual attack of any kind, I activate the shield of faith. I declare that the shield is there, and the attack of the enemy must stop. I imagine a shield/force field around me because in the spirit there is one according to God's word. We have to take up the shield of faith for it to work.

I also had a prophetic word given to me that a miracle is going to happen in my life because God and fire are in me. Before going to bed at night I declare the golden shield is stopping the enemy's attacks while I sleep. I also declare that there is a wall of fire around me. Since I started doing this, I have had no demonic attacks while sleeping. I also use the shield of faith to keep covid away from me. Thankfully I have not had covid.

Zech. 2:5 "Then I, myself, will be a protective wall of fire around Jerusalem, says the Lord. And I will be the glory inside the city (NLT)!"

We have a protective wall of fire around us if we believe it because we are God's people, and Christ lives in us. Jesus will baptize us with His fire if we ask for it (Matt. 3:11). His holy fire is available to burn up our adversaries (our fleshly desires and the hooks of the enemy in us) if we activate it by faith. The fire of God is our friend.

Ps. 97:3 Fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries round about (AMPC).