

Prophetic session #3





Overview

What is prophecy

Biblical bases of prophecy

The purpose of prophecy

Old testament and new testament prophecy

The gift of prophecy and the office

Filters for a prophetic word

How to give a word

Judging prophecy

What to do with the prophetic word

Ways to Receive a Prophetic Word

- Hear It
- See It – picture in the eyes of your heart (Jeremiah 1:11), visions, dreams.
- Sense it or feel it
- Revelation or impression (knowing it)
- Mystery
- Scripture.



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Prophecy is an invitation to friendship with God

- *Prophecy is about friendship with God. It is about knowing Him and tuning our ears to hear His voice. We know His voice because it reflects His character, and we get to know His character in the place of friendship (Psalm 25:14).*
- *God shares His thoughts and desires with His friends (Amos 3:7). As friends, we get to respond and say, “How about this, God? Can I have some say in this process and decision?” Genesis 18:22-32, Acts 9:13.*

The Difference between Prophets and the gift of prophecy

- *To be a prophet is a calling (1 Corinth 12: 27-30, Ephesians 4:11, Acts 11:27-30, Acts 21:7-14.*
- *To minister in prophecy is a gift.*
- *When a person ministers in the gift of prophecy, the gift is the ability to prophesy.*
- *Every prophet have a sphere of influence and a particular area to function in from the lord.*

How to give a word?

- Ask the Lord, turn your heart toward his heart, connect with him.
- Ask him what do you want to tell or show this person.
- Look, Listen, and Know.
- Use the new information you have to express God's heart (i.e perhaps scripture).
- Bring Good News to the person.
- Never prophesy dates, mates, or babies.
- Follow up: does the word make sense? Ask for feedback.
- Stay humble!



Activation #1


- Ask the lord for a bible character for the person in front of you.
- Ask him how to encourage/edify/build the person in front of you from this character?



Practical Things to Know

- Prophecy comes from relationship with God, no substitute for intimacy with God.
- Consistent with the Word of God and character of God.
- Number one reason we prophesy - obedience.
- Prophecy is discernment through the lens of God's love.
- If we hear something, or we perceive something as negative, we release it in the positive. If I heard unforgiveness over someone, I might express and release a word regarding courage and an invitation to walk in forgiveness.
- Asking God questions and willingness to search it out.
- Practice, Practice, Practice - Hebrew 5:14
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Practical Things to Know

- *Ask God questions when you are in a mall or outdoors, then look and listen (look to see what he will say to you).*
 - We prophesy in part only 1 Corith 13:9
 - Consistent with the Word of God and character of God.
 - *Always reflect the heart and tone of The Holy Spirit.*
 - *Do not use overly religious language or phrases.*
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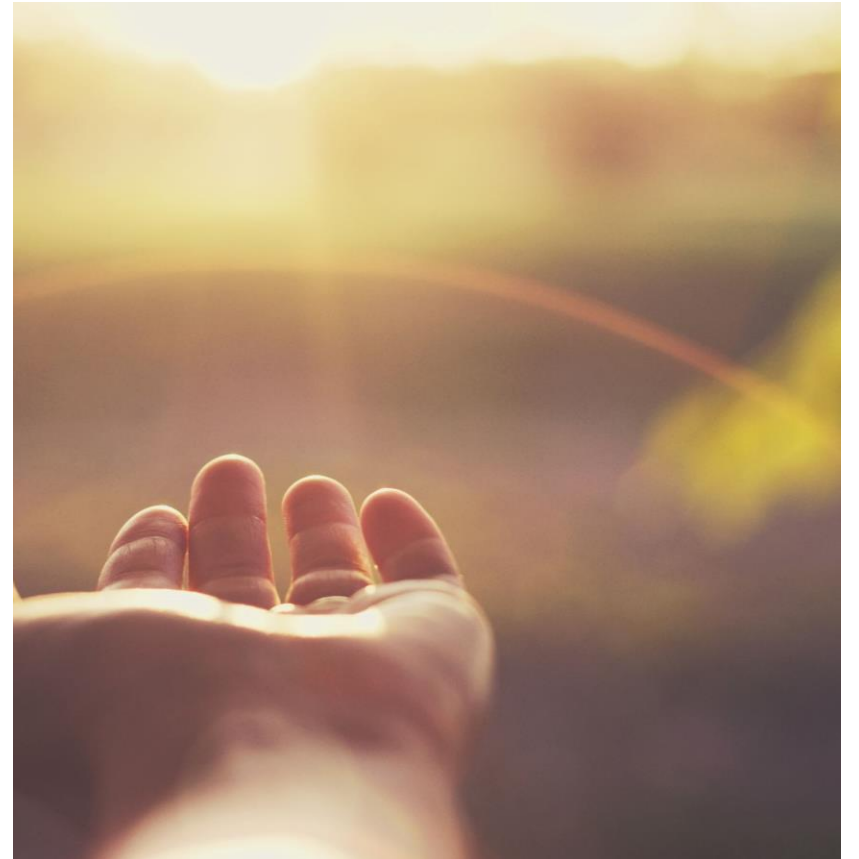
What is NOT prophecy ?

- Prophecy is NOT a means by which we rely on our own intuition or counsel to give advice to someone.
- It is not a way to try to get someone to do what we think they should do.
- If the word is not coming from God-it is not prophecy.
- We set aside our thoughts and preferences of the mind and flesh and allow the Holy Spirit to move through us.
- *Do not assume an interpretation by logic or reasoning.*
- *Opinion is not interpretation!*



How does prophecy start?

- *Prophecy typically begins with a revelation. A picture. An image. It starts with something, in part, but often does not contain the full message.*
- *This is an invitation for us to step out in faith, say what we believe the Holy Spirit is saying, and trust him to give you more as you open your mouth and speak.*
- *No fear in love.*
- *You need to step out in faith.*



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- *3. Application is the “to-do” part, the implementation - the way the revelation and its’ interpretation is to apply to a person or group—the action to be taken in response to what has been revealed.*

What to do
with a
prophetic
word?

Judging the word itself, not
the person.

Process the word.

War with the word (1
Timothy 1:18, Psalm 105:19).

How to judge prophecy ?

- Do not quench the spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all: hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil (1Thessalonians 5:19-22).



How to judge the word?

- Judge the word: does the word conflict with scripture or the nature or character of God?
- Every word should be wrapped in love (1Corinth 13:2), 15 characters of love mentioned in 1Corinth, for example love doesn't dishonor others or keep record of wrong – so if a word is embarrassing or dishonoring, then it is probably not reflecting the nature of God.
- Do I trust the source – no personal gain.
- Does the word glorify God?
- Test the effect - does the word resonate with you, does it strengthen you, encourage you or comfort you even if it is a challenging word?



- Test the word in community (proverbs 11:14, Proverbs 24:6): share the word with trusted loved ones and leaders and get their input. How do they view the word? Any part that they don't feel valid or comfortable with? 1 Corinth 14:29.
- We know in part and prophesy in part (1 Corinth 13:9).
- The bible places the heaviest responsibility on the one judging the word.

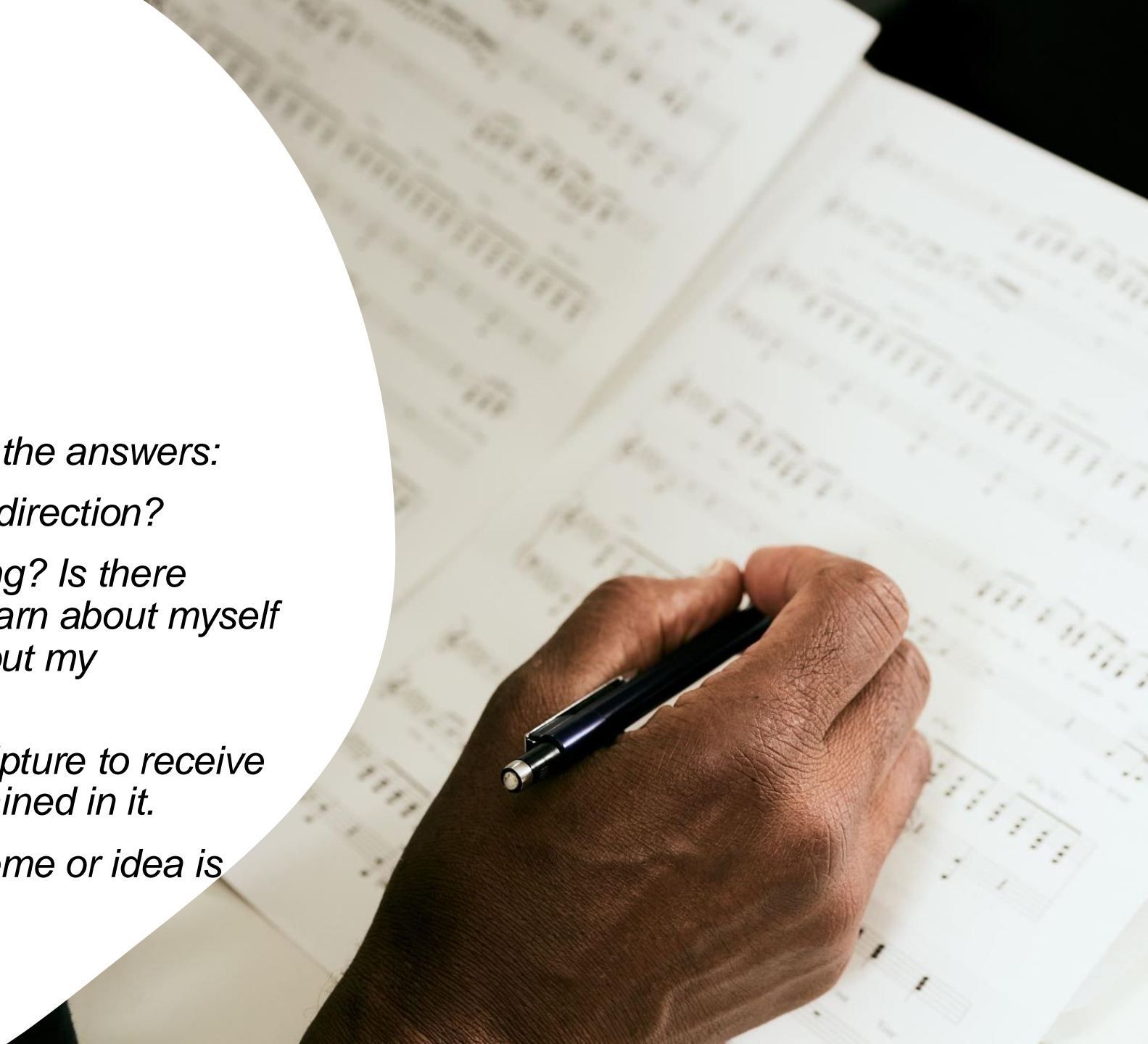


Activation # 2

Ask the lord for a song that he is singing over the person in front of you in this season?

Processing the word:

- Transcribe the word.
- *Ask the lord Questions and journal the answers:*
- *Is this word about identity, destiny, direction?*
- *Are there things I need to start doing? Is there something God is wanting me to learn about myself (1 Timothy 4:14-16), about him, about my circumstances?*
- *If there is a scripture, study the scripture to receive all the insight and application contained in it.*
- *Notice how many times a word, theme or idea is repeated.*



- *Is there a timing in it?*
- *Does the word reveal the future? If so, what will I be looking for, expecting, preparing for?*
- *Are there clues contained in the word so that I will know it is coming and has come to pass?*



Agree and receive it

- *Tell the Lord you agree and receive it and give the Spirit permission to do whatever it takes to see this come to pass in your life!*
- *Ask the Lord to add to it!*
- *Declare the promises in the word, the identity insights, and the scriptural aspects over your life.*
- *Ask him to help you change where he has reveals things need to change. If the lord pointed to an area, it is usually an invitation to partner with him and ask him to help you navigate this area.*
- *Repent of anything that you have held onto that he is asking you to let go of...etc.*



Action plan

- *Think through the answers to the questions you asked as you processed the word and create a plan of action.*
- *What further actions are required? Make a list of goals with the corresponding actions and create space in your calendar to achieve them.*
- *Enlist accountability partners and share the word with what you have understood about it.*
- *Obedience, we hear and obey.*



Action plan

- Ask God what is he saying to you?
- Agree with what God is saying through processing.
- Align yourself in character and behavior with what God is saying.
- Take appropriate action.
- We wage war with the word “1 Timothy 1:18”.



Activation #3

- I want you to write an identity statement for yourself for what the lord told you and what you heard him say through others?
- This is who my father says I am, I am loved, blessed, mighty warrior, brave, bold as a lion, the lord sees me as a pillar, a shelter for others ... he is raising me for such a time as this, I am a Deborah, a Joseph or Joshua for my generation...
- How can you align yourself, character with what the lord dis prophetically saying about you?
- Rehearse your prophetic identity till you memorize it.

Activation #4

God, is there anything You want to tell this person about their current situation/circumstances?

Activation # 5

- List one primary promise the lord gave you
- Under it list potential areas that you will need to develop in order to embrace that promise.
- Write short term goals or targets for each area.



Homework:

1. Read Psalm 25:1-14

- Read a few times and give yourself time, not rushed.
- Did you see, hear, know or did holy spirit remind you of any other verse you read before (write them down).
- Journal about them, ask the lord questions about what he revealed to you, write down what he tells you.
- 2. Ask the lord for a word for a family member, son, daughter, wife or husband. Ask the lord what does he wants to tell them, you can use any of the clues we used.