

Week Four | Hearing God: Relationships

God speaks through relationships within the church body. God speaks prophetically through relationships.

Prophecy is to hear God & repeat what you have heard to the right people at the right time.

1 Corinthians 14:1-5 (ESV) *"1 Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. 2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. 3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. 4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. 5 Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up."*

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH #1

Prophecy should always be upbuilding, encouraging & comforting.

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH #2

Prophecy should be rooted in love.

"Holy Spirit urge within us to spread the love of God in our hearts to others. That is why everyone should desire to prophecy, as Paul begged. It unites us to God's people through God's Spirit of love." -Nathan Finnochio, Hearing God

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH #3

Prophecy should always operate in an orderly & biblical way.

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH #4

Humility is required when delivering & receiving a prophetic word.

1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 (ESV)

"20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good."

PROPHECY EXPRESSIONS

1.) Prophecy can be expressed through the teaching of Scripture.

2.) Prophecy can be expressed when God puts a Scripture on your heart to share with someone that ends up being exactly what they needed to hear.

3.) Prophecy can be expressed when God gives you a word regarding someones future.

Acts 11:27-30 (ESV) *"27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). 29 So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. 30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul."*

4.) Prophecy can be expressed when God gives you insight into situations you had no way of knowing about.

5.) Prophecy can be expressed when God burdens your heart towards a specific area to pray for.

"The result is a church so Spirit-encouraging & committed to drawing out the God-dreams & destiny in people's lives that hurtful or unbiblical thoughts or attitudes have nowhere to hide and thrive. A church with this type of atmosphere of faith & love & hope can't help but have a strong sense of identity & be knit together by the bond of peace." -Nathan Finnochio, Hearing God

1 Corinthians 14:20 (ESV) *"20 Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature."*

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