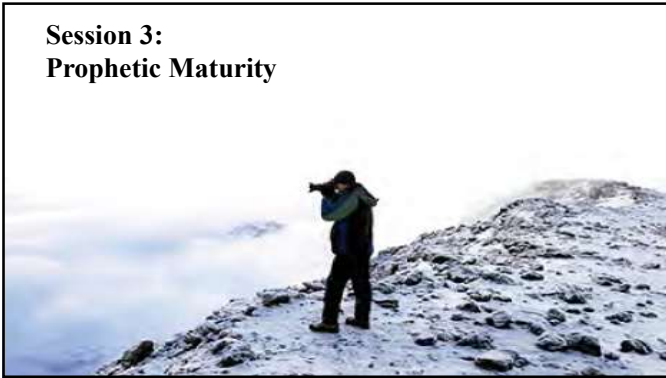


Session 3: Prophetic Maturity



Difference between prophecy in the word of knowledge

- ▶ A word of knowledge is information that is received from the Holy Spirit and is currently correct.
- ▶ A word of knowledge describes something that took place in the past or a fact about someone's life
- ▶ Prophecy is always about the future

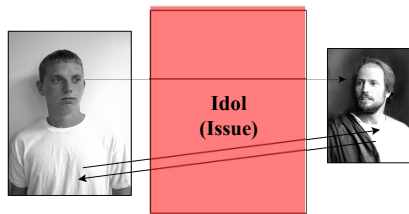
Who can speak to us

1. Our spirit. Our Heart (positive and negative)
2. The Holy Spirit (Builds up, Positive)
3. Evil spirits (Tears down, Destructive, Temptation)
4. Angels (Constructive)
5. Idols (What you want to hear)

Praying with an Idol in our heart

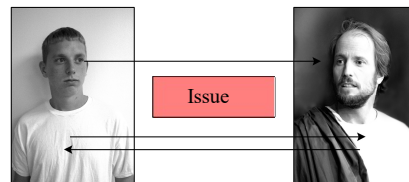
"...any man in the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the Lord will be brought to give him an answer in the matter in view of the multitude of his idols." (Ezek. 14:4)

Prophesying With An Idol in our heart



The answer comes back through the idol: "Yes"

Prophesying Without An Idol



The answer comes back from Jesus: "Caution – No"

Types of Idols

1. Desires

Colossians 3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry

- ▶ A desire of the heart
- ▶ Want of a position or a possession
- ▶ The desire for sex,
- ▶ lust for fame or credit
- ▶ The desire for money,
- ▶ Unforgiveness toward those who have hurt you.
- ▶ Desire for vengeance
- ▶ Anything you want to hear

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Types of Idols

2. Mental strongholds

- ▶ An opinion
- ▶ Belief, Existing Thought Processes
- ▶ Judgement
- ▶ Prejudice
- ▶ Purpose
- ▶ Worries/anxieties
- ▶ Personal cause
- ▶ Fear
- ▶ Political preference or Ideology

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Types of Idols

3. Hope

- ▶ 1 Hope that has no basis for being true.
- ▶ 2 A time of celebration
 - ▶ Holiday
 - ▶ Trip
 - ▶ Experience
 - ▶ Celebrating a past event
- ▶ 3 Victory over something that you have not dwelt with the root reason the problem is there
- ▶ 4 Trusting in your good works

4. False Gods

- ▶ Physical idols:

5. Worry/Anxiety

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How to avoid hearing from Idols

1. Acknowledge that you have an idol before the Lord, and imagine putting it in a garbage can and telling the Lord that it is an idol and that you do not want to hear from it.
2. If it is a sin or addiction, Repent of the sin and deal with the root cause.

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How to avoid hearing from Idols

3. If it is a worry, repent of it as idolatry and declare what your Heavenly Father will do for you according to his word.
4. If it is an opinion, belief, issue, ideology or something you have strong feelings about. Submit your word to three spiritual advisors for confirmation that do not have the same opinion as you before giving the word

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Prophetic Activation

1. Go to your breakout group and practice prophesying
2. The first student receives a prophetic word from the other students for one minute.
3. It is recommended that for this first exercise that you journal the word, then read the word to the other student
4. Shift to the next student and repeat the process
5. When completed, the Prophetic coach will provide feedback on the prophecies given and give any prophecies they have received

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Testimony

- Tell us prophetic words that you received for others

Prophetic Revelation The Language of God

1. Visions
 - A vision in our mind
 - Open vision
2. Dreams
3. Still small voice
4. Angels
5. Trances
6. Creation
7. Scriptures
8. Tongues & Interpretation

Prophetic Revelation The Language of God

9. Holy Spirit himself
10. Impressions/feelings/smells
11. Signs and wonders
12. Mind reading
13. Circumstances
14. Prophetic songs

Prophetic Interpretation

- Interpretations help us understand what the revelation means
- Most of the time God will give us the interpretation when we ask him
- If we don't get it. Ask for the Lord why are you showing me this
- If you receive an image that seems negative word. Don't give it that way
- Do not give a directional word. Give a blessing instead

Prophetic Delivery

- Delivery is how we give the word.
- Most of the time a prophetic word should be delivered using your normal voice, and calmly.
- Our demeanor should match the Holy Spirit.
- Body language is important
- Love must be the center of all we do. Those who do not prophesy out of tears are suspect
- Remember prophecy builds up encourages and comforts

Do's and Don't of Prophetic Delivery

1. No mates, dates, or babies
2. No directional, corrective, or warning words
3. No negative and judgmental words
4. No increasing volume, or speaking in another type of voice or King James language,
5. No Saying: "a" at the end of every sentence
6. No Saying: The Lord told me or The Lord Sayeth

Do's and Don't of Prophetic Delivery

7. No adding extra words for effect.
8. No sharing insights or prophetic words with others
9. No ranting or acting spook-e-natural
10. No Lone Rangers: all are accountable
11. Not all prophecies need to be released
12. Just talk naturally, no fast talking avoid lengthy prophetic words

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Unusual Prophetic Delivery

- ▶ There are at times that a prophecy can have an unusual delivery method.
- ▶ These are sometimes physical manifestations such as
 - ▶ Shaking
 - ▶ Uncontrolled actions
 - ▶ Hollering, roaring
 - ▶ Involuntary physical motion
- ▶ These manifestations are signs and wonders

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Prophetic activation: Popcorn Prophecy

1. Go to your breakout group
2. The first student will receive a prophetic word from each of the other students.
3. There is a time limit. Each person will have only 5 seconds to give the word, then move on to the next person
4. Once all have received prophecies, do it again and repeat the circle of prophecies two more times
5. When completed, the Prophetic mentor provides feedback on the words given

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Testimony

- ▶ How did the Popcorn prophecy go

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Prophetic Maturity

God's Words		
		Men's Words
Strong Prophetic	Average Prophetic (Mature)	Weak Prophetic (Immature)

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Four Levels of Prophetic Ministry

1. **Simple Prophetic:** given by any believer who speaks a word that God has brought to mind.
2. **Prophetic Gifting:** believers who regularly receive impressions, visions.
3. **Prophetic Ministry:** Recognized, nurtured and commissioned for regular ministry.
4. **Prophetic Office:** Minister in signs and wonders which accompany their prophetic words almost 100% accurate.

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Differences between the gift prophecy and the Prophetic Office

The gift of prophecy	The office of the prophet
Is a gift of the Holy Spirit	Is a gift of Christ
Is something you do	Something you are
Every believer is urged to seek prophecy	God chooses prophets it's not our choice
Is for edification exhortation and comfort	Is to direct, correct, warn, govern and equip
Prophetic ability is the gift	The prophet himself is a gift
Classified as a saint	Called as part of the fivefold team
The gift is for life	The calling is for life

Role of the Prophet

- Ephesians 4:11–13 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

Gift of prophecy works together with the other gifts of the Spirit

1 Cor 12 outlines the nine gifts of the spirit that God gives us to demonstrate the Kingdom, of God

Gifts of Revelation

- Wisdom
- Knowledge
- Discernment of spirits

Gifts of Utterance

- Prophecy
- Speaking in Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues

Gifts of Power

- Healing
- Miraculous powers
- Faith

Prophetic Activation: Practice words of knowledge for healing

- Practice words of knowledge for healing in a group setting
- Quiet your heart: Ask the Lord to show you, anyone, who is experiencing illness or pain
- The word of knowledge will often come as a sensation in your body that directly coincides with the part of someone's body
- Ask if anyone has that specific problem in their body
- Pray for the person experiencing the problem

Interview

- Ask people how did the Word of knowledge feel
- Ask the person who received the healing feel

