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Does God Talk Back?

A Workshop on Prophecy

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PROPHECY

- EMPHASIZING AN APPROACH TO LISTENING PRAYER
- CULTIVATING A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LIVING GOD
- “TUNING IN” TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (THE SHEEP KNOW THE SHEPHERD’S VOICE)



NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL

- WE FOLLOW AND OBEY KING JESUS:
 - PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM
 - DEMONSTRATION OF THE KINGDOM
- DON'T BE WEIRD



BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS

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ISAIAH 11:1-9

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him; the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord— and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.



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ISAIAH 11:1-9

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.



BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS

JOEL 2:27-29

Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.



BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS

MATTHEW 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”





EVERYONE GETS TO PLAY

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MATTHEW 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



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ACTS 2:1-12

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?...**we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!**” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”



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1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-22

Rejoice always...pray continually...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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.





TESTING GOD'S VOICE

- QUALITY
- SPIRIT
- CONTENT



A 5-STEP MODEL FOR PRAYER

5-STEP MODEL FOR

PRAYER 1. THE INTERVIEW

2. THE DIAGNOSTIC DECISION

3. THE PRAYER SELECTION

4. MINISTRY TIME

5. POST-PRAYER DIRECTION



5-STEP MODEL FOR

JOHN 16:13-15: COME HOLY SPIRIT! PRAYER

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



5-STEP MODEL FOR

STEP 1: THE INTERVIEW PRAYER

- a) Introduce yourself –
find out the person's name

- b) Ask the person “How can I pray for you?” or “Can I pray for you right now?”

When Jesus prayed for Blind Bartimaeus, he asked what seemed like an obvious question: “What do you want me to do for you?” (Mark 10:46-52)



5-STEP MODEL FOR

STEP 1: THE INTERVIEW *Can I pray for you right now?* PRAYER

While the person is replying you need to listen on two levels:

“L-position/L-shaped listening”

- Listen to what God is saying to you about that person

and

- Listen to the person.



5-STEP MODEL FOR

STEP 2: THE DIAGNOSTIC DECISION **PRAYER**

Why does this person have this condition?

Ask God for words of knowledge, visions, bible verses, and insights to help you decide the type of prayer you need in this case.

They may be telling you one thing, and God might be telling you something else!



5-STEP MODEL FOR

STEP 2: THE DIAGNOSTIC DECISION PRAYER

How the Holy Spirit might speak to you:

Eyes: You can see. In Acts 10:3, Cornelius distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!”

Ears: You can hear a thought. In Matthew 5:17, God spoke audibly to witnesses, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”



5-STEP MODEL FOR

STEP 2: THE DIAGNOSTIC DECISION (cont'd) **PRAYER**

How the Holy Spirit might speak to you:

Bodily sensation

Smell/Taste

Witness of the Holy Spirit/intuition:

You just know that you know.



5-STEP MODEL FOR

STEP 3: PRAYER SELECTION STRATEGY PRAYER

Physical Healing: “I command, in the name of Jesus, the virus to leave this person’s body.” As in Acts 3:6, “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

Some possible responses: warmth, chills, electricity, movement, shaking, pain, or other feeling



WHEN I PRAY FOR A PERSON'S
HEALING,
MY GOAL IS TO LEAVE HIM OR
HER FEELING
MORE LOVED BY GOD THAN
BEFORE WE PRAYED.

JOHN WIMBER
POWER HEALING



5-STEP MODEL FOR

STEP 3: PRAYER SELECTION STRATEGY (cont'd)

PRAYER

Emotional Healing: Ask the Holy Spirit to go deep to the source of the wounding and reveal it to you and the person. Encourage forgiveness.

Some possible responses: weeping, laughing, yelling, nothing.



5-STEP MODEL FOR

STEP 3: PRAYER SELECTION STRATEGY (cont'd)

PRAYER

Liberation from Demonic Influence:

We have the authority in Jesus, and demons cannot harm us. Command the demons to be bound during the prayer time and to leave under the authority of Jesus.

Mark 16:17 “And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons.”



5-STEP MODEL FOR

NOTE: PRAYER CAN BE A PROCESS
PRAYER

Mark 8:24-25: And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.



5-STEP MODEL FOR

STEP 4: PRAYER ENGAGEMENT PRAYER PRAY!

When do you stop?

- When the person is healed
- When the person you're praying for indicates it is over
- When the Spirit tells you to stop
- When you feel a sense of closure



5-STEP MODEL FOR

STEP 5: POST-PRAYER DIRECTION PRAYER

What should the person do next?

Directions:

- “Come back and we’ll pray again.”
- Take this time to talk about small group.
- If a scripture passage came to mind during prayer, encourage them to study/meditate on it.
- Bless the person in the name of Jesus.





LET'S TRY TO DO THE STUFF.



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