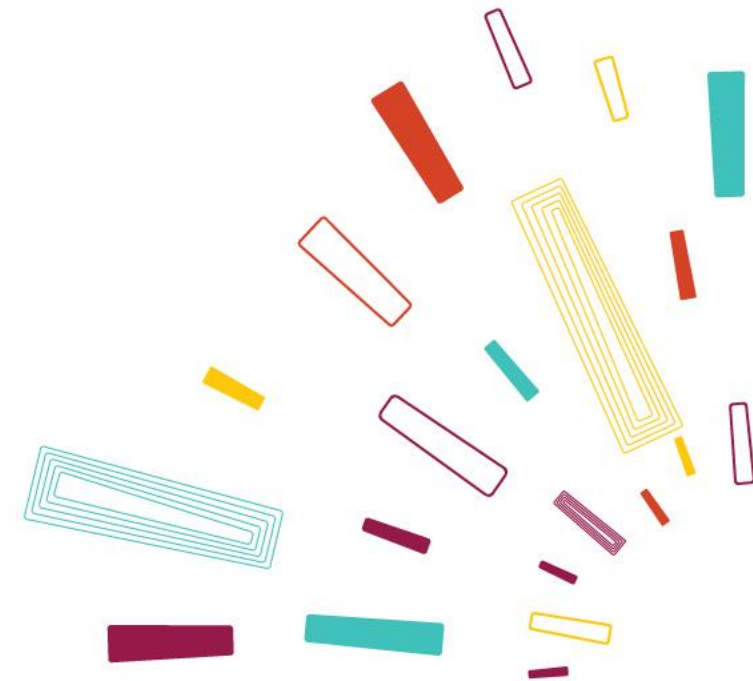


Prophetic Witness and the Spiritual Gift of Prophecy


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- Intro
- What is a prophet?
- A prophecy (foretell vs forth tell) not fortune reading or magic.
- “types” of prophets we see in scripture.

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Things I have learned: Good Foundations

1. It's possible to hear from God in real-time.
 2. Prophecy is best done with love and humility.
 3. It's ok to be wrong; if you're genuinely trying.
 4. Prophecy is effective and powerful for building witnessing community, evangelism, and discipleship.
 5. God is creative and chatty; we just need to listen
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**What are some ways that God speaks?
In your personal life how do you hear from
God?
How do we see God speak in the Bible?**

God may speak in many different ways:

- Visions
- Dreams
- Angels
- Burning bush
- Loud audible voice
- Soft whisper
- Images
- Signs
- Nature
- Scripture
- Community
- Jesus
- A donkey



Numbers 11:28-29

²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"


²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"


Also see Acts 2:17-21/Joel 2:28-32



1 Corinthians 14:1-4

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. ⁴ Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. ⁵ I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.





If God is chatty and creative in how he speaks to his people...And we see a theme from Moses, Joel, Peter, and Paul of God pouring out his spirit and using his people. Paul even encourages us to “eagerly desire” prophecy.

Maybe a better question for us today is...




How do we prophesy well?

- **Observe-** What is God saying?
- **Interpret-** What does it mean? Ex. Jer. 1:11-12. Why images?
- **Apply-** How should we live it out? How can we instruct others for their strengthening, encouragement, or comfort. I would add...
intimacy with Jesus.

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Tips for discernment

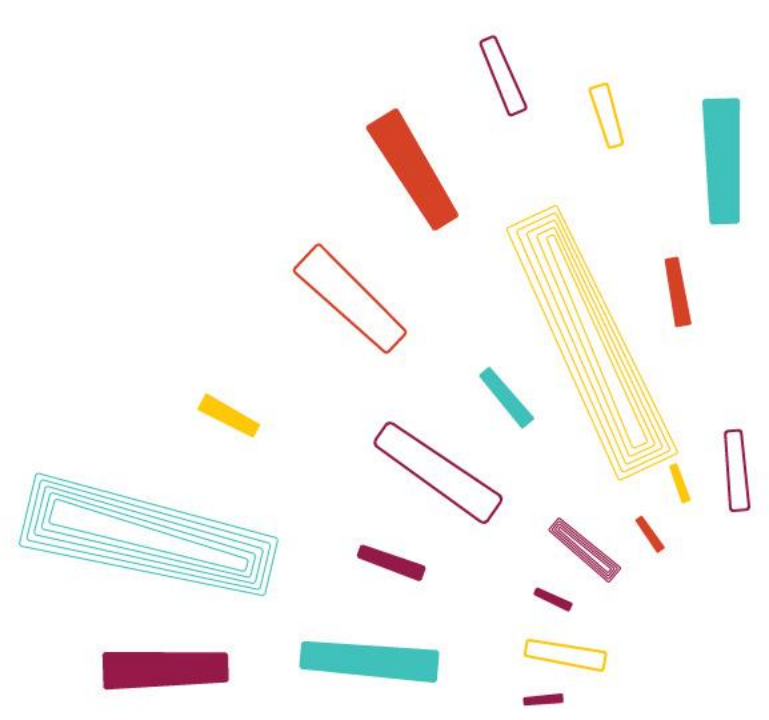
- A word will not go against the character of God
 - A word will not contradict scripture
 - The bigger the (t)ask... the more confirmation one should seek
 - Include community
 - When you give or receive a word that bears fruit or resonates with the person receiving it... reflect back and try to reverse engineer what was it like to receive that word from God. That way you can become more familiar with the shepherds voice.
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Dos...

- Honor God; Honor people
- Love and Humility
- Prioritize process over results
- Cultivate your intimacy/relationship with God
- Walk the walk not just talk the talk

Don'ts...

- Prophecy to babies, marriage, or death.
 - Lose track of Christ
 - Lone wolf
 - Be general
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Continue'd growth

- "Miracle Work" by Jordan Seng
- Spiritual discipline: Lectio Divina or daily examen
- When you pray for other take a moment to ask God...
"is there a word of encouragement I can give to _____"