



# Prophetic Group

UNIT 7: WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

# Activation

- ▶ Ask God, “what percentage of hope you are currently feeling?” (0% to 100%)
- ▶ Ask God, “was my hope stolen or did I give it away?”
- ▶ Ask God, “can I have that hope back?”
  - ▶ Do you need to let go of any disappointment
  - ▶ Release to God any situation or barrier
- ▶ Now what is your hope percentage?



# Core Topics

- ▶ Love God: Abiding, listening, connecting
- ▶ Love Others: Compassion for Others
- ▶ Raised Expectations: Biblical Basis for Prophecy
- ▶ Prophetic protocol and testing
- ▶ Dreaming Biblically
- ▶ Biblical symbolism and imagery
- ▶ **Words of Knowledge**
- ▶ Discernment
- ▶ Corporate prophecy and intercession

# Word of Knowledge

- ▶ “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the **utterance of knowledge** according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.” I Cor 12:4-11
- ▶ It is a distinct gift like prophecy, discernment, tongues, and wisdom
- ▶ This is all the Bible has to say about the gift outright... example time

# Word of Knowledge

- ▶ Word of knowledge is about the past or present
- ▶ Feedback should be of the form: yes or no
- ▶ Prophecy can be about the future
- ▶ Word of knowledge is not something you can see or figure out with the mind; it comes from the Spirit
  
- ▶ “Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit who is from God**, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught **by the Spirit**” 1 Cor 2:12-13

# Word of Knowledge

- ▶ Biblical example:

“Jesus said to her [Samaritan woman at the well], ‘Go, call your husband, and come here.’ The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘**You are right in saying, “I have no husband”**’; **for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband.** What you have said is true.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.’

- ▶ Jesus knew she previously had five husbands.
- ▶ Her reaction is to immediately recognize He had obtained this information supernaturally.

## Builds Faith

- ▶ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when **you were under the fig tree, I saw you.**” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ **do you believe?** You will see greater things than these.” - John 1:47-50
- ▶ Jesus has a word of knowledge that Nathanael was sitting under a fig tree
- ▶ Nathanael’s response is BELIEF in the Son of God and King of Israel

# Word of Knowledge

- ▶ “And the Lord said to him [Ananais], ‘Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a **vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.**’”- Acts 9:10-12
- ▶ Paul knew Ananias' name and that he would come and lay hands on him and his sight would be restored





# Preach to hearts

▶ Bible example:

And immediately Jesus, **perceiving in his spirit** that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? Mark 2:8

▶ Jesus knew by divine revelation what they were thinking

# Word of Knowledge

- ▶ “And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a **dream**, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” – Matthew 1:19-20
- ▶ Who is the father?
- ▶ Joseph received divine information that Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit

# Words of Knowledge

- ▶ “But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?**” – Acts 5:1-3
- ▶ Peter knew they had lied and kept part of the proceeds of the land (exposed sin)

# Word of Knowledge

- ▶ Naaman has just been healed after visiting Elisha. Elisha turns down a reward but Gehazi his servant goes running after Naaman to collect the reward:
- ▶ “Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “...As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, “Is all well?” And he said, “All is well. My master has sent me to say, ‘There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.’” And Naaman said, “Be pleased to accept two talents.” And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” And he said, “Your servant went nowhere.” But he said to him, “**Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants?** Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.” So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.” – II King 5:19-27

## Exposed the enemies plans

- ▶ “Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, ‘At such and such a place shall be my camp.’ But the man of God [Elisha] sent word to the king of Israel, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for **the Syrians are going down there.**” And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice. And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, ‘Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?’ And one of his servants said, ‘None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel **the words that you speak in your bedroom.**’” - II Kings 6:8-12
- ▶ Elisha knew where the Syrian army was located
- ▶ The King of Syria was looking for the traitor in his midst but it was Elisha getting words of knowledge

## Know in part

- ▶ “And when she came to the mountain to the man of God [Elisha], she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came to push her away. But the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for she is in bitter distress, and the **LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me.**” - II Kings 4:27
- ▶ Elisha was surprised God did not tell him something
- ▶ Words of knowledge are divine revelation but it is not knowing everything, only what God reveals.
- ▶ Even highly gifted people do not know everything

# Words of Knowledge

- ▶ The revelation of a word of knowledge:
  - ▶ Thought – mental impression, information that just shows up
  - ▶ Hear
  - ▶ Memory – mental image or a friend or situation
  - ▶ Dream
  - ▶ See – mental image
  - ▶ Physical feeling (not your own pain or normal feeling)
  - ▶ Emotional feeling (sadness that is not yours,...)
  - ▶ Read – words over a person

# Words of Knowledge

- ▶ Know you are **seen by God**
- ▶ Build faith
- ▶ To show that God knows everything
- ▶ See what the Father is doing (ex. healing)
- ▶ See who the Father is calling out (ex. phone number at a conference)



# Examples

- ▶ **Know** a fact not by reason or the mind but from the Spirit
- ▶ **Know** a fact (past or present)
  - ▶ a phone number, address, birth date, name, may be revealed to call out a particular person
  - ▶ a particular favorite toy of their childhood
  - ▶ how many children they have or their spouses name
  - ▶ what they are studying in school
  - ▶ about their spiritual walk, even a sin
  - ▶ a room number or details of their life



# Interact with other gifts

- ▶ Partnered with other gifts:
  - ▶ Evangelism – to demonstrate that God is real and knows them
  - ▶ Healing – builds faith by pointing out a condition God is going to heal
  - ▶ Prophecy – compliments the prophetic
  - ▶ Discernment – may give specific details, names, or types of spirits
  - ▶ Teaching – perceive where people's hearts are
  - ▶ ...

# Examples

- ▶ Evangelism: a couple of my friends met a guy in a coffee shop. They had been discussing God and he walked up. He kept saying that he did not believe in God and what they were talking about. One had a word of knowledge that his heart actually was searching for God; and what was coming out of his mouth was not true. The other had a word of knowledge that he had a stuffed dog toy as a child and described it in detail. He was shocked and knew God was real. He followed them to church and gave his life to the Lord later that evening.

# Example

- ▶ A person woke up one morning and had a fleeting thought that **sounded** like God: “I will heal you Wednesday.” Later they found out that healing training was happening that Wednesday. The word of knowledge had built faith. They went and were healed.
- ▶ There was an unmarried girl. Upon **looking** at her, the knowing came “she is pregnant.” In the natural there was no way to know this yet. (Prophecy may know something like this before it happens, but a word of knowledge means it already is.)
- ▶ A person **sees** in their mind the face of their friend Winston. They ask the person they ministering to if the name “Winston” means anything to them.

# Testing

- ▶ What is the source of the word of knowledge?
  - ▶ God or one of His angel messengers
  - ▶ Psychics give words of knowledge but from an evil spirit
- ▶ Easier to test than prophesy for accuracy
  - ▶ Just say it and get feedback (feedback should be yes or no)
  - ▶ Occasionally people will give incorrect/dishonest feedback
- ▶ A general word to a crowd like “knee pain” or “depression” or “Nov 12” is more than likely true without any word of knowledge. This may not build faith in the crowd but may point out who you are to pray with. General words like this are hard to test.

# Activations

- ▶ Discussion: have you ever had a word of knowledge. How did God get glory from it? (healing, salvation, the person felt seen by God or loved, sin was repented from,...)
- ▶ Going out on a limb...
- ▶ Try, try, try... wrong 100 times and keep trying... (failure is quitting)
  - ▶ Ask for a specific body part for healing
  - ▶ Ask God for a phone number
  - ▶ Ask God for a color of someone's couch
  - ▶ Ask God for the name of a sibling of someone
  - ▶ Ask what is something that person likes