



Prophetic Group

UNIT 4: PROPHETIC PROTOCOL AND TESTING

Activation

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



Core Topics

- ▶ Love God: Abiding, listening, connecting
- ▶ Love Others: Compassion for Others
- ▶ Raised Expectations: Biblical Basis for Prophecy
- ▶ Prophetic protocol and testing



Recap 1: Abiding and Listening

- ▶ “For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.” -John 12:49
- ▶ “So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.’” - John 5:19

The Father seems to be continually speaking and showing, and Jesus continually watching and listening.

Recap 1: Abiding

- ▶ Abiding in God's love
 - ▶ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Abide** in my love.” - John 15:9
 - ▶ Identity as children: “for in Christ Jesus you are all **sons** of God, through faith.” - Galatians 3:26
 - ▶ “My **sheep** hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” - John 12:27
- ▶ Practical Steps
 - ▶ Journal - write down what God says to you directly or through others
 - ▶ Spend time listening through the week
 - ▶ Let God choose the topic

Did you take time this past week to listen?

Recap 2: Loving one another

What are some of the things we can say to one another?

- ▶ I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved. (Col. 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4)
- ▶ I am forgiven and blameless. (1 John 2:12, Colossians 1:22)
- ▶ I have been made complete in Christ. (Colossians 2:10)
- ▶ I am a son of light and not of darkness. (1 Thessalonians 5:5)
- ▶ I have been given a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- ▶ I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling. (Hebrews 3:1)
- ▶ I have the right to come boldly before the throne of God to find mercy and grace in a time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)
- ▶ I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house. (1 Peter 2:5)
- ▶ I am anointed by God. (1 John 2:27)
- ▶ I am a child of God. (1 John 3:1,2)
- ▶ I am loved. (1 John 4:10)

Recap 3: OT vs. NT Prophets

- ▶ Old Testament (Duet 18:15-22)
- ▶ The people could not hear God for themselves. They relied on prophets.
 - ▶ Now we are His sheep and know His voice
- ▶ The prophet had to speak what he was commanded to say
 - ▶ Not everything we hear God say, we have to say
- ▶ Death was the consequence of a wrong prophesy or attributing it to a god
 - ▶ Death is not longer the consequence
- ▶ The people had no expectation of discernment. If the prophesy did not happen, then it was not the Lord speaking
 - ▶ We are expected to discern good from evil and we are to test prophesy and **keep what is good**

Recap 3: OT vs. NT Prophets

- ▶ Discussions on these topics should be encouraged in church:
 - ▶ Dreams
 - ▶ Visions
 - ▶ Trances
 - ▶ Audible voice of God
 - ▶ Seeing pictures
 - ▶ Angelic Encounters
- ▶ All believers have the indwelling Holy Spirit

THIS WEEK: Concept of Love

- ▶ Love is a enormous concept...
- ▶ “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away...” – 1 Cor 13:5-8
- ▶ “Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another.” -*Ephesians 4:2*
- ▶ *What does love look like practically when it comes to prophesy?*



The Practicals of Love

- ▶ Values the person in front of you
- ▶ Slow to ascribe malice (not suspicious)
- ▶ Puts the person's feelings before the need to give a prophetic word
- ▶ Love is accountable (go with a witness)
- ▶ Love is not long winded or out to force a point
- ▶ Love considers the person's comfort (language we use or our manifestations)
- ▶ Love considers the person's emotions (what happens if this word fails... healing, marriage, children, ...)

Interpreting Prophecy

- ▶ Many issues with prophecy are in the interpretation...
- ▶ Is it a figurative word or a literal word?
 - ▶ Example: An unmarried woman consistently got a word “I see you as a bride.” “You are going to get married” would usually be the next statement. She did not get married. She was a wise unmarried woman and had asked God and He consistently told her, “I call you My bride.” It was a spiritual statement and not literal.
 - ▶ Same things happens when you see babies or children around someone. Are they literal babies or spiritual children?

God's Perspective

- ▶ Gifts flow from love and compassion – how does God see the person?
 - ▶ What is their gift or calling?
 - ▶ Their potential and roadblock?
 - ▶ Not fortune telling or on the desired topic, guidance, or correction.
- ▶ Balance:
 - ▶ Not an intermediary between the person and God
 - ▶ But we all need the body and each other

Consider your Audience

- ▶ Consider the audience
 - ▶ Believer or unbeliever
 - ▶ A person or a group of people (nation or a church)
- ▶ Example: these statements only apply to believers
 - ▶ I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved. (Col. 3:12; 1 Thes 1:4)
 - ▶ I am forgiven and blameless. (1 John 2:12, Col 1:22)
 - ▶ I have been made complete in Christ. (Col 2:10)
- ▶ Example: these apply to all people
 - ▶ You are valued and loved by God
 - ▶ You are created for a purpose

Testing Prophecy

- ▶ All prophecy must be tested against the Bible
- ▶ Test everything
 - ▶ Even current notable prophets are very accurate at times and not accurate other times
 - ▶ Wrong: CA into ocean (multiple prophets)
 - ▶ Wrong: Obama would not win in 2014
 - ▶ The stock market will crash or rise
 - ▶ A person would not die, and they did

Testing Prophecy

- ▶ Babylon is destroyed. “Rejoice over her [Babylon], O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets; because it is for you that God has pronounced His judgment against her.” Rev 18:20
 - ▶ Believers can rejoice in God's judgment
 - ▶ But discerning that an event is because of God's judgment is difficult
- ▶ Judgement or vindication – two sides of same event
 - ▶ Some current prophets see everything as judgement
 - ▶ Some are the happy prophets and only see good: financial blessing, breakthrough, unsaved family members come to Jesus
 - ▶ Both of these views are extreme



Conditional Prophecies

Get a new job or finish an education...

But it requires work of putting out resumes or taking classes

If someone fails to fulfill a prophecy....

Will we still love them?

Do we believe God has a plan B and gives second chances?

It is between the person and God to fulfill the prophecy, not the one that gave the word



I heard it, now what?

- ▶ Jesus did not address every problem or demon
 - ▶ When is the right time to give a word?
 - ▶ Jesus only delivered and healed those who came to Him
- ▶ When is it intercession?
- ▶ When is it shepherding or correction?



Activations

Get in pairs

Ask God to show you how He sees the person. Tell them one attribute He sees in them.

Ask God about the person... what is something you see or hear that God might want to do with them? (maybe you see them flying a paper airplane with God)

Ask God for a Bible character and some good characteristics of that person. Give the person a word based on that. (if you hear Pharaoh or Jezebel, ask for a different person)

Activation

- ▶ Go around the room and give one word to each person
- ▶ One word