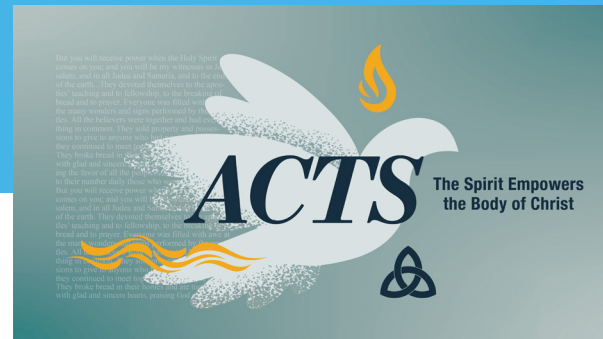


Discussion Questions

June 1, 2025

Demystifying Prophecy: Part 2



1. What has been your view or experience with prophecy?
Have you had any fears or misgivings regarding it? Any positive experiences?
2. The sermon defined prophecy as "Hearing from God on behalf of others to strengthen, encourage, and comfort the body of Christ" (1 Cor. 14:3).
How does this definition challenge or expand your previous understanding of prophecy?

In what ways does it make it more or less accessible? Why?
3. Read Acts 2:17-18
Discuss the shift that happens in regards to God speaking between the Old Testament and the New Testament.
4. Read 1 Kings 19:11-13
In your own experience, how has God most often communicated with you? Have you found His voice to be more like a "still small voice" or something more obvious? Share your experience if you feel comfortable.
5. The sermon strongly emphasized the need to be willing to make mistakes when learning to hear God's voice and prophesy, comparing it to learning a foreign language.

How does the idea of "having to be willing to get it wrong if we are ever going to get it right" resonate with you, especially in the context of spiritual gifts?

What are some fears or hesitations that might prevent you from stepping out in faith and trying to hear from God for others?

How can we foster a safe space to grow and learn to hear God's voice on behalf of others?
6. After looking at prophecy these past two weeks, what fears or hesitations do you have towards the exercising of this gift in our community? What areas of anticipation, curiosity or excitement does it bring?
7. Going forward, what does it look like to, as Paul says, "eagerly desire to prophesy" (1 Corinthians 14:1 & 39) and how can we practically grow in it?
8. If appropriate, take some time and break up into smaller groups and take a few minutes to pray encouragement over one another, but before you do, take some time to listen and see if the Holy Spirit would prompt you with something specific to say to build them up.

1 Corinthians 14:1,3

Pursue love [Make love your highest aim], and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.... the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

Prophecy is Hearing from God on behalf of others to Build up, Encourage & Comfort the body of Christ.

Does God Still speak today beyond what is written in the bible?

Tyler Staton

Whenever there is a gap between what the bible teaches in relationship to God and my experience of relationship to God, that is not a reason for dismissal, its an invitation further in. A gap that God longs to close.

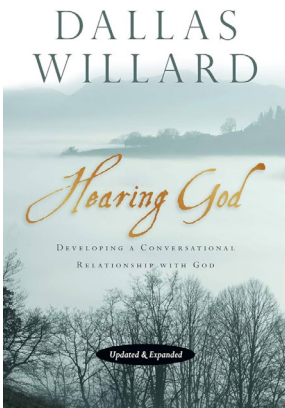
God is a relational God.

Numbers 11:29 (NLT)

I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them all!"

Acts 2:17-18 (NLT)

'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants - men and women alike - and they will prophesy.



"If God doesn't speak today, then the greatest disservice we could ever do to people is to tell them they could have a personal relationship with God."

Dallas Willard

1 Kings 19:11-13 (NLT)

"Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The more we are willing to step out and take risks with Jesus, the more of his power & beauty we get to experience.

1. There is no need to fear prophecy, even if someone is wrong

1 Corinthians 14:29–30 (CSB)

Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should evaluate.

1 Thessalonians 5:19–22 (NIV)

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.

My words of encouragement are good, but God's words are great

2. We should Eagerly Desire Prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV)

Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:39 (ESV)

So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy..

I really, really, really, really,
really, really, really, really, want
to play. When does the
Fortnite season end?

I told mommy I would do
anything to play

Pray With A Partner:

Ask their name

Ask if there is anything specific you could be praying for

Take a few seconds in silence and listen to God on their behalf

Pray for them

Switch places