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Facilitators Guidebook

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# INTRODUCTION

## WHAT IS THE FOUNDATIONAL PROPHETIC TRAINING?

The Foundational Prophetic Training comprises two parts - one, a series of videos covering sessions 1 - 10; and two, this guidebook, which is to be used alongside each video session. The purpose of this training is to equip the saints to hear the voice of God, and allow them to exercise the gift of prophecy - to strengthen, encourage and comfort the church.

## HOW CAN THIS TOOL BE USED BEST?

In following these videos sequentially, it can be helpful for lead elders or community group leaders to stimulate a prophetic culture in their congregations.



# SESSION OVERVIEW

**Session 1:** God Speaks

**Session 2:** Role of the Holy Spirit

**Session 3:** What is Prophecy, and Who Can Prophesy

**Session 4:** New Testament Prophecy

**Session 5:** Purpose of Prophecy

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**Session 8:** Prophetic Lifestyle

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# GOD SPEAKS

## SESSION 1

### AIM

The aim of this session is to have an understanding and revelation that God longs for connection, and therefore, He speaks. Prophecy does not start by us hearing the voice of God – it is initiated with the Father speaking.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

The voice of God is not a subject or a tool. It is a Person, and it is very personal to Him.

1. God speaks mainly for two reasons: to reveal Himself, to be known; and to establish us in Beloved identity.
2. Communication is the primary tool to initiate and uphold this relationship.
3. Fathering is not a quality within God - it is what God has been eternally. A Father that loves, and who is life-giving and outgoing. It is essential to have a revelation that He is good, that He is love, and that everything He does, stems forth from that nature.
4. He is not a tyrant or a narcissistic leader. He is a Father who loves, and He wants us to be established in that love.
5. God speaks to us because He wants to be in relationship with us.
6. When we get disconnected from the voice of God, something inside of us dies.

### KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- **John 17:24:** "Father, ... you loved me before the foundation of the world."
- **Jeremiah 1:5:** "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."
- **Jeremiah 31:3:** "...I have loved you with an everlasting love"
- **Ephesians 1:3 - 5:** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love, He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will ..."

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# PRACTICAL APPLICATION

*"What comes into our minds when we think about God, is the most important thing about us." - AW Tozer*

*"Our view of God will determine our choices". - Michael Reeves*

- What comes into your mind when you think about God? Pray for a deeper revelation of God as a loving Father who wants to speak.
- Is your identity that of Beloved? Pray for a greater revelation and establishing of that identity in you.

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# ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## SESSION 2

### AIM

The aim of this session is to explain the role of the Holy Spirit in prophecy, and to stir a (deeper) hunger for relationship with the Spirit. It is by the Spirit that we are able to hear God's voice, and operate in spiritual gifts - including the gift of prophecy.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

1. Jesus wanted us to have (and to be filled with) the Holy Spirit, who would be "like Him".
2. The Spirit inside of us connects us with Jesus, and helps other people to connect with (to see, hear, and experience) Jesus as we tell and show them what He is like.
3. The gift of prophecy, like the other gifts of the Spirit, is a grace gift – it's not something that we have to work for, or earn. Therefore, we can simply ask for the gift of prophecy, and receive it by faith (and grow it by faithfulness).
4. True Biblical prophecy will always point to, and glorify, Jesus – who He is, what He has done, what He is still doing, what He is yet to do.
5. If you want to prophesy accurately – speaking the words of God, with the heart of God – spend time with, and get to know, the Holy Spirit.

### KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- **John 16:7:** "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."
- **Romans 12:6 (NIV):** "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."
- **1 Corinthians 12:7 - 11 (NIV):** "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."

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- **Revelation 19:10:** “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”
  - **Ephesians 5:18 (NIV):** “Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”
  - **Acts 19:2 (NIV):** “... Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit – for the first time, or even again. He is a giver of good gifts (Matthew 7:11), and will give us the Holy Spirit if we ask him.
- By faith, receive the Spirit and get to know Him by continuously speaking to Him, listening also for Him to speak to you, and obeying what He says.

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# WHAT IS PROPHECY?

## SESSION 3

### AIM

The aim of this session is to explain what Biblical prophecy is, and what it is not.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

1. Prophecy, according to the Bible, includes both forthtelling and foretelling. It is simply speaking out that which is on the heart and mind of God by the Holy Spirit.
2. The Bible distinguishes between the office of a prophet, and the gift of prophecy given by the Spirit, that all might prophesy.
3. The fact that there is a counterfeit, is proof of the authentic (i.e. true Biblical prophecy).
4. The Bible warns us against certain (prohibited) practices, including divination, fortune-telling, inquiring of mediums, and other occult practices.

### KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- **Ephesians 4:11:** "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ..."
- **1 Corinthians 12:7:** "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good, individually as he wills."
- **1 Corinthians 12:10 - 11:** "... 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."
- **Acts 2:17 - 18 (NIV):** "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy."
- **1 Corinthians 14:1:** "Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy."
- **1 Corinthians 1:2 (NIV):** "To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ..."
- **Daniel 2:27 - 28:** "Daniel answered the king and said, 'No wise men, enchanter, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: ...'"

- **Deuteronomy 18:10 - 13:** "There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God, ..."
- **Isaiah 47:13 - 14:** "You are wearied with your many counsels; let them stand forth and save you, those who divide the heavens, who gaze at the stars, who at the new moons make known what shall come upon you. Behold, they are like stubble; the fire consumes them; they cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flames. No coal for warming oneself is this, no fire to sit before!"
- **Acts 16:16 - 18:** "As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.' And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour."
- **Acts 19:18 - 19:** "Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver."

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Find stories in the Bible where God spoke to people through the prophetic, as well as stories where people turned to the counterfeit, and the outcome of those stories.

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# NEW TESTAMENT PROPHECY

## SESSION 4

### AIM

The aim of this session is to establish the Scriptural basis for the use of prophecy today.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

Prophecy was a key part of the birth of the church.

1. Prophecy, according to Joel and Peter, is a hallmark of the New Covenant.
2. Scripture repeatedly indicates that prophecy is a gift for the whole church age.
3. We are urged to desire the gift of prophecy.
4. We are not to despise prophecy.
5. There have been abuses of this gift, but that does not negate right use of the gift.

### KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- **Acts 2:17 (NIV):** "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."
- **Ephesians 4:13 (NIV):** "... until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."
- **1 Corinthians 13:8 - 9:** "Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part"
- **1 Corinthians 12:1 - 30:** "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit."

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“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.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?”

- **Romans 12:3 - 8:** “For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”



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# PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Paul urges us to eagerly desire the spiritual gifts, especially prophecy.
- Pray for the gift. If you have been hurt through the prophetic, and have not processed that, we encourage you to speak to a leader in order to gain perspective on this experience.

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# PURPOSE OF PROPHECY

## SESSION 5

### AIM

The purpose of this session is to point out the Biblical objectives of prophecy. In us gaining understanding of this, we will eagerly desire the gift of prophecy. We will also look at some of the values and distinctives that should accompany Biblical prophecy.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

1. The purpose of prophecy is to strengthen, encourage and comfort the church.
2. In this, prophecy glorifies God, which is the ultimate purpose thereof.
3. The following values or distinctives should determine our expression of the gift:
  - o True prophecy is always Jesus centred, and Jesus revealing.
  - o It is an expression of the church, for the church, through the church.
  - o We trust not just for accurate words, but also for the Spirit's power to work in people's lives.
  - o We believe in the priesthood of all believers, and that the gifts of the Spirit are not exclusive to "the man of God".
  - o We should operate in team under God-given authority, with accountability structures in place, rather than be "lone rangers".
  - o Prophetic words should be brought with humility and love. Love is the reason, humility is the posture.

### KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- **Revelation 19:10:** "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."
- **Isaiah 41:26:** "He is right."
- **1 Corinthians 14:3:** "On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation."
- **2 Timothy 3:2 - 5:** "For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people."

- **Deuteronomy 13:1 - 5:** "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst."
- **Ephesians 3:10:** "...so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places."
- **Acts 13:1 - 2:** "Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." - Prophets operate in local churches, and are sent out by local churches, and often work in teams with the other five fold gifts.
- **1 Corinthians 2:4:** "...and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."
- **Ephesians 4:12:** "....to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ..."
- **1 Peter 2:9:** "Every person in the household of God has a role to play and every believer is able to hear God for themselves and should be equipped to encourage others prophetically."
- **Philippians 2:1:** "So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy ..."
- **1 Corinthians 14:1:** "Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy."
- **Ephesians 4:15:** "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,"

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# PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Is God highlighting any of the above values or distinctives to you? If so, how will you adjust?

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# PROPHETIC BOUNDARIES

## SESSION 6

### AIM

The aim of this session is to explain that, while we should be eager to prophesy, there is wisdom in steering clear of certain types of words (particularly those that have the potential to cause hurt or damage, if they turn out not to be correct), or bringing them in another way.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

1. As believers, we should be eager, look for opportunities, and spur one another on to prophesy – to build up the Body of Christ, to encourage and comfort her (1 Corinthians 14:3). As long as we stay within these Scriptural boundaries of what prophecy is for – and we do it with love, in humility and accountability – we are fairly “safe”.
2. This does not mean that we always get it 100% right. We are not God, and as human beings, we only see and hear in part, and prophesy in part. This is why prophecy, in the New Testament, needs to be tested.
3. It is good to ask for feedback – this is how we learn and grow. If you’ve made a mistake, be quick to repent and apologise, and then move on. Do not let the fear of making mistakes stop you from prophesying.
4. There are certain kinds of words that, if they turn out not to be correct, can cause a great deal of hurt or damage. For this reason, it may be wise not to share these kinds of words, but to rather pray into them, or share them with the elder to whom the person is accountable. This includes “hatch, match and dispatch” words, words that bring direction, and words that bring correction.
5. The prophetic is a beautiful and powerful gift that God has given to His church, but should for that reason be exercised with the necessary wisdom (and sometimes, restraint).

### KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- **1 Corinthians 13:9:** “For we know in part and we prophesy in part”.
- **1 Corinthians 14:29:** “Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.”
- **1 Thessalonians 5:20-22 (NIV):** “Do not treat prophecies with contempt, but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.”
- **1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT):** “Let love be your highest goal!”

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# PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Let's say you are praying for someone in your community group, and while praying and prophesying, you sense that the person may struggle with pornography. What would you do? How would you prophesy or pray at this point?

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# WEIGHING A PROPHETIC WORD

## SESSION 7

### AIM

The aim of this session is to help us weigh up the prophetic words we receive, and to make them our own - through processing, application and appropriation.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

1. Document (write out) your prophetic word and “unpack” it.
2. Meditate on your personal prophecy.
3. Judge the word by asking God, and yourself, key questions.
4. Submit the word to your leaders.
5. Agree, align, appropriate and keep asking.

### KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- **Habakkuk 2:2-3:** “And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.”
- **1 Thessalonians 5:19-21:** “Do not quench the spirit, do not despise prophecy, but examine everything carefully, hold fast to what is good”
- **1 Corinthians 13:9-10:** “For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

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# PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Take a prophetic word you recently received, and use the above guidelines to weigh it up and process the word.

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# PROPHETIC LIFESTYLE

## SESSION 8

### AIM

The aim of this session is to encourage a lifestyle of continuously tapping into the Spirit to live out the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

1. God is speaking all the time.
2. Our words should always be seasoned with love.
3. A prophetic lifestyle comes only by our own intimate relationship with God.
4. We hear God by recognising His voice.
5. We are the mouthpiece of God, simply speaking His words of life, hope and healing to others.
6. The Holy Spirit is the search engine.
7. A prophetic lifestyle begins with believing that God orders our steps.
8. Why would we want to do this? We are called to be God's hands, feet and mouthpiece on the earth today, pointing people to Him.

### KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- **Psalms 139:17 - 18 (NIV):** "How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand - when I awake, I am still with you."
- **1 Corinthians 14:3 (NIV):** "But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort."
- **1 Corinthians 14:1 (NIV):** "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy."
- **Revelation 19:10 (NIV):** "For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."
- **1 Corinthians 2:10 (NIV):** "... these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God."

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# PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Ask God everyday how He would like to use you in that day, trusting always that He wants to speak.
- Spend time listening to, and recognising, His voice - and be obedient to the voice and promptings of the Spirit.

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# DREAMS

## SESSION 9

### AIM

The aim of this session is to look at why, and how, God speaks to us through dreams - and how we should respond when He speaks in this way.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

There is a clear pattern in Scripture of God speaking to individuals or the nation (Israel) through dreams.

1. There are different types of dreams, including those of:

**Destiny** - your future or the future of others.

Example: Joseph with the sheaves of corn, and the moon and stars bowing down (Genesis 37:1 - 11).

**Warning** - for yourself, others, or the church.

Example: Joseph with the baker and wine taster in jail (Genesis 40:9 - 23).

**Future event** - something that may happen.

Example: Pharaoh's dream of the seven fat and seven thin cows (Genesis 41:1 - 57).

**Highlighting** - God shining His light onto areas of your life, or someone else's life - focusing on present or past hurt / wounds / sin / incorrect thinking - in order to adjust something in our attitude or character.

Example: Peter's dream about the blanket of different foods (Acts 10:9 - 16).

**Confirmation** - confirm a prophecy or Scripture.

Example: Gideon overhears a Midianites dream that confirms what God had told him (Judges 7:13 - 15).

**Peephole into the spiritual realm**

Example: Jacob dreaming of the angels ascending and descending on the ladder to heaven (Genesis 28:12).

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**Word of knowledge**

Example: Agabus dreams and foretells of Paul's upcoming imprisonment (Acts 21:10 - 12).

**Encouragement and comfort**

Example: God speaks to Joseph that he can marry Mary and not fear (Matthew 1:20).

**Strategic vision**

Example: Jacob and the striped, mottled, and spotted flocks (Genesis 31:10).

**Intercessory** - praying for, or into, a situation in a dream / spiritual warfare.

**Impartation** - can be an impartation from God or a demonic manifestation. These need to be tested.

**Nightmares** - Psalm 91:5.

2. We need to steward our dreams well.
3. Ensure that you have a dream journal, and that you write down your dream as soon as you wake up, in as much detail as possible (Habbakuk 2:2).
4. Make note of anything that stands out. Ask the Holy Spirit what it means, and then submit the dream and its interpretation to a leader.

## KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- **Job 33:14 - 18 (NIV):** "For God does speak - now one way, now another - though no one perceives it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they slumber in their beds, he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings, to turn them from wrongdoing and keep them from pride, to preserve them from the pit, their lives from perishing by the sword."
- **Acts 2:17 (NIV):** "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."



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# PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Think of a dream you recently had, and using the tools given in this session, try “unpack” the dream in order to discern its meaning.

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# NURTURING THE PROPHETIC

## SESSION 10

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The aim of this session is to equip you with tools that will help you to grow in, and nurture, the prophetic - and establish relationship with the heart of God.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

The secret place (the Matthew 6:6 lifestyle):

1. Read, meditate and study the Word.
2. Prayer – a quiet place, a quiet hour and a quiet heart.
3. Declaration and adoration.
4. Learn to live a Christ-attentive life (learn to abide).
5. Be active in serving and loving the Body of Christ, and intentionally give yourself to be disciplined.
6. **Bob Sorge:**  
*"The wisest thing you will ever do in this life is to draw near to God, and to seek Him with all your heart".*
7. There is nothing that influences or impacts the prophetic culture more than beholding and encountering the beauty and glory of Jesus.

### KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- **Matthew 6:6 (NIV):** "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."
- **Luke 11:1 - 4 (NIV):** "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples'. He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'
- **Mark 1:35 (NIV):** "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

- **John 15:1 - 11 (NIV):** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."
- **Psalms 1:2 (NIV):** "... but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night."

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Do you have a secret place where you intentionally go to encounter the heart of God?
- Which of the above key take-aways do you feel you could be more intentional about?

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# CLOSING

## CLOSING

We trust that the Foundational Prophetic Training videos have been a helpful tool to excite and awaken your hearts to intimate relationship with the Lord - and out of that place - to become a life-giving gift to the church and those around you.

We encourage you to be faithful in seeking the heart of God, and to be faithful stewards of the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. This is how we grow and mature.

So, be humble and brave, and bring glory to God!