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Prophetic Words Series – Talk #3
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Review

As you know, a few months ago, the prophetic words that have been given at prayer meetings and other community gatherings were compiled into this booklet. I think that the Lord wants us to grow in our understanding of our prophetic call, both as individuals and as a community.

And it's not just the charismatic gift of prophecy that we're talking about, it's the baptismal call each of us has received, as Priest, Prophet, and King. We are meant to be a prophetic people, to receive the Word of God and bear it forth, individually and corporately. And as Eileen shared a few weeks ago, I think that the prophetic call can really be boiled down to a heart-to-heart relationship with the Lord.

So, as we ponder these Words that the Lord has been speaking to us, I think we need to be very intentional about what we are doing, and we need to remind ourselves why we're doing it, because we need to build a climate of prophecy here.

So I think that what we're doing is learning to listen to the Lord more intently, discern, and respond.

I've been studying Ignatian **discernment of spirits** for some time, and it all really comes down to 3 simple things: listen - that is, be aware; understand - that is, ponder and discern; and respond – take action.

Intro to the Word

One of the ways that I find I can confirm whether I believe a word to be from the Lord or not is if I have seen the Lord doing or speaking similar things in my life.

The word I want to look at tonight is a word I can confirm because the Lord has been teaching me the same things that this word speaks about through my experience with Unbound Ministry, inner healing prayer, and visiting other faith communities like Global Awakening. In many ways, this word is a **mini-catechesis** to us on how the Lord wants us to make his presence known.

So let's take a look at a word that gives some pretty specific direction and spend some time with it together.

This word is from Sept 21, 2014:

“It is time. The alarm has sounded. It is time for you, my children, to open your mouth and to let me speak through you great words of peace, of **shalom**, unto your brothers and sisters. It is time to decree my blessing and to claim them back for my children. Step into the **authority** of the **anointing** to decree **restoration** and blessings unto my children. Many will come to you in just that capacity. Say that **simple** prayer over them. There will be testimonials after testimonials for they will know this is where it came from. Together, give me, your Father, all the glory. This is a new appointment for you all to take back what the enemy has stolen. Just

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Speak and it will be. Power accompanies those words and they will travel through time and bless today. Testimonials after testimonials you shall receive. We are entering a season of harvesting. Amazement will be in the eyes and the hearts of my children to the point where they will wonder where I have been all their lives. This is a new season. This is a **new** way to minister. Do not be afraid to stand and act in that superior authority I give you. Go and bless. Tell my children how much I love them. Speak and it will be. Speak and it will be received with brand new understanding. Speak with the power I give you, the power of my name. Speak health, speak restoration, speak strength, speak conversion, speak metanoia. Speak. Speak. Speak.”

So I would like to comment on a few words that jump out at me:

Shalom

This word doesn't just mean peace, but also harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare, and tranquility. It is not just the absence of conflict or noise but the state of everything being right between two people – in this case between me and God. It occurs to me that *shalom* was Jesus' whole purpose of coming into the world, to bring '*shalom*' between us and God the Father.

In John's Gospel Jesus gives his '*shalom*' to the disciples both before his death, and again after his resurrection. Promising that everything will be alright with them and him even before they understand how he will die. And then again when they are hiding in the upper room, after they have been humiliated by dissenting him during his passion. He comes and the first thing he says is '*shalom*' – everything is OK. I think today's term would be '*copasetic*' – “everything's cool between us.”

In the Year of Mercy, *shalom* is the goal of mercy. Jesus restores us to right relationship with the Father.

Restoration

I like that word. Like *shalom*, it seems that all that should be there, is there. I heard a speaker say recently that the word “salvation” means to “come home.” Have you come home to the Father's house? Do you rest in the Father's presence? We have to *experience* restoration in the Father's house before we can go out and *speak it* to others. And when we have experienced it we can speak it with faith and authority into peoples' lives.

Anointing

When Jesus was baptized, a voice from heaven proclaimed, “This is my beloved son.” Paul says that we have been baptized INTO Christ Jesus – literally immersed into Christ. This tells me that what happened at Jesus' baptism is a foreshadowing of what happens to us in baptism. When you were baptized, the heavens opened over you and the Father said, “This is my beloved son, this is my beloved daughter.” If there's one thing that

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satan doesn't want you to grasp it is this truth – that your baptism transformed you in Christ and that you are a beloved son or daughter of the Father.

Simple

One thing that I've learned recently, especially through the Discovering Christ series, is the benefit of praying simple prayers when I am praying with people. The idea being that if you want to encourage people to be able to pray their own prayers, don't pray long, theologically complex prayers. Just say simple prayers that anybody can pray.

I used to try and pray like "Joe's a really good guy, Jesus. He's trying to serve you. Please help him out. He has a good heart." Now I just pray, "Jesus, bless Joe." Or, "In the name of Jesus I bless you."

Authority

So that leads us to the word authority. Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me, go therefore..." Jesus has been given all authority and he has delegated authority to us! We are his stewards. That means when someone comes to the door begging for bread, we don't say, "Wait, I have to go ask the King for permission." The King has given you authority to dispense with the gifts of the kingdom, and that means that he *trusts* your judgment! So when someone begs for bread, we invite them in and feed them! Likewise, when someone needs blessing (and who doesn't), we don't ask God to bless them, we bless them in His name! HE WILL! I realize that this is a radical shift in how to pray, and it took me a long time to accept that it really was what God was asking me, NO, commanding me to do.

New

This is a new way to minister – yes! We've heard many times the word "Behold, I am doing a new thing, do you not perceive it?" (Is 43:19) It goes on, "Remember not the things of old."

Remember, for God, a "new thing" is not an improvement on the old like a new and improved washing detergent or a new and improved toothpaste. New means radically different. You used to scrub and scrub the dirt out of your clothes before, He's going to give you a brand new garment that never gets dirty. When you were young a new bike meant upgrading your tricycle to a mountain bike. God replaces your tricycle with a Ferrari or a private jet!

He is challenging us to put away the old way we used to pray and step out in the anointing, the authority, that he died to give us!

Romans 8:10 says that "All creation is groaning in expectation for the children of God to be revealed." This exhortation from Paul isn't just an end-times prophecy, this is a NOW WORD. All creation is waiting for YOU to open your mouth and tell it who you are: a Son, a Daughter of the Most High. And people are dying for you

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to speak the truth about God to them and let them know that He has sent Jesus, and sent you, to restore them to his house.

Speak – What are we to speak? Healing? Deliverance? Peace? What? Whatever you are moved by the Spirit to speak at the time! I don't always have faith to speak for physical healing, but I do have faith to speak to deliverance, peace, and blessing because those words have been spoken over me, I have received them, they have changed me, and I know their truth and power. I may not understand why some people suffer with physical, emotional, or spiritual pain, but one thing I do know is that God wants to bring his peace, his 'shalom' - and his peace is the manifestation, the *proof* of restoration. You can't have peace unless you've been restored. And the truth is, that you're already been restored, you just don't experience it so you don't believe it. So speak peace, and people will experience restoration, they will experience *shalom*.

One little important piece here – before speaking, I generally have to listen, listen with the heart, and pray for guidance while I'm listening. I don't offer solutions, I offer Jesus.

- If someone needs a job – I offer them Jesus
- If someone is going through a divorce – I offer them Jesus
- If someone is grieving – I offer them Jesus

I used to think that there were different gifts like healing, prophecy, miracles, preaching, and if you had one gift you probably wouldn't have the others. Now I think there is one gift – FAITH. And if you have faith for healing, faith to pray, faith to speak prophecy, faith for miracles, or faith to preach, you just do it and have faith to use it in other areas.

Small Groups

So let's spend a few minutes together with this word. Move into groups of 2 or 3; try to find people that you don't that well. Spend a few minutes with the word, read it to yourself.

- Is there a single word or phrase that jumps out at you?
- Is there a sense of conviction?
- Can you confirm what the Lord is saying in this word in your own life?
- Do you feel moved to act on any particular part of this word?
- Share among yourselves, encourage each other. Take a moment to speak a word of God's peace, of His '*shalom*' to each other.