

Tonight's lesson is about prophetic prayer, hearing the voice of God and responding. We will be doing prophetic prayer activation session. At the end of class we will also have a question-and-answer session about some of the unusual manifestations of the move of God. Class is going to be very fun and interactive, so you will want to be in-person or on zoom to actively participate.

Prophetic Basics:

1 Corinthians 14:3 ³ But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Edification: The Greek words *oikodomeo*, "to build," *oikodome*, "the act of building," are used both literally and figuratively in the New Testament; "edify," "edifying," "edification," are the translation of the King James Version in some 20 passages, all in the figurative sense of the promotion of growth in Christian character.

Exhortation: The word most often translated "exhort" or "exhortation" comes from the Greek word *paraklēsis*, which means "to call to one's side; to summon, encourage, admonish, entreat." To exhort is to develop relationships with other believers for the purpose of encouraging them in their spiritual growth. For further study, start with 1 Timothy 4:13.

Comfort: Which is used in the bible 217 times, comes from the Greek word *paramuthia*, which means "encouragement, exhortation, comfort" used for "encouragement, comfort, consolation, exhortation."

Cognate: 3889 *paramythía* (a feminine noun) – "primarily 'a speaking closely to anyone' (para, 'near,' mythos, 'speech'); hence it denotes 'consolation, comfort,' with a greater degree of tenderness than 3874 (*paráklēsis*)" (Vine, Unger, White, NT, 111, italics added). See 3888 (*paramytheomai*).

What we meditate on, we empower in our lives (Joshua 1:8; Ps 119:148). What we say speaks life or death (Prov. 18:21). When we receive a prophetic word, what we must always discern and speak life into a situation. Are our words being used building up, encourage or comfort? Sometimes, we receive a word that is negative in the prayer line, like a person has a sexual addiction or a covenant to

pornography. Rather than beating them over the head with a bible and condemning them, we speak life and lead them in prayers of repentance, breaking ungodly covenants, erasing the trauma and cellular memory. These biblical actions not only help the person to be redeemed from sin, it also promotes the growth of their Christian character, instead of using just condemnation which, in many cases, turns them away from God. We are speaking truth in love, with the goal of biblical restoration.

We will be giving prophetic words to each other and learning how to pray in to them. Most of the time, when we receive words, they fit in the 1 Corinthians 14:3 model. When you receive a word, and it does not fit within the framework of edification, exhortation, comfort, ask yourself these questions of the Lord:

1. Is this from You, God? Will you confirm the word?
2. Is this something extra-biblical, meaning does it contradict God's word?
3. Is this something I need to not release and just pray in to it?
4. Is this something I should speak and pray the opposite in the situation?

Prophetic Prayer

1 Corinthians 14:1 Pursue love, and **desire spiritual gifts**, but especially that you may prophesy.

Prophetic Prayer is taking what you received prophetically and praying it over the person so God can speak into their lives. Prophetic prayer can originate from a vision, feeling, a body -check, a mysterious pain that shows up in your body where you normally do not have pain. It can be words, a smell, hearing, touch. Sometimes this feeling will not go away until you find that person and pray for them.

Examples:

Honor and the Move of God

In John chapter 5, Jesus heals the man at the pool of Bethesda and the religious leader of the day lose their minds and want to kill Him.

¹⁶ For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, ^[d]and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”

¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. ¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. ²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

V. 17: ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.

Jesus and the Father are co-laboring together

V. 19: the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

Jesus does what He sees the father doing. When we see what the Father wants to do in a person’s life. We pray in Jesus Name and the person gets healed.

V. 22-23 ²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

We all want to see the greater works of Jesus. Sometimes we will see an atypical healing or unusual manifestation of the move of God. If we react in judgement and do not honor what the Lord is doing, we will not be able to walk in that anointing.

I attended a pastor's dinner with John Kilpatrick a few years ago, during his Q & A session, John was asked about the unusual manifestations of the move of God. He said, "If you do not know if what you are seeing is the move of God, keep your mouth off it. You will not walk in what you do not honor." If you have condemned things in the past that were weird or strange looking, but you did not know whether or not these things were of God, now is a good time to repent so you will be available to walk in the greater works of Jesus. Some of these will look different than what you have ever experienced before. We need to be prepared. The next great move of God is coming very soon.

Prophetic Prayer Activation:

Pray over students

Ask them to receive a word.

Does that word fit the 1 Corinthians 14:1 model?

Ask the Lord questions.

Ask them to give the word.

Help them to turn it in to a prophetic prayer.

Q & A: Unusual Manifestations in the Glory of God

Salvation Prayer

Concluding thoughts