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**God Speaks**

**#28 of 33— May 20, 2018**

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4) What do we learn about prophecy from this passage? What do we learn about tongues? Make a list of the benefits of both spiritual gifts? How should these gifts be exercised in the church?

5) Note the number of times Paul uses the words “strengthened” and “understanding” in 1 Cor. 14. What is the relationship between these two concepts and why does this matter? How does the Bible relate to this today?

6) Read 1 John 1:14 and Hebrews 1:1-3. In what way do these passages reveal God “speaking to us” and what does this tell us about God and about ourselves? How does the the Gospel undergird our desire for spiritual gifts and our use of spiritual gifts?

7) What action steps do you need this week to take to develop a “listening posture”?

8) Take some time to pray for spiritual gifts (like prophecy) so that you can strengthen others. What steps do you need to take to exercise your spiritual gifts in love, maintaining unity within the church?



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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### God Speaks

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
May 20, 2018



**God speaks so we can know Him, love Him, and serve Him.**

#### Discussion on spiritual gifts and unity from 1 Corinthians 12-14:

- **Spiritual gifts are to elevate Christ and edify others.** (1 Cor. 12:1-11)
- **Seek to operate holistically within the body of Christ as you fulfill your role.** (1 Cor. 12:12-31)
- **Pursue the love of Christ to love like Christ.** (1 Cor. 13)
- **Seek and exercise spiritual gifts so others are strengthened.** (1 Cor. 14)

1 Corinthians 14:1-25

**Big Idea: Seek and exercise spiritual gifts so others are strengthened.**

**How do we do this?**

#### 1) **Seek spiritual gifts that strengthen the whole church.**

v. 6 “Dear brothers and sisters, if I should come to you speaking in an unknown language, how would that help you? But if I bring you a revelation or some special knowledge or prophecy or teaching, that will be helpful.”

- **Understanding is required for people to be strengthened.**

v. 12 “Since you are so eager to have the special abilities the Spirit gives, seek those that will strengthen the whole church.”

#### 2) **Exercise spiritual gifts in a well-ordered way to strengthen others.**

1 Corinthians 14:26-33 Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you. <sup>27</sup> No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say. <sup>28</sup> But if no one is present who can interpret, they must be silent in your church meeting and speak in tongues to God privately. <sup>29</sup> Let two or three people prophesy, and let the others evaluate what is said. <sup>30</sup> But if someone is prophesying and another person receives a revelation from the Lord, the one who is speaking must stop. <sup>31</sup> In this way, all who prophesy will have a turn to speak, one after the other, so that everyone will learn and be encouraged. <sup>32</sup> Remember that people who prophesy are in control of their spirit and can take turns. <sup>33</sup> For God is not a God of disorder but of peace, as in all the meetings of God's holy people.

John 1:14 “So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unending love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.”

Hebrews 1:1-3 “Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. <sup>2</sup> And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honour at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.”

#### **Action Steps:**

- **Cultivate a listening posture.**
- **Pray for and exercise the gift of prophecy to strengthen others.**

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).*