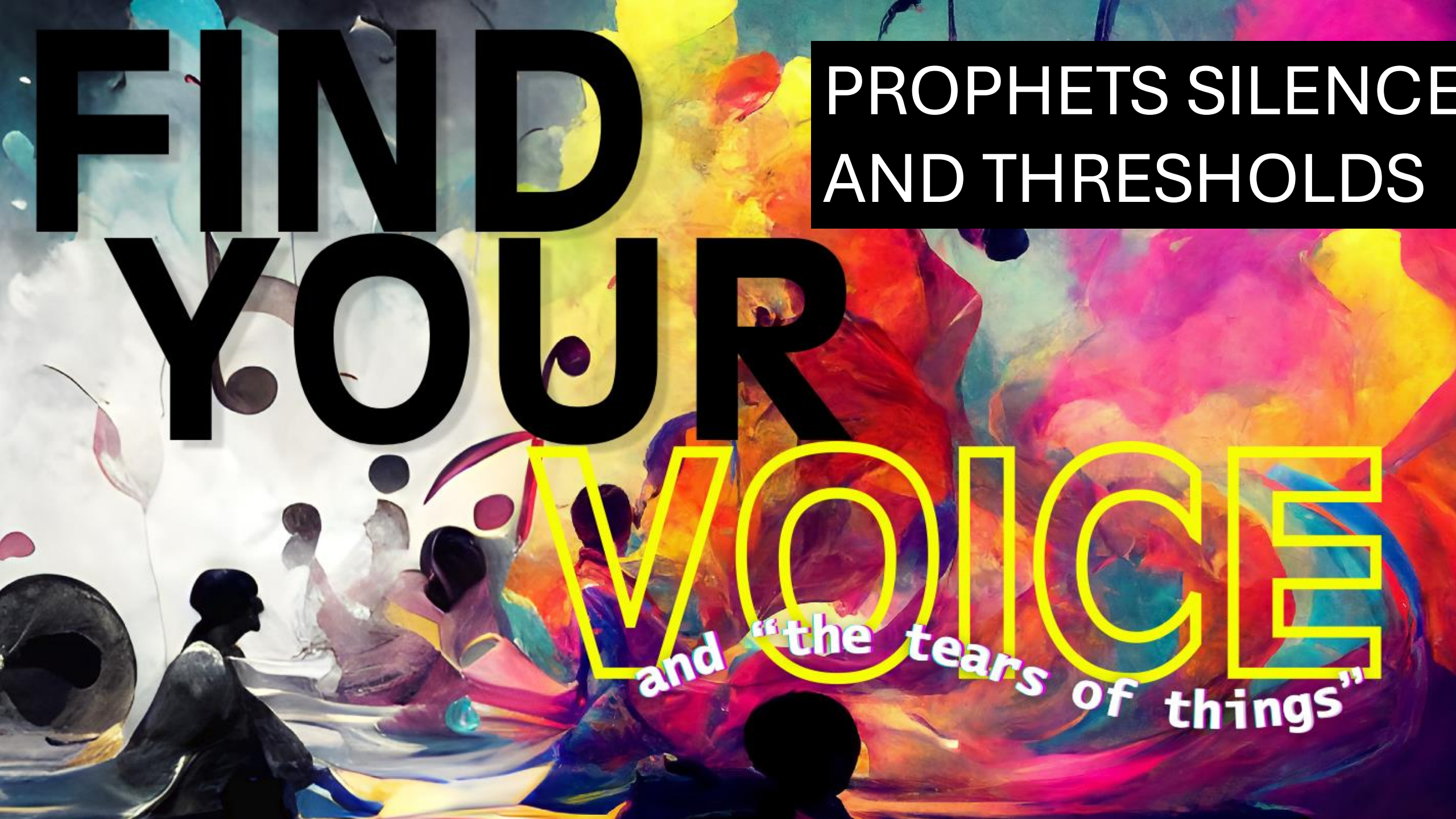


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PROPHETS SILENCE
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Which prophet from Scripture has had the most impact on you?

Think of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Deborah, Esther, Ezekial, Hannah, Hosea, Huldah...

Who has challenged your thinking?
Inspired your faith? Guided your heart?

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“Prophets hear from God and share the message with God’s people. They are truth-tellers, crisis managers, and promise sharers.

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*The Prophets model God's perfect
faithfulness to us, not our perfect
faithfulness to God.*

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*Prophets teach through their words
AND through their own story of
transformation.*

Hannah Mattson

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Prophecy in Scripture is *not foretelling but forthtelling*.

Prophets speak truth into the present moment. They name what is real — injustice, pain, beauty, and hope — and they reflect back to us God's prophetic movement, and call us back to God's heart.

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The Prophets and Their Voices

Samuel learned to say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” He found his voice in the quiet of the night.

Amos, a shepherd and tree pruner — not a trained prophet — found his voice in the face of injustice when he could no longer stay silent.



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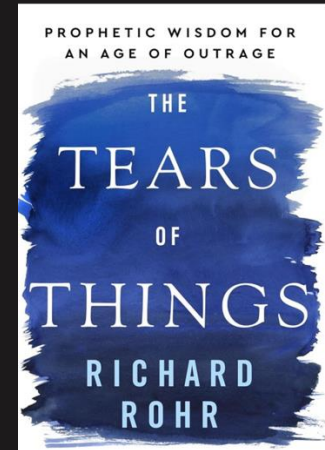
Deborah, prophet, leader and judge, found her voice in the midst of oppression. When others hesitated, she listened for God's direction and called forth courage and brought peace to a nation.

Habakkuk, the questioner — or complainer, as Hannah said last week — found his voice not in certainty but in lament. He cried, “How long, O Lord?” and stayed on the watchtower until God answered.

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Mature prophecy is not fueled by outrage,
but by *love filtered through tears*.

Richard Rohr



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Unfinished or Mature Prophet?



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When James and John wanted to call down fire on the Samaritans, Jesus rebuked them-

"You do not know what kind of spirit you are of, for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them.

Luke 9:54-56.



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Elijah began as a prophet of spectacle and judgment — calling down fire from heaven, destroying false prophets.

But later, he stood at the mouth of a cave, at a threshold, and encountered God not in the earthquake or the fire, but in the silence.



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To be shaped and softened until you can see what God sees, feel what God feels, and act with courage and compassion.

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Arthur Brooks calls this the movement from
fluid intelligence — the power to create and drive —
to **crystallized intelligence** — the wisdom to integrate
and share what we've learned.

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The Gifts of the Spirit and Mature Prophecy

Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brothers *and sisters*, I do not want you to be unaware.



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1 Corinthians 13:4, 13

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 14:1-4

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Prohetic Thresholds



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... It is wise in your own life to recognize and acknowledge the key thresholds:
to take your time; to feel all the varieties of presence that accrue there;

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to listen inward with complete attention until
you hear the inner voice calling you forward.
The time has come to cross.



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At any time you can ask yourself:
At which threshold am I now standing?



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At this time in my life, what am I leaving? Where am I about to enter?



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What is preventing me from crossing my next threshold?



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What gift would enable me to do it?

John O'Donahue



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Thresholds of Love

Are you standing at a threshold right now?
What significant thresholds have you crossed?
Have you ever been carried over a threshold?



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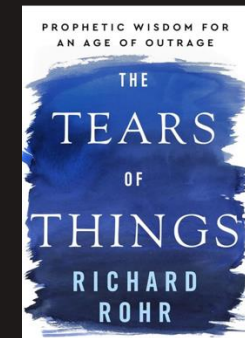
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An SD is an experienced listener who companions you, asks thoughtful questions, and helps you discern the activity of the Holy Spirit in your life—guiding you to grow into the person God created you to be.

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“Our refusal to allow ourselves to be loved undeservedly and unconditionally will probably forever be the anguish of every prophet.”

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