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# Gabriel visits Mary

Luke 1:26-38

**Raphael, *The  
Annunciation*, oil on  
wood, 1503**

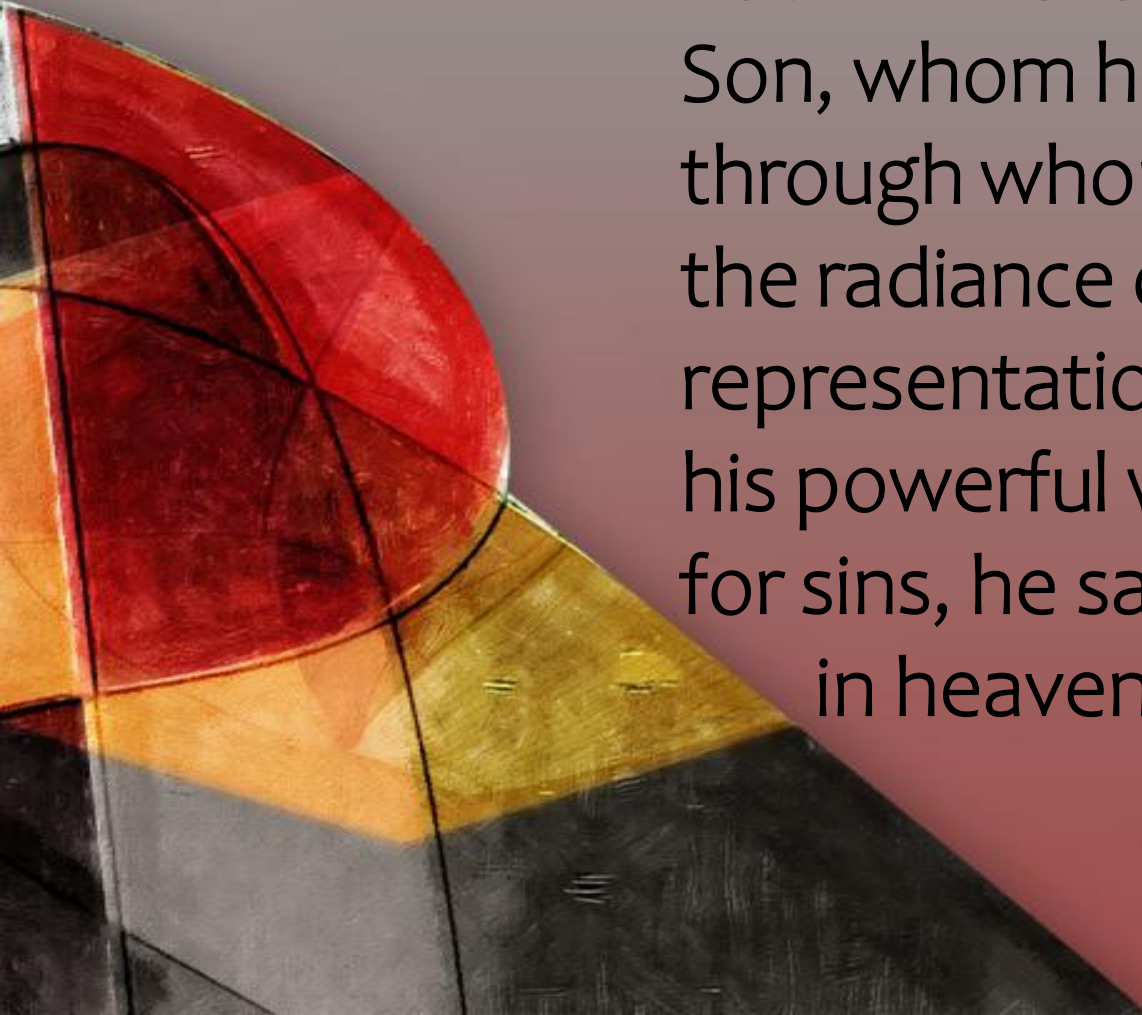
## Luke 1:32-33 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”



## Hebrews 1:2-3 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

“but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”



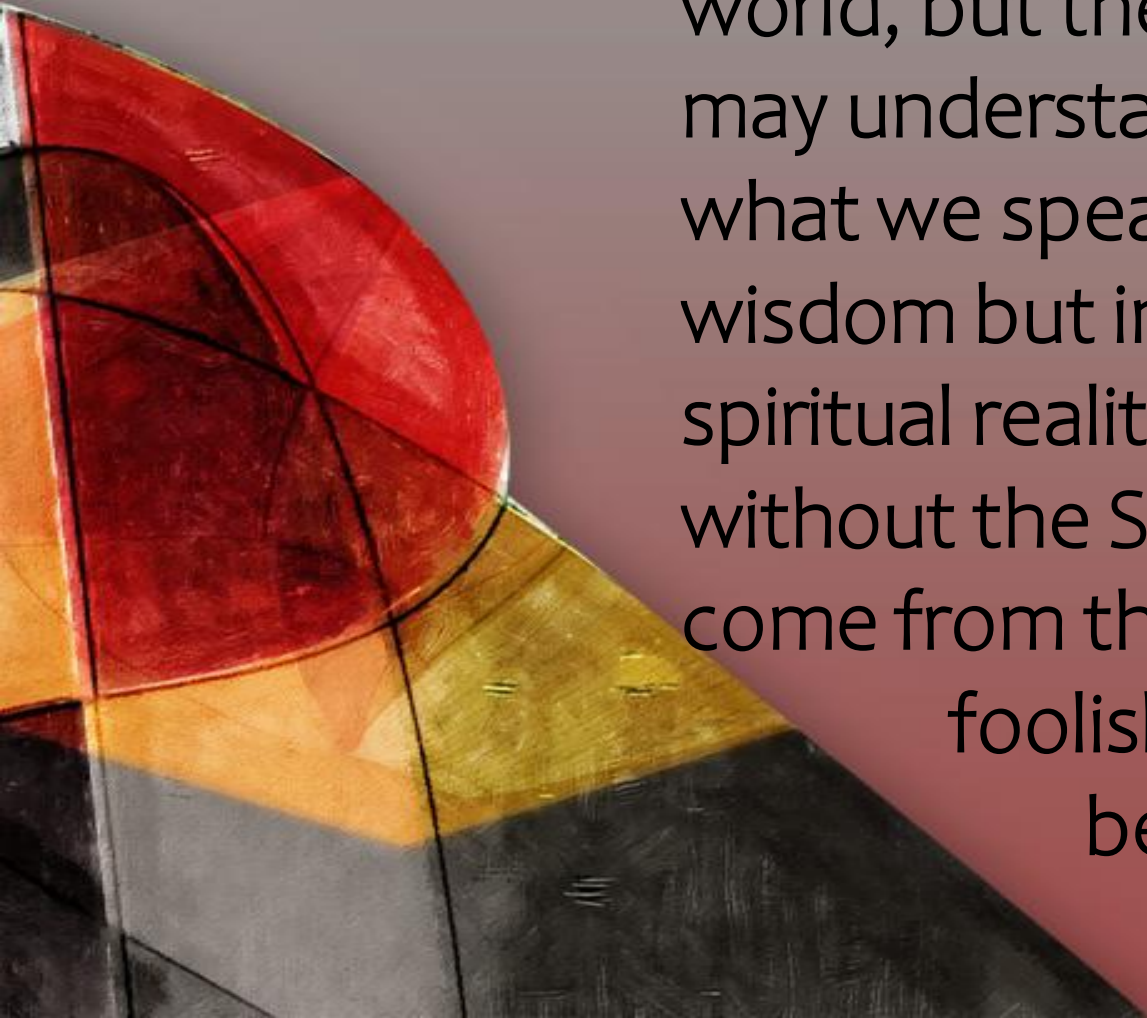
## John 14:26 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything that I have said to you.”



## 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

“What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.”



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# Holy Spirit is Central to the Drama

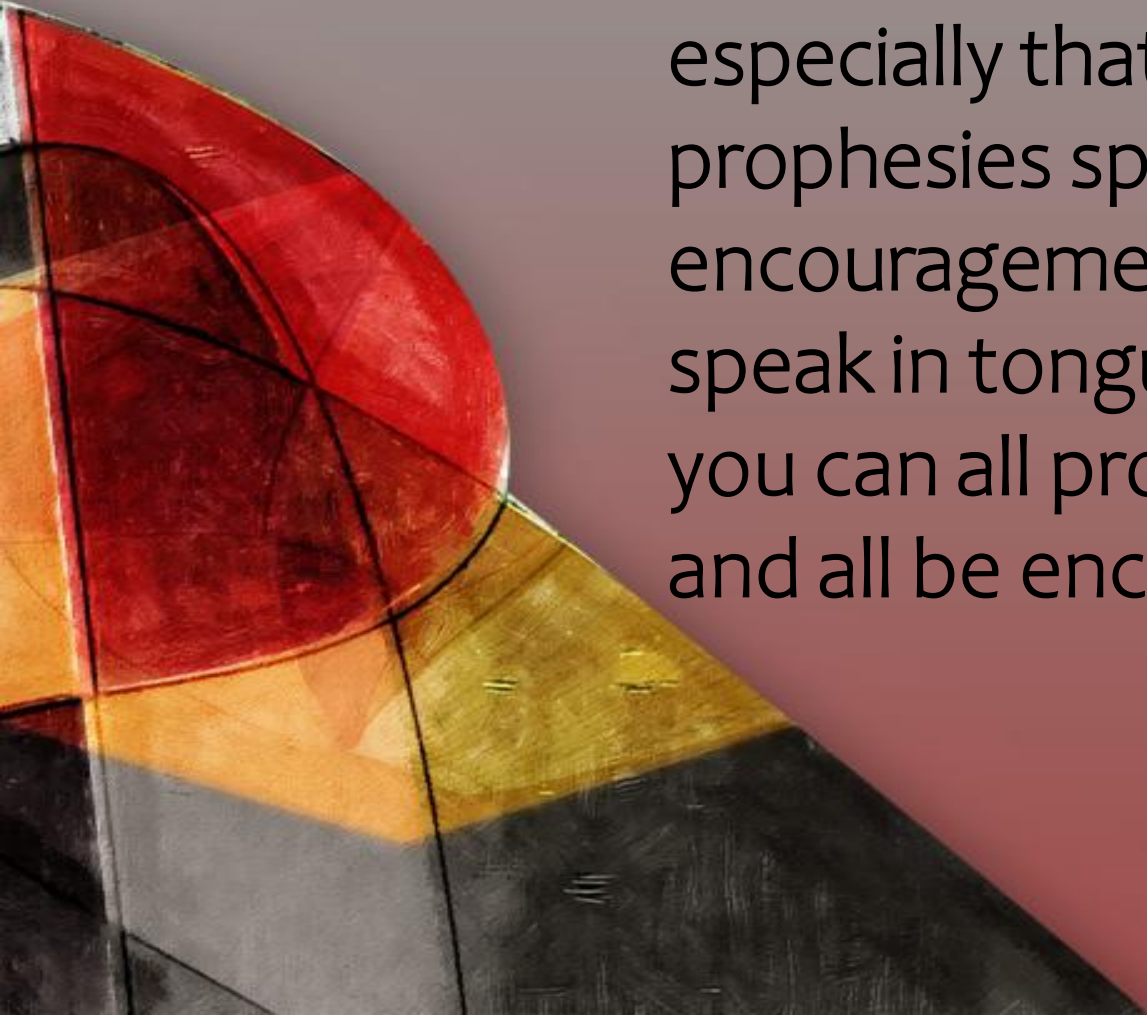
Once you start looking, Holy Spirit is almost impossible to miss in the Christmas story – He's everywhere, stirring, moving, anointing, leading





## 1 Corinthians 14:1, 3, 5a, 31 ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

“Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. <sup>3</sup> Everyone who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. <sup>5</sup> Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. <sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged.”







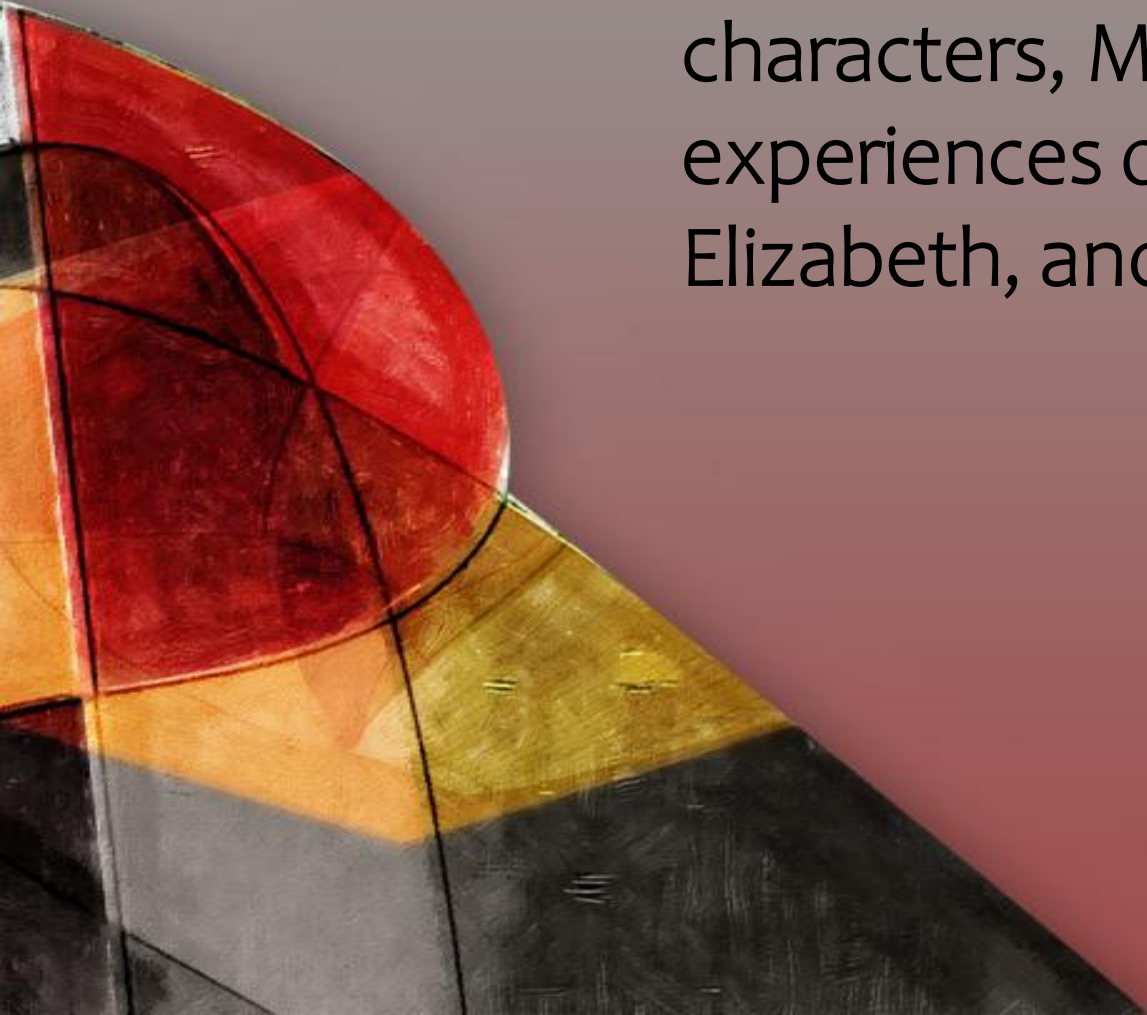
# The Place and Purpose of Prophecy

The place of prophecy is the flow of everyday Christian life and its purpose is to give strength and encouragement and comfort



# Prophecy in the Nativity Narrative

We see it play out in the lives of the story's major characters, Mary and Joseph. But it's there in the experiences of the minor actors as well: Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Simeon



# Prophecy Keeps Us from Giving Up

Prophecy keeps us in the game when we might otherwise quit, even though it may take years before we see its fulfillment



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