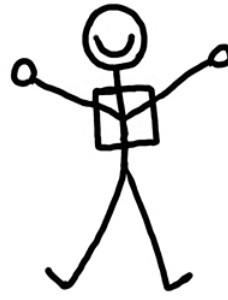


GROWING
UP



PROPHET

One who hears, listens and offers revelation from God

You might be a PROPHET if you...

- Find yourself intuiting what is going on behind a given situation or discerning spiritual realities in a situation or a community
- Have a way of hearing not just what people say, but seeing their underlying needs
- Have an ability at times to cut to the heart of the matter
- Care about hearing from God and responding to him (for you and others)
- Have a deep conviction for justice and an alignment to Truth
- Feel urgency in the moment when you receive a 'now word' revelation
- Experience a burden to pray for someone

PROPHETS might enjoy a job or opportunities in...

- Advocating for a cause (at risk and vulnerable people/places)
- As an artist, musician, creative or writer
- Counseling
- Consulting (offering guidance to businesses and organizations)
- Serving your superior in any setting - helping them to see clearly, both the big picture and the important details

Some key contributions you bring to the Body of Christ include...

- You offer quick, unhindered access to hearing God's voice
- You're able to hold 'seed' realities that are yet unfolding in the larger body
- You're able to see what God is doing, above and beyond normal observation
- You reveal the heart of God (deep compassion for the cause of people)
- You inspire people to respond to God's message
- You help break up hard places (unsticking/loosening things)
- You understand the times and what people should do
- You strengthen, comfort and bring encouragement to the church

Ways you get stuck or frustrated/Traps you can fall into are...

- You may find it hard to have a picture of what something (i.e. the church, a relationship, a system, a product) should look like, yet be confronted with the disparate apparent reality.
- You may find it hard to receive prophetic input (word, vision, picture, sense) from God, submit it to others, and *let go* of that word, trusting God to be with the receivers in weighing and carrying it. (It is the Prophet's job to deliver the message, not to enact or enforce it.)

- Some prophets may not naturally find simple pragmatic steps of working towards what they see. This requires the strategic guidance, often of the Apostle and Evangelist, the communication of the Teacher, and often the “mop up” or people-care of the Shepherd
- You may know things before they happen (discern God’s timing).
- You may assume you’re always right or take yourself too seriously.
- In communicating God’s truth, be aware of how your message comes across.
- You should bring all revelations to the community (don’t go at it alone).

Places in the Bible where we see this role in Jesus/others are...

- **Jesus**, as every word spoken from the mouth of Jesus was revelation from God. Jesus often foretold events such as Peter’s denial and the details of his own death. He knew the story of the woman at the well (John 4:1-26), planted seeds of understanding his Father’s kingdom through parables, and ‘told it like it is’ with the religious authorities of his day.
- **Isaiah 53** – Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy of the Messiah
- **Anna and Simeon**, prophesying over the infant Jesus
- **Acts 11:28 & 21:10** – Agabus, predicting a famine & prophecies about Paul

Some ways you can more fully step into your kingdom role...

- Got a problem? Ask God! He’s got heaps of input. Normalize sharing His input.
- Ask for God’s perspective of the people you work with/for.
- Invite God’s overarching vision for your role/vocation to become yours. Journal what you hear. Over time, you’ll be amazed at what He gives you in this area.
- Get plugged in to ministry opportunities like the Prayer Team, community of practice or community prayer initiatives
- Get some training by taking part in The Prophecy Course, Prophetic appointments, and/or prayer walks.
- Work alongside a mentor who has experience in using this gift.

Additional Resources (books, articles, blogs, opportunities)

- Read [My Sheep Have Ears](#) by Cath Livesey or [Red Moon Rising](#) by Dave Roberts and Pete Greig.
- Take part in The Prophecy Course (contact lorir@heartlandchurch.org for info).
- Watch ‘Who is the Holy Spirit?’, ‘What Does the Holy Spirit Do?’ or ‘How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?’ in the Alpha Film Series

Prophecy Teaser

Learn and practice with us how to hear from God and encourage others.

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Sunday, September 30, 10:30-11:30 AM