

What if I don't hear anything while praying for

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That's ok! We can speak a blessing over anyone and accurately be reflecting the heart of God. For example:

"I speak blessings over you in the name of Jesus. Lord, I pray that you would surround Sue with your love and peace. Make her more aware of your presence everyday and come and provide for all her needs."

Use this space to write down any words given in the exercises you would like to remember:

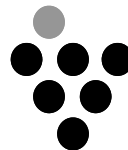
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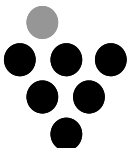


Prayer in

Facilitating God's presence when praying for others



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WHAT IS PROPHECY?

Prophecy in its most basic form is declaring the heart of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to build up, encourage, and comfort others. It is knowledge or insight that we would have not had from a human perspective and that could only have been revealed supernaturally. In other words, God is speaking directly to them through us.

DOES GOD SPEAK TO EVERYONE?

Yes! God loves us and desires an intimate relationship with us that embraces both our speaking to God and His speaking to us. Because we have the Spirit of God living within us, it is natural for us to hear God speak. It is a part of our everyday life just like conversations with other people throughout the day. The key is recognizing His voice and not allowing the noise of the world to drown it out.

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

HOW DO WE RECEIVE PROPHECY?

1. **Pictures** "See it"
2. **Impressions** "Sense it"
3. **Written word** "Read it"
4. **A flow of words** ... "Say it"
5. **Pain in the body** .. "Feel it"
6. **Inner knowing** "Know it"

**“For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.”
Matthew 10:20**

HOW DO WE GROW IN HEARING HIS VOICE MORE CLEARLY?

- **Earnestly desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit** - God wants us to desire all that He has for us.

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy." 1 Corinthians 14:1
- **Obey the urging of the Spirit** - When God does speak to us often He will direct us or lead us to do specific things. God desires our obedience when He speaks to us for those things.

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." Hebrews 3:15
- **Practice!** The only way we grow in a gift of the Spirit is to step out and do it and trust in God's faithfulness to grow you!

TIPS FOR SHARING A WORD

- **Share tentatively** - Offer any insight in a manner that can be rejected without embarrassment. For example: *"I keep getting this picture of a tree, does that mean anything to you?"* or *"I keep getting a feeling sadness, does that resonate with you at all?"*
- **Offer it with humility** - When you share a word, avoid using the language, *"The Lord is saying."* or *"God told me"*. When a word is truly from God, the Spirit will confirm it in the hearts of the listeners.
- **Stay away from corrective or directional words** - Sharing words that are corrective or directional require a tremendous amount of discernment and wisdom. But we can always feel confident in sharing words that build up, encourage and comfort the body of Christ.

TIPS FOR USING THIS GIFT

- The "insights" often come very quickly, more like a flash than a stationary road sign.
- They may seem vague at first. We must learn to "tune in" to these impressions.
- We must resist our natural default to "tune out" these impressions, thinking, "That's just me". Sometimes it is "just me," but not always!
- Be willing to humbly experiment and take some risks.
- Spend time with God
- Know that it's all up to God!