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#### INTRODUCTION

It was our anniversary weekend and Sherry and I went out to dinner. We were in Mentone, AL, a rustic, eclectic, cool area in the mountains overlooking a beautiful valley. Our waitress that night was an outgoing and bubbly girl named Fontana. I thought her name was unusual and one that I had not heard in a long while.

On Sunday afternoon on our way home, we were driving through Ft Payne from Mentone and looking for a place to eat that was nice. Sherry spotted a restaurant named "Fontana's" on a side street. I said, "No way! That's it! We have to go eat there."

After eating, I said, "I wonder what Fontana means? This is so unusual." Sherry said, "Fountain!"

So of course, the next day I googled 'Fontana' and this is what I found: *Fontana* means 'a fountain', 'a structure that produces a spring of water that rises into the air!'

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water (welling up and bubbling up unto eternal life)!" (John 7:37-38)

You have been born again, baptized in the Spirit, attended every prophetic class offered at your church and beyond. What next? How do you get all that stuff in your brain flowing? Your heart's desire is to be used by God; to be an encourager, but how do you know when and how to step out?

Let's start with a basic understanding of the word prophet. The Hebrew word *nabi* is from a word with a root meaning 'to bubble forth as from a fountain, to utter'

My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. (Psalm 45:1)

Another word *hozeh* was translated as 'seer' and was sometimes used during that time. The word *roeh* which also means 'seer' was used.

Come, let us go to the seer"; for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer. (II Samuel 9:9)

Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, (I Chronicles 29:29)

In this verse, all three words are used. So nabi is the overflow or bubbling up, *roeh* and *hozeh* were translated 'seer.' Samuel the 'seer' (*roeh*), Nathan the 'prophet' (*nabi*), and Gad the 'seer' (*hozeh*).

The *prophet* proclaimed the message as he bubbled forth, and the *seer* beheld and saw the vision of God and spoke what he saw.

Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. (Numbers 12:6)

Thus a prophet was a spokesman for God. He spoke in God's name and by his authority.

So the Lord said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. (Ex 7:1)

The prophet is the mouth by which God speaks to men.

Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth and the Lord said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. (Jeremiah 1:9)

And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, That I may plant the heavens, lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, 'You are My people.' (Isaiah 51:16)

Laying the foundation of living the **Prophetic Lifestyle**, these are examples of God's interaction with prophets, and how the prophet receives the words he is to speak forth. What the prophet says as he bubbles forth is not of man but of God! God leads us by thoughts and impressions as well.

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. (Isaiah 50:4 NIV)

So what the prophet was saying was not of himself. He didn't conjure it up or strain or strive for it, but he received it from God, and the message bubbled forth in his spirit because God put it there, and then the prophet spoke.

The Lord spoke to me a revelation years back and he said, "Walk in the rest of receiving." In other words, I realized I don't have to constantly strain or strive for it, just simply receive it and bubble forth with what the Lord is saying, showing, speaking, or has written.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (II Peter 1:20 - 21)

So as we flow in relationship with the Lord, He reveals hidden and secret things to lead, guide and direct us.

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law." (Deuteronomy 29:29)

The Lord is not trying to hide things from us, He is hiding things for us as we seek Him and flow with Him in a **Prophetic Lifestyle**.

Men of God spoke and bubbled forth as the Holy Spirit led them. The prophets were led by God for the communication of His mind and will to men as He led and guided them.

Then God promised more:

I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. (Deuteronomy 18:18)

In the general sense, the whole Word of God may be spoken of as prophetic, since it was written by men who received the revelation they communicated from God. Remember, no matter what circumstances you are in or situations that you face, you can hear the voice of God.

## In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit would come upon and inspire Prophets, Priests, and Klngs.

And the Lord said to me, "Write my answer on a billboard, large and clear so that anyone can read it at a glance and rush to tell the others. (Habakkuk 2:2 TLB)

**Jeremiah** received a word from the Lord for the captives in Babylon. He wrote it in a letter and sent the message from the Lord to the exiles. And the letter said,

Build homes and plan to stay; plant vineyards, for you will be there for many years. Marry and have children, and then find mates for them and have many grandchildren. Multiply! Don't dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of Babylon. Pray for her, for if Babylon has peace, so will you. The Lord Almighty, the God of Israel says: Don't let the false prophets and mediums who are there among you fool you. Don't listen to the dreams that they invent, for they prophesy lies in my name. I have not sent them, says the Lord. The truth is this: You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised and bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:4-11 TLB)

So Jeremiah cautions them to not listen to other voices but to obey the prophetic word in his letter to them. He tells them that God promised to bless them, even amid captivity in a foreign land. God's plans were for peace, prosperity, increase, and future restoration because of His great love for them. The Lord instructed the people to pray for Babylon and not to run, for if Babylon prospered and had peace, so would they.

**Samuel** heard the voice of the Lord even as a youth. He ministered prophetically to Eli, the priest. One night, Samuel was awakened by a voice calling his name, but neither he nor Eli initially recognized it was God.

(Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.) And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me."

Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears." Then the Lord said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.

(I Samuel 3: 7-11)

Young Samuel grew and the people listened to the words he said. The people realized that Samuel was a prophet of the Lord when he bubbled forth with the words from God. And all of his words came to pass.

**Saul's** life demonstrates the power of a **prophetic**, **worshipping lifestyle** and can be seen in 1 Samuel 10. Samuel anointed Saul to be King over Israel. He gave him a prophetic word and directions and then told him he would meet some prophets along the road that were prophesying. He said that the Spirit would come upon him and would change Saul into another man.

As Saul followed the directions from Samuel, he met a band of prophets coming down the hill playing a psaltery, a timbrel, a flute, and a harp, and prophesying as they came.

At that time the Spirit of the Lord came upon Saul mightily and he began to bubble forth and prophesy with them. Saul began to feel and act like a different person. From that time forth his decisions were based on whatever seemed best under the circumstances for the Lord guided him and was with him. Saul's early life demonstrates the **blessings of the prophetic lifestyle**.

Now we move into the New Testament - "all may prophesy" or bubble up with the Holy Spirit.

For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. (I Corinthians 14:31)

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. (Acts 2:17-18)

When you read the New Testament, you realize it is a lifestyle to flow with God and just be open for him to 'bubble up' like a fountain anyplace and anywhere! It is not dependent on church services or prayer meetings, or pastors and leaders. This occurs because you are spending time in the Word, in prayer, and learning to recognize God's voice. All of us may bubble forth and prophecy. We are God's children - saved, sanctified, set free, and delivered.

God speaks to us often, but because we do not perceive or understand that it is God trying to direct or guide us, we ignore His voice, run right past it, disobey it, and miss out on the many blessings and purposes of what God is wanting to do.

How do we know that? Because God is speaking His thoughts and impressions to us and we don't understand it or know it. That is a bold statement. How do we know that? Because Jesus Himself said,

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. (John 10:27)

Jesus said he would speak to his sheep. If you are born again, that is you. For the words He speaks *are spirit and life*. (John 6:63b)

For the word of God is quick, and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. . . (Hebrews 4:12a NIV)

The Word of God lives and is active, and brings results in and through our lives. God the Holy Spirit may speak a word to you - it will bubble up and inspire you to speak or do something to be blessed or be a blessing.

The gift of prophecy is the supernaturally imparted ability to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and speak His mind or counsel. Prophecy and bubbling forth may minister not only to an assembled group of believers like a church service or a prayer meeting but also to individuals and one on one ministry.

But he who **prophesies** speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men (I Corinthians 14:3)

**Edification** means to build up, strengthen and make them more effective in their life, ministry, and calling.

**Exhortation** means to encourage, stimulate, admonish, and lift men up.

**Comfort** means to console and cheer men up.

So prophecy overcomes the adversary's attacks like condemnation, discouragement, and despair. And it helps propel us and guide us into God's destiny, will, and plan for our lives.

As sons and daughters of God, we can all prophesy and be spirit-filled.

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-39)

According to the New Testament, all may prophesy!

We don't have to be ignorant concerning spiritual gifts. God gives gifts severally as he wills.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant. (I Corinthians 12:1)

Sometimes spiritual gifts are translated as 'spirituals'. We put names on these different manifestations of the Holy Spirit such as prophecy, healing, or discernment.

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. (I Corinthians 12:11)

The Living Bible says it this way:

(It is the same and only Holy Spirit who gives all these gifts and powers, deciding which each one of us should have.)

God pours out the gifts and we put names on them. But it is simply walking in the Spirit. God gives the gifts severally as he wills. These are given by God to meet the need or needs of the moment.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (I Corinthians 12:4:-7)

The Gifts of the Spirit are Grace Gifts. You don't earn them.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, "When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." (Ephesians 4:7-8) Also, you have to have a desire to be used. While I was at Garywood Assembly, there was a lady who had a passionate desire to be used! Her name was **Betty Long.** One day in her personal time with the Lord, the spirit bubbled forth and the Lord gave her a prophetic word which she wrote down. She typed it up and made copies and began giving them out! Over the years she gave this written prophetic word out to many!

While I was at Garywood, I would run into folks, and when they found out I went to church at Garywood, they would say, "Oh my goodness! I was at the doctor's office one day, or I was at the dentist's office one day, or I was at the grocery store one day and a little blonde-headed lady gave me a word that encouraged me so much! It was just what I needed at the time for what I was going through."

Ms. Betty had the desire to be used, made herself available, and God brought her divine appointments. At just the right time the Spirit would bubble up and bring edification and encouragement to many!!!

Isaiah told us that words that come from God accomplish His purposes.

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55: 10-11 NIV)

Or, He may show you something. This is the 'Seer' aspect of the prophetic. Remember Jesus said, "I only do what I 'see' my Father do!"

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. (John 5:19)

#### **Isaiah** saw the Lord!

Isaiah saw the Lord one day! He had been down and discouraged! The nation was in despair! The King had died and everything seemed hopeless and lost! But even amid a terrible national tragedy, God showed up and brought Isaiah a vision! Here is what he saw:

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it

stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then said I, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Then said I, "Here am I; send me." (Isaiah 6:1-8)

Isaiah got encouraged, his sins were cleansed and he received his calling to go! His desire to be used is reflected in the last statement. "Here am I; send me."

#### Peter sees a vision.

The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. (Acts 10:9-16)

Peter saw in a vision the blanket with the four-footed animals. The Lord showed him the vision three times. This changed his life on its foundation.

Where there is no vision, the people perish. (Proverbs 29: 18a) Without a vision, the people perish or throw off restraint. (ASV)

#### A promise for today came through the prophet Joel:

"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. (Joel 2:28)

This promise was reiterated by Luke when he penned the book of Acts:

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.' (Acts 2:17)

As we learn to live the **prophetic lifestyle**, we can bubble forth and receive blessings in every area of our lives. God wants to bubble forth and bring forth the word and direction in us and through us. Here are a few personal testimonies.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony (Revelation 12:11)

God speaks to me in a time of personal turmoil. One morning as I went to my job at Patrick Marketing, my boss arrived and announced that he was closing the doors on his business. It was shocking and there was uncertainty in the air. I was just about to lick and close an envelope to pay a bill and as I was walking out to the mailbox outside my work across the parking lot, I heard God speak in my spirit saying, "It's gonna be alright." So I never felt fear or concern knowing that the Lord had spoken a direct word into my spirit.

It turned out my boss's son was taking over. He changed the name of the place from Patrick Marketing to Pat Mark. I got an increase in pay and instead of having to pay for my medical insurance, my new boss paid for not only my health insurance coverage but my family's as well! Isn't God good?!

Another powerful testimony of the Lord bubbling forth with a personal word of direction and guidance happened to me one Sunday morning when I was at Restoration Christian Fellowship Church. Often during the service, the Lord will give me a prophetic word for an individual or the church or the interpretation of a tongue to edify, build up or comfort the church. On this particular Sunday morning, during the worship service, out of the blue, my spirit bubbles forth and the Holy Spirit drops the words, "Kay Jewelers," into my heart. It bubbled up three or four times and I said, "Kay Jewelers?" (Just recently I had lost a significant amount of my commissions, due to the China tariff.)

I contacted Kay Jewelers and explained to the manager what had happened and she said, "I've got to talk to you!" I was hired and began to work during Holiday Seasons to make up some of the difference and establish a new stream of financial flow!

Here is a testimony of God's protection and blessing: Sherry and I were in the market for a new home - a manufactured home for our property. We had looked for about a year with nothing that spoke to us - nothing that said "This is it!" or that was what we wanted.

One Saturday we woke up and both knew this was the day! We went to a lot and saw a house we kind of liked, but it was not perfect. The salesperson was trying to work with us. She even lowered the price a couple of times. (They were having a contest.) But all we felt was pressure. So we decided to go to lunch and think about it.

We went to Dairy Queen and ran into a pastor's wife that we knew. As we discussed our situation with her, we came together and she prayed for us. As soon as she started to pray the presence of the Lord came and I saw the word "WAIT."

Sherry and I left after we finished eating, but did not go back to the home we looked at in the morning. Instead, we went back to where we had gone on a previous day. We walked into the house and realized there were just a couple of minor changes that we could make and it would be perfect! We said, "This is it!" We bought the home and it is still paying dividends to this day.

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left. (Isaiah 30:21)

As I pray for folks, the Lord shows me words, pictures, and phrases so that I will know how to pray or proceed. These words, pictures, or phrases just bubble up inside. Generally, I don't know the circumstances, even the people for whom I pray, but God does. These are proof of His love for those that I get to pray for.

So, you hear a word, or God shows you something..think about these things:

- ~~~Does it glorify God?
- ~~~Does it help or encourage others?
- ~~~Does it either confirm the Word or the principle of the Word of God?

If the Word that bubbles forth is from the Lord, step out and the blessings will flow.

#### **Chapter 6**

As we learn to live in a relationship with God, that is, stepping out in faith, and living the **prophetic lifestyle**, there is nothing to fear or be afraid of! God is not going to give you a wrong spirit or a wrong word of direction. He is always good and the enemy is not going to tell you to bless someone or give something to someone to bless them.

If you ask God for bread, he is not going to give you a stone.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (Matt 7:7-11)

For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)

God is still speaking today! If you hear His voice do not harden your heart!! For Jesus said:

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. (John 10:27)

This verse is about listening, relationship, and obedience.

"My sheep hear my voice" - listening

"I know them" - relationship

"And they follow me" - obedience and action

One of my favorite portions of scripture regarding living the **prophetic lifestyle**, ministering to the Lord, and getting confirmation is Acts 13:1-4!

Now in the church that was at Antioch, there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. (Acts 13:1-4)

Paul and Barnabas and other prophets and teachers were ministering to the Lord with worship, prayer, and fasting!

(There are times when we need to be in God's presence - not asking for anything, but just taking the time to be with Him, with no other agenda but to worship Him whether corporately, like this occasion, or in our personal prayer time! Sitting in God's presence, soaking in Him, loving on Him, ministering to Him!)

About that time as they were worshipping, the spirit bubbled up and a prophetic word came forth to confirm to Paul and Barnabas what God had already spoken to them and called them to do! "Separate for me Paul and Barnabas to the work I have called them to!"

There will be times when we bubble forth and bring a confirming word to those we are ministering to and likewise receive a confirmation when we need it! After they received the word they were sent...and they went!

And the disciples went everywhere preaching, and the Lord was with them and confirmed what they said by the miracles that followed their messages. (Mark 16:20 TLB)

They went out and preached - bubbled up, spoke under the inspiration - everywhere and the Lord worked with them with signs, that is, the blessings that followed! As we grow in living the **Prophetic Lifestyle**, bubbling forth with the Holy Spirit, we can be confident that like them, God will work with us, in us, and through us for the glory of His name.

#### PRAYER OF ACTIVATION

Lord, I pray for those who have read this book and desire more of you in every area of their lives. Holy Spirit, activate them with your gifts and callings. Enable them to hear your voice and live a prophetic lifestyle led by your Spirit in Jesus' name.

Now, pray with me...

Holy Spirit, rest upon me and release those gifts of the Spirit that you have for me. Fall upon me like you did those in the beginning. Equip me to receive your words, thoughts, impressions, pictures, and scriptures as you will. Let it bubble forth now in Jesus' name.

Now rest for a few minutes in God's presence and whatever you hear, feel, or see write down. Pray over it and remember. . .

Does it glorify Jesus? Remember

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. (Rev 9:10b KJV)

Does it line up with scripture?

Does it encourage others?

Does it give you personal guidance?

If so, as you live the **Prophetic Lifestyle**, step out in faith and the Lord will release the blessing and bring confirmation of the words, thoughts, impressions, pictures, or scriptures that you have heard or seen. As you mature and continue stepping out in faith, your gifting and relationship of hearing the Lord will grow as the Lord works with you with the confirming words and blessings that follow, glorifying Him and being a blessing to others.

Amen. . .

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