

## PROPHECY & PROCESS

In relation to personal prophesy, way too many believers have an 'I'll wait & see' response. Or put this way, God has spoken it therefore He will bring it to pass. The belief that future events are predetermined, and our involvement won't effect future outcomes is wrong. God includes our partnership with Him in the bringing to pass of any future promise! Israel is an example of what can happen when cooperation is not in play. Israel did see a fulfillment of the promise made to them concerning the promise land. However, the word was fulfilled in the second generation of Israelites, not the first who received the prophetic word. The first generation of Israelites refused to enter into the required process and as a result were unable to enter the fulfillment of the prophecy. They had a 'wait & see mentality.'

Prophecy begins a process which is found in a sequence of steps that move us toward our destiny. People primarily want the outcome but not the process of transformation. The process is an opportunity to partner with Holy Spirit in His work of drawing out our identity. While many of us are destiny focussed He is relationally focussed. Our position in Christ must remain first and foremost before our desire to be positioned in any future outcome. It's important to respond to any prophecy from this perspective.

Any prophetic promise highlights possibility rather than inevitability. Prophecy is hinged upon our response to the process of transformation. The process establishes us in the required identity we need to function in the prophetic promise. Changed identity directly effects our destiny. In fact, as our identity is established our destiny will begin to manifest. There is no future outcome without a matured identity.

Prophecy is designed to interfere with our status quo. When rightly responded to it will challenge our comfort zones and also enable us to get unstuck from limitations. If we are unresponsive, it will be business as usual. However, when responded to correctly grace is activated enabling us to journey in the required process. Responding properly to personal prophecy is the key to unlocking both our inner potential and our potential future in Christ.

At first a prophetic word can elevate us to the clouds. It is crucial to get our feet grounded and respond in the following manner.

1. Examine & evaluate the word-Write it out and share it with leadership.
2. Examine yourself-what areas of your life could be a hindrance to the word being fulfilled. Such as limiting mindsets about yourself.
3. Commit to partnering with the Holy Spirit-talk to Him about the word and ask Him for wisdom in handling the word.
4. Build key elements from the prophecy into your mental framework. Then cultivate your imagination by visualizing the future promises.
5. Craft a prayer around the prophetic word and speak it out.

*These are the 'basic fundamentals' in responding to personal prophecy.*