
SESSIONS 4-5 - Saturday Afternoon/Evening, Doing Encounter Prayer Ministry

I. WAYS THE LORD MAY SPEAK TO YOU

- A. What is it like when God is talking to me? How will I know it is God talking to me? When we ask God to speak, we need to believe and not doubt that He wants to share things with us. We need to be aware of the **“faint impressions” that the Spirit gives us** and dial into these.
1. These faint impressions is called *Revelation*. **Revelation is what we first receive from God.** Getting revelation doesn't mean we understand what we have received. God will help us interpret things as we mature and practice asking for the meaning of the revelations we receive.
 2. How to grow in the prophetic spirit? Spend time with God, study the Word, grow in prayer and fasting, practice listening and seeing by yourself and in groups. Finally, ask the Lord to grow in revelation. He gives us more if we ask Him! (Eph. 1:17; James 1:5; Mat. 7:11).
- B. **Pictures:** You may receive a picture of something or someone moving or still. Ask God questions and the picture may unfold or you may see more.
- C. **Impressions.** An impression is a knowing in your inner man. You simply feel like you “know” something. You may be not sure why you are thinking of it. It may begin very faint, but work with it. Some times when speaking it out (faith), the Lord will give you more understanding.
- D. **Emotions.** You may feel stirred with an emotion. Begin to dialogue with God to find out why you are sensing that emotion.
- E. **A phrase** may pop into your head. Ask the Lord what it means.
- F. **Bible verses.** God may highlight a Scriptural reference or a Bible character to you that relates to the person.

II. POSSIBLE QUESTIONS WHILE FACILITATING

- A. Do you see, sense or feel God in any way?
- B. Do you see Him?
- C. Would you be willing to ask Jesus to come closer?
- D. What is He doing?
- E. Lord, what do you want to show _____?
- F. What does that mean to you? (When shows the person something)
- G. When you hear/see that, does that minister to you?
- H. When you hear/see that, how do you feel?
- I. What else, Lord (very simple, but effective!)
- J. Is there anything you would like to say to Jesus, Father or Holy Spirit?
- K. Before we finish, Lord, do you have anything else you want to say or show _____?

III. WHY WE SHOULD DESIRE TO GROW IN THE ENCOUNTER MINISTRY - IT IS THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

- A. The ministry of healing like Jesus demonstrated. We each have been called to minister healing to others., *to Heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, opening of the prison to those who are bound and ... to comfort those who mourn (Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:18-19)*. The “good news” (gospel) will do this through us if we give the Lord priority in our lives.
- B. The ministry of preparing a way for God by removing things in the way! Encounter ministry oftentimes reveals the stumbling blocks in the way of the Lord. *Prepare the way, take the stumbling block out of the way of My people. (Isaiah 57:14)*
- C. The ministry of loosing things that bind us to the kingdom of darkness: undoing heavy emotional burdens or oppressive thoughts keeping us from enjoying our freedom in Christ. *Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? (Isaiah 58:6)*

IV. OBSTACLES YOU MAY ENCOUNTER—BRIEF EXPLANATIONS. *The list below is for more advanced prayer ministry, but it is necessary to mention here because these issues may arise in a simple encounter. Each of these issues are the bonds, yokes, stumbling blocks and prisons mentioned above in Isaiah 57, 58, 61 that Jesus has already paid to destroy!*

- A. **Walls and strongholds.** They can be as simple as barriers or as complex as fortress of ungodly thought against the knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10:4-5).
- B. **Root lie.** The deepest lie that holds all the other lies in place. Finding the *root lie* allows for the more superficial lies to be addressed. Many times this is hard to find; other times, just by asking, “What is the root lie” or “when did this happen?” the truth can be uncovered (2 Cor. 10:4-5). For example, “I am worthless”; “I am bad”; “God abandoned me” could be root lies that are underneath a problem.
- C. **Ungodly cultural or family mindsets and practices.** We inherit many things from the system of the world that is contrary to the culture of heaven and needs to be broken and come under submission to the authority of Jesus (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Col. 2:8, 20-23; Gal 4:8-10; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:1-3). Some common examples, *I am not successful unless my dad thinks I am; I am not successful unless I make a lot of money; I am not valuable unless I am married.*
- D. **Vows** taken. In order to avoid pain, lack of love, insecurity, etc... you make an *ungodly agreement* in order to prevent it from happening again. Many times this happens when you are a child and defenseless. The *vow* may protect you, but it also keeps God and others out! It needs to be broken in order to receive more of God’s love. God always has something better to give to us or to exchange with us if we give him our own, sinful ways of being our own god and protector. Ask Him what He will give you if you break your *ungodly vow* (Mt. 18:6; 2 Cor. 10:4-5). Example, *I will never trust again!*

- E. **Bitterness and Unforgiveness.** Much of the trouble we experience is because of unforgiveness. Letting go, forgiving, surrendering to God loosens any demonic shackle, chain or hold the Enemy may have on us. Many times after finding out the source, we can move forward and receive healing. Many times we think we need to forgive someone else, but most of the deepest areas involve forgiving ourselves and God. (Mat. 6:14-15; Luke 6:37; Luke 7:47; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9). *Forgiving is one of the most effective things we can do! Getting angry easily at a small circumstance, upset at others or yourself instantly; stuck thinking about how a person wronged you, and agreeing with judgmental thoughts about a certain person are indications unforgiveness still remains.*
- F. **Demonic influences.** They are only permitted to be present if there is a legal right or ungodly belief keeping them there. The only authority they have on the earthly plane is what we give them. They thrive on darkness, deceit, hiddenness, masking themselves as a part of our thinking or lifestyle in order to take up space in our body. We rebuke demons on the earthly plane (Luke 4:35-36; Mark 1:24-25, 5:8); we petition heaven to remove principalities, powers, rulers and darkness in the heavens above us (Jude 1:9).
- G. **False gods or idol worship:** There are actual entities that gain power from sinister occult practices to even seemingly empty, religious practices from world systems. God wants us to renounce the benefits we (or our ancestors) gained from these mindsets or practices and take Jesus' provision and promises for us now under His new covenant by His blood (Acts 19:23-34; Gal 4:8; Eph. 1:20-22; Col. 2:9-10; Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 2:20).
- H. **Generational iniquity and curses:** *Iniquity* is willful sinning against God or God's known principles set in creation (Rom. 1:18-32). When our ancestors did this, they may have made a *legal bond* or *legal right* for the Enemy to inflict harm on their offspring. Satan possesses legal rights over their offsprings' lives or aspect of life, even if they are Christians, unless the specific *legal right* is broken. Many times these bonds can only be uncovered by the Holy Spirit: discerning of spirits, word of knowledge and the prophetic seeing gift are helpful (1 Cor. 12:1-11). These bonds by only be broken by the blood of Jesus. They need to be exposed, renounced by the blood of Jesus and all benefits our ancestors gained by disobeying the Lord. This is more advanced than our training but a very important reality. (On the general topic of generational sins: Ex. 20:5-6; Nu. 14:18; Ps. 103:17; Job 1-2; 42:7-6; Zech. 3:1-5; Rev. 12:10. Some examples are Levi's descendants, Gen. 34:30; 49:5-7; Ex. 32:25-29; Nu. 1:47-53; 18:23-24; 35; Deut. 10:9; Josh. 13:33; Phinehas' descendants, Nu. 25:10-13; the line of Eli, 1 Samuel 3:11-14; 22:16-23; 1 Kings 2:27; Recabites, Jeremiah 35:18-19, and many more examples in the Scriptures.)
- I. **False Jesus.** A figure that presents itself as Jesus but is not. This entity is permitted there by a wrong mindset of Jesus. You can do a few things to discern. (2 Cor. 11:14; Heb. 13:8; Luke 24:31)
1. You can ask for the real, true Jesus of Nazareth to stay. See what happens.
 2. You can ask how that entity makes the person feel. If negative, ask why and more questions.
 3. Be confident it is Jesus before doing anything they ask or believing anything they say.