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And sat down number two and recognize and encourage prophecy in ways it has already been functioning in a church prayer time when people are moved to pray in a hymn. I think we should sing this hymn. The Lord's been giving me this scripture, the sense of focus in a meeting that's more, that's not maybe Sunday morning meeting, but the sense of focus in a meeting that the Lord is just directing.

That's God directing and encourage that the promptings of the Holy spirit. Number three opportunity during less formal worship services in the church. Now we're going to take time to wait quietly on the Lord.

And if anyone thinks God is bringing something to mind, then I encourage you to mention it. I mean, that is non-explosive sort of language and we need that. It's only being wise.

Number four, proceed very slowly. Don't frighten or alienate the people unnecessarily. That's why I started last Saturday to talk about worldview.

I think I've been guilty of sort of blowing people out of the water once in a while. Maybe I already have anyway. So number five, place, even more emphasis on the vastly superior value of scripture as the place where Christians can and should and must always go to hear the voice of the living God.

Do you get that one? And remember first Corinthians 13, nine, we know in part and we prophesy in part. Okay. Be careful.

Lots of times people overreact, especially when a word comes that really nails them, especially leaders. Leaders are the worst cork in the bottle. I know.

And I'm looking at one. Well, I can see my glasses. Uh, lots of times we leaders don't allow it and we're afraid.

Remember scripture says to despise, not prophecy prophesying. Let me finish up with a story. I love telling stories.

I love telling stories of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story to be my theme and glory to tell the old, old story. Let me tell an old, old story.

Some of you have heard this before, but it illustrates the, the prophetic gift, a word of knowledge, word of wisdom, and the power of the spirit. The lady in our church in West Hill began to have epilepsy. I told you I was going to tell this story.

So here it comes. She started to have epilepsy, a petty mals. Uh, they were always in guarded places in the hospital.

When our kids were getting a shot or the emergency, she would faint, dead away and have a seizure. And, uh, uh, she was in the dentist chair one day, our same dentist that Marie and I went to in our kids. And she had a seizure in the chair.

And, and the dentist said, after the whole thing was over, you've had a seizure. And next time you come in your next visit, you're going to get some Valium just to mellow you out. So you won't have a seizure in the chair.

And he didn't like that. So she went home, told her husband, and they were very, uh, getting serious about this because she was driving and she didn't want to have a seizure when she was driving and things like that. And so she called, uh, he called us.

It was our day off and said, would you please come and talk to us tonight? We're really upset. And so we went and we talked to them for more than an hour trying to get to the root of this whole thing, whether it was naturally physically rooted and based and, or spiritually rooted and based the epilepsy. Now that's my worldview.

You know, we went through this with Marguerite yesterday. And so, uh, we talked and talked and I, I didn't hear the Lord say anything and I didn't know where to go. And, and I said, well, we better pray when all else fails, pray.

And so we prayed and I was listening. I told them to pray and they listened and I prayed and I didn't get anything. And then, and I didn't hear the Lord say anything.

I said, Marie, I didn't hear the Lord say anything. Would you please, please pray. And so Marie began to pray and I was listening and it's hard listening because you listen way down in here someplace, not just here.

When I counsel people, I listen to their spirit. I try to hear what they're really saying while I was listening, listening. And the Lord started to drop one word into my mind and the word was eight.

And I thought, oh, that's dumb. I can't just say ache. That's the only thing the Lord's given me ache.

And, uh, you know what? If you really try this, remember the devil will come along and say to you, are you ever what? Stupid. Are you ever stupid? You look like a fool. If you say that you look stupid.

I mean, he says that to me all the time. Almost every time folks, I get finished a message like this. I walked down.

Devil says, you're really stupid. They'll think you're stupid. If he doesn't say that, he'll say, well, that was a good sermon.

That's the trickier of the two. I don't know if that's him or the Lord or me, but he's always there

folks. He's an accuser of the brethren.

And he was saying that's stupid. If you say that. And so when Marie got finished praying, I said, well, folks, the Lord's only given me one word.

The word's Aiken. Oh, it hit me like a hammer because I wasn't going to say Aiken. I was going to say the Lord's just give me the word.

And then when I started to say ache, I said, Aiken. And then my next question was this, what do you have in your house? That's not yours. Now, most of us are Bible scholars enough to know that Aiken was the guy under Joshua who went to Jericho and he swiped stuff and hit it in under the floor of his tent.

And so my question naturally was, what do you have here? That's not yours. And her head went down and she said, see, so-and-so I told you, I said, well, you better tell us he was a job site form in downtown Toronto, finishing up his rec room at home. And he brought home drywall and studying and she helped him carry it in.

And she said, so-and-so are you sure we can have this? Are you sure it's okay? Oh yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

You know how men are. They won't give their wives a straight answer about things like that. You know how they were.

And, and so I said to her, the next question was, when did the first seizure happen? I asked Marguerite that didn't I after her fortune telling episode. And she said, oh yeah, right after that, I said, well, here's what happened. You stole that because he didn't get permission to take it.

I mean, the job was finished and it was going to be burned and it costs more to take it away, to get a truck, take it away that does to burn it. So they just burn it. But I said, did you have permission? No.

Anybody know you took it? No. Well, here's what happened when you were party to your husband's sin, you became uncovered because of the angels. That's why we have our head covered with authority, righteousness, and you gave the angels a foothold and a spirit of infirmity got a foothold in you because of your husband's thievery and you party to it.

So what are you going to do about it? He said, well, I'll stand up and apologize to the church. And I said, that's a good start. What else are you going to do? He said, I'll write a check for the exact amount that I can figure out because he knew the prices and I will send it to the company from which I took it.

I said, that's good too. That's works meet for repentance, isn't it? So he did that and he stood up in church and he apologized. So now we've got a problem.

Here's a wife with epilepsy that's spiritually rooted. What do you do? Well, because it's because

of the angels, you know what to do. You know what spirits you're dealing with.

It's not hard to figure that one out. And so I said, well, here's what we'll do. We'll pray for protection.

You know, we'll ask the angels to surround us, you and your family and me and my family. And then I'll lead you in a prayer of renouncing the hold. And then I'll speak to the spirit of infirmity and commanded epilepsy to go.

And we did that and it went, she's never had a seizure since that day is healed. That's a lot better scenario folks than calling the doctor and going into Latin and losing your license and not being able to drive your kids around and suffering the effects that are ripple. The prophetic word needs to be heard in our churches needs to be heard carefully.

We need to watch it. We need to be careful doing it, but we must not despise prophesying. We must allow the Lord of the church to be the Lord of the church.

And he will be that through us. If we'll allow him to do that, will we do that this morning? Let's say yes to the Lord. Father, we do want to say yes.

Some of this is new and it's disturbing and it stretches us. And we wonder and wonder about some of those stories. Lord, I don't wonder.

I was there. And certainly Marguerite isn't wondering this morning. She was there.

And the folks who I just told about, they were there. And the folks who fell after the Calgary conference, they were there. And of course they're not wondering now, but maybe they're deceived and don't connect it.

But Lord, I sure do. And you do. You're so merciful.

You so want us to grow and mature so that we're not tossed through and to and fro build up to maturity and Lord, you've given gifts to men. You want to be heard in the church. You want to be seen.

Lord, help us. We are poor and weak. We're so unbelieving.

I'm so unbelieving. Lord, help my belief. Thank you for your mercy.

You are doing that. You are helping us dismiss us now with your blessing and help us to go out to be new and different people for you. Help us to attempt, expect great things and attempt great things for you, for the sake of the kingdom and the sake of your glory.

Jesus name. We pray. Amen.