

## Responding to Current Prophetic Words for Calvary

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**Text:** *Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. 3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay (Habakkuk 2:2-3).*

*As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 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).*

Our church has a vision that is a mental model of transformation. Remember, a mental model is simply the set of beliefs and assumptions you hold about how the world works and how to take effective action in that world. Our mental model is a way of thinking about what it means to get into action as a follower of Jesus

1. **Intimacy:** to establish people in intimacy with God. We want to grow in our **awareness** of the Lord, that we might hear his voice and co-create with the living God. This is the reflective life.
2. **Community:** to express true Christian community. We want to grow in our **authenticity**, growing in our ability to be open and honest with one another, that we might have shared lives around a shared vision. This is authentic community.
3. **Kingdom:** to extend the kingdom of God in the earth. We want to grow in our capacity to get in **action** that we might partner with Jesus on his mission in the earth, starting with our spheres of influence. This is about radical obedience.

Our God speaks. As Pastor Steve Meeks has taught us, "God is a speaking being. He identifies himself as 'the Word' (John 1:1). What is a 'word?' A word is a means of communication. In this verse, God reveals that part of his basic nature is to communicate. He speaks. In John 10, Jesus said that his sheep 'hear his voice' and he

calls them by name. He tells us in verse four that his 'sheep follow him because they know his voice.'"

The Lord communicates with us in a variety of ways. **Are you growing in your awareness of how the Lord speaks to you and of his presence with you?**

1. The Lord speaks to us most **clearly** in **Jesus** (John 1:1-2, 14; Hebrews 1:1-3).
2. He speaks to us most **frequently** through the **written Word**.
  - a. Romans 10:17 "...hearing comes through the Word of God"
  - b. 2 Timothy 3:15-17. The Word of God speaks to us for various purposes.
3. He speaks to us **through spiritual gifts and revelation**: dreams, visions, words of knowledge, words of wisdom, prophetic utterance, impressions, impulses of the Spirit, trances, etc.
4. The Lord speaks to us **through creation and natural manifestations**.
  - a. Psalm 19:1-6 heavens
  - b. Romans 1:20 nature
  - c. John 12:28-29 thunder
5. The Lord speaks to us **through other people**.
  - a. Peter comes to Cornelius' house (Acts 10:19, 33)
  - b. Prophets (all through the Bible God speaks through his prophets)
  - c. Ananias (Acts 9:17)
  - d. Personal words (1 Corinthians 14:3)
6. He can speak to us **through circumstances** (Acts 16:7 ...*they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them*).
7. And the list goes on and on. (See addendum: *Fourteen Ways God Speaks to Us*, Steve Meeks.)

**One of the ways that the Lord communicates with us is through prophetic words.**

The Lord has declared that he wants to pour out his Spirit on all flesh and that all of his sons and daughters will prophesy (Acts 2:17-18). That includes you and me.

Prophecy is an activity of the Holy Spirit; it is one of the spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.

We are commanded to desire and pursue spiritual gifts, especially that we might prophesy. *Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy (1 Corinthians 14:1).*

*But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation (1 Corinthians 14:3).* We call this kind of prophecy *inspirational prophecy*. **Inspirational prophecy falls within these three boundaries: edification** (strengthening; build up), **exhortation** (encouragement; stir up), and **consolation** (comfort; bind up) (1 Corinthians 14:3). **It is defined as speaking the mind of the Lord under the inspiration of the Spirit.** Any believer can operate in the arena of inspirational prophecy (Act 2:17-18).

Here at Calvary, we are seeking to raise up people who can listen to the languages of God and share appropriately with others. When we move in prophecy, we speak words of encouragement, edification, and comfort in the spirit of 1 Corinthians 14:3. We sincerely desire to hear from the Lord on behalf of others so that they may be encouraged and built up in their faith.

**When we move in inspirational prophecy, we are not operating in the office of a prophet (Ephesians 4:11), but rather in the gift of prophecy.** When we are ministering prophetically to others, it is our responsibility is to listen to the Holy Spirit and to accurately speak what we hear. The person who receives the prophetic word is responsible to judge the words according to the Word of God. *“Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast to what is good” (1Thessalonians 5:20–21).*

One of the offices of the New Testament Church is prophet (Ephesians 4:11). **The Lord gives gifted people to the body of Christ so that God’s people will be equipped for their works of service, and so that the church may be built up, growing up and coming to the maturity of the full measure of the stature of Christ** (Ephesians 4:12-13). A prophetic person speaks forth what the Lord is saying. People moving in the office of prophet can give prophetic words that are directional, correcting, theological, inspirational, predictive, confirming, exhorting, or challenging-- to name of few of the ways prophetic words come forth in Scripture.

### **Responding to Current Prophetic Words for Calvary**

With this understanding of what we mean by the prophetic, I want to summarize some prophetic words which we have recently received as a church and which we are called to actively pursue.

As you know, the Lord has given us a relationship with Apostles Mosy and Gloria Madugba. Our friendship goes back to 1990.

Back in June 2018, Mosy and Gloria gave us a prophesy that led us to our *Seven Days of Worship, Prayer, and Warfare* (July 29 – August 4). **It was a directional word.** We

discerned that word and believed that the Lord was speaking to us. So, we mobilized to get in action around that current word of the Lord for our congregation. I want to remind you of the unity and breakthrough which we experienced during the *Seven Days of Worship, Prayer, and Warfare*.

On August 19, Apostle Gloria brought a powerful message to us on *Impacting Your World*. During that service, **Gloria shared with us several significant prophetic words.**

Today, I want to remind us of these prophetic words, to call us to respond to this current revelation, and to encourage us to pray into what the Lord is saying and doing.

**Here is a practical way to get in action:** I want to invite us to participate in the **Global Bridegroom Fast**, which is the first Monday – Wednesday of each month. We are participating in a movement (1) to seek the Lord and (2) to cry out for his purposes in our lives and in the earth. You can **fast** as you feel led from 6:00am on Monday to 6:00pm on Wednesday. And, I want to encourage you to **participate in corporate prayer as you can**, especially to consider joining us in the Prayer Room on the first Monday of the month. Worship with the Word is at 5:00pm; the Generations Prayer Set is at 6:00pm; Devotional is at 7:00pm; Corporate Intercession is from 8:00 – 9:00pm. **If you can't make it to the corporate gathering, I challenge you to fast and pray, and to do so wherever you are and whenever you can.**

We need to **rise up**. We need **to contend and fight** for the plans, purposes, promises, and prophetic words of the Lord, especially these confirming words from Apostles Mosy and Gloria Madugba.

**Let's also give thanks and celebrate the direction the Lord is giving us as we move into the promised land.** We believed that the Lord would direct us. We have expectant faith. Sure enough, God is speaking and leading. The words which Gloria gave were very confirming. And, we need to respond by rising up, fighting for, and contending for what the Lord is saying and doing.

**Our word for 2018 is expectant faith. These prophetic words align with our expectation, and they call us to new levels of intentionality and partnership with the Lord.**

1. Expectation of God fulfilling his word
2. Expectation of God moving us into new intentionality in order to possess our inheritance
3. Expectation of God changing our DNA
4. Expectation of God bringing restoration and recovery

## Current Prophetic Words for Prayer and Action

### 1. Apostle Mosy Madugba's word from Gloria's message on 8/19/18

- a. This is a season of war. I call on those who are strong and who will fight for the Lord. The church needs to wake up. Prepare for war. Take your place on the front lines. Be ready with your instruments of war in this time.
- b. **Tell Calvary Community Church to become conscious of the fact that the church in America is in a season of intense warfare from the enemy.** Grow up. Wake up. **You have been given a great opportunity for a total recovery in this season.** Be in the forefront for the recovery. Wake up the church in America to take back all that the devil has stolen. Declare war. Declare a season of prayer and fasting to bring down the structures of the enemy. **Generate enough revival fire to move the church to a vibrant growing state. It is a new day.**
- c. We need to prepare ourselves to man the gates of our nation and spheres of influence.

### 2. Summary of the prophetic words from Apostle Gloria Madugba on 8/19/18

- a. **Give more time and room to missions and evangelism.**
  - i. Luke 4:18-19. Jesus knew his purpose.
  - ii. Acts 10:38. Jesus fulfilled his mission and purpose.
  - iii. **What is your mandate? Catch some fire to carry out the mandate with passion.**
  - iv. When you are on fire, people will catch it.
  - v. You need fire. The house of Jacob shall be a fire and a flame.
  - vi. Note from Pastor Jeff: Apostle Gloria has fire! We need an impartation.
  - vii. Note from Pastor Jeff: **This prophetic word is so confirming. And, we need to pray for fresh fire.**
    1. The Lord has been speaking to me about *Ripe for Harvest: Partnering with the Lord in His Harvest Fields*. That sermon series will start on September 9.
    2. The Lord has given us a strategy for connecting with others through the compassion of the Lord:
      - a. How can I pray for you?
      - b. Treasure Hunting
- b. **Showcase Jesus everywhere you find yourself in power.**
  - i. Let the power of God be manifested in your life.

- ii. This power is accessible to you even this morning.
  - iii. As you catch the fire, you manifest his power.
  - iv. Note from Pastor Jeff: **We need to lean into our God-given strategies for touching others with the love and power of God:**
    - 1. How can I pray for you?
    - 2. Treasure Hunting
    - 3. What else is the Lord saying to us in this season?
- c. Announce that “it is a new season for Calvary. The Lord gave me this word for you,” Gloria said. (Remember, Mosy said: "It's a new day.")**
- i. *Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:19 ESV).*
  - ii. *'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty (Haggai 2:9).*
- d. Cry out for our children, youth, and young adults to have their own experiences with the Lord and the Spirit of God.**
- i. *For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants (Isaiah 44:3).*
  - ii. Pastor Steve Meeks and Jay Kelley believe that we are to cry out for the children and youth to have their own experiences with the Lord and the Spirit of God.
  - iii. **Where are the people who will contend and fight for the next generation and their destiny?**
- e. Cry out for this long-awaited revival which was prophesied in 1913.**
- The word of the Lord came to three prophetic voices in three different places in the span of a few months in 1913. “There will be yet another outpouring of God's Spirit greater than Azusa Street in 100 years, a great outpouring of God's spirit.” One hundred years ended in 2013. We are 5 years behind the divine clock and agenda. Where are the mid-wives who will cry out and say, "It is time"?
- i. Note from Pastor Jeff: Calvary, **we need to ask in new ways and with more intentionality.**
  - ii. **Gloria said to us: This is a place where God wants to pour out his revival in this time.**
  - iii. **Pastor Steve Meeks:** We need to remember the trance he had when he heard that Calvary is in the stream of Maria Woodworth-Etter. This is very confirming.

3. **Call to action:**

- a. **Where are the people who will declare and live into what the Lord is saying?** It is a new day... the glory of the latter house will be greater than the former... the Lord is here to pour water on everyone who is thirsty.
- b. **Where are the people who will contend and fight for the next generation and their destiny?**
  - i. Intentionality: Our kids and grandkids need to have their own experience with the Lord.
  - ii. We need to be intentional in creating experiences for people to encounter the Spirit. We are praying about church-wide emphases to help awaken people to experience the Lord, like the *60/60 Experiment*.
- c. **Where are the passionate people, the people of war? Where are the mid-wives? Where are the people like Jacob who won't give up until...?**
- d. **Let's pray and seek the Lord until** (Isaiah 62:6-7; Hosea 10:12).
  - i. *I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, 7 and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth (Isaiah 62:6-7).*
  - ii. *Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you (Hosea 10:12).*

## Fourteen Ways God Speaks to Us

Steve Meeks

God is a speaking being. He identifies himself as “the Word” (John 1:1). What is a “word?” A word is a means of communication. In this verse, God reveals that part of his basic nature is to communicate. He speaks. In John 10, Jesus said that his sheep “hear his voice” and he calls them by name. He tells us in verse four that his “sheep follow him because they know his voice.”

God communicates with the people he has created. He intends for us to hear his life-giving voice. The Bible reveals at least 14 ways that God communicates with us as human beings. As you study these, I pray that you will become more aware of his presence and more attuned to his voice.

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

1. Circumstances / providence
  - a. Jonah
  - b. Luke 2:1-7 Joseph and Mary
  - c. Acts 16:7 They tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.
2. Counsel
  - a. Proverbs 22:19-20
  - b. Acts 15:19, 28-29
3. Conscience
  - a. Romans 2:14-15
  - b. 1 Timothy 1:19
4. Prayer
  - a. James 1:5
5. People
  - a. Acts 10:19, 33 Peter comes to Cornelius' house
  - b. Prophets
  - c. Ananias (Acts 9:17)
  - d. Personal words (1 Corinthians 14:3)
6. Spiritual encounters / dreams and visions
  - a. Dreams: Solomon, Jacob, Joseph, Peter, Paul
  - b. Genesis 28:12-16 Jacob's ladder
  - c. Acts 10:10-13 Peter's trance in Joppa
7. Thoughts
  - a. Amos 4:13 God makes known his ways to us through our thoughts

- b. The Devil can do this also
- c. Not all thoughts are from God and must be discerned
- 8. Creation and natural manifestations
  - a. Psalm 19:1-6 heavens
  - b. Romans 1:20 nature
  - c. John 12:28-29 thunder
- 9. Supernatural manifestations
  - a. Burning bush
  - b. Flood of Noah; flood over Egyptian army
  - c. Paul on the road to Damascus, a bright light
- 10. Bible
  - a. Romans 10:17 "...hearing comes through the Word of God"
  - b. 2 Timothy 3:15-17 the Word of God speaks to us for various purposes
- 11. Whisper / still small voice
  - a. 1 Kings 19:12-13 Elijah
  - b. Isaiah 30:21
- 12. Incarnation
  - a. Hebrews 1:1-3 different ways God speaks, best through his Son
  - b. John 12:49 Jesus: My Father told me what to say
- 13. Spiritual gifts
  - a. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 words of knowledge, wisdom, prophecy, etc..
  - b. 1 Peter 4:10-11
- 14. Spiritual leaders in authority
  - a. Hebrews 13:7, 17
  - b. 1 Thessalonians 5:12
  - c. 2 Corinthians 10:8
  - d. 1 Corinthians 16:15-16