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MODULE 04

Types of Revelation & Dreams

God loves meeting us in different types of spiritual encounters, and He often hides messages *inside* those encounters, just beyond the veil. Learn about translations, transportations, angelic visitations, and other “strange events” found in Scripture—and how God still does these things today! What is a “seer,” and how can we start to see more in the Spirit? How do different types of dreams and encounters guide us into Heaven’s purposes? This module takes an intriguing look into the mysteries of God.

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UNIT 1

Ways Revelation Comes



Unit 1: Ways Revelation Comes

Revelation comes to us in a variety of ways. The way revelation comes tells us the right way to respond to that revelation. There is a weight, or a strength, to various types of revelation and understanding this will help us make better decisions based on revelation. This list will start with the least strength and end with the highest strength of revelation. Each form of revelation has its own strength based on the particular occurrence (e.g. a low level dream can carry less weight than a high level impression).

Feelings

- A general sense about something or someone

- Also, can be a sense that something is going to happen
 - I have a good feeling about this, or I have a bad feeling about this

 - Not a lot of information, just a sense

Emotions

- Sometimes our emotions will move because of a spiritual stimulus
 - This can be burden bearing
 - Feeling someone else's emotions
 - This can be an emotional response to a spiritual presence or atmosphere
 - The Lord, and an angel, or a demonic presence
 - This is one way the gift of distinguishing of spirits can work (1 Corinthians 12:10)

Knowings

- Knowledge that does not have a discernible source
 - “I just know in my knower”
 - Information
 - Someone else’s thoughts, feelings, desires, past, or future
 - What is going to happen or something that has happened
 - Pertaining to things of this world or heavenly things
 - Can come with or without a sense of importance or “weight”
 - Can feel like a memory

Vague Pictures

- This is different than a vision in the clarity

- Could be more in the imagination realm
 - The eyes of the heart or spirit more than the physical eyes

- Often a flash more than a movie
 - Much of the seer realm is in this type of revelation

- Usually metaphoric but not always

- Frequently happens when praying for someone
 - More so when laying hands on someone

Impressions

- This is the first one that seems to come from outside of us instead of within
 - John Paul said this comes through the conscience portion of our spirit
 - Often is spoken before it is recognized as coming from God
 - Feels 'self-evident' but when you think about it realize you don't have a reason to know or believe it

Discernment

- Also called the distinguishing of spirits

- The ability to recognize the spiritual source of something said or done

- God

- Human spirit

- Human soul

- Demonic

- Also, the ability to recognize the spiritual “weight” on something
 - Recognition of authority

 - Recognition of anointing

 - Recognition of truth or accuracy

Spontaneous Speech

- We are saying something and recognizing that it didn't come from our mind or knowledge
 - Often in counseling or teaching settings
 - Can cause the feeling of "where did that come from?"
- Sometimes this is God using our speech because we have surrendered to Him
 - It can be stopped by us
- Sometimes it is Holy Spirit pulling up something that has been placed in our spirit that our mind isn't aware of:
 - From dreams that have been sealed
 - From trances

- From meditation and contemplation

- From reading of Scripture that our minds didn't grasp

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.—John 14:26

Dreams

- A metaphorical communication from God
 - Can be messages brought to us
 - Understanding or mind

 - Emotions

- Desires or will
 - Higher levels of dreams will have more than one of these active
- Lucid dreaming
 - Can be spiritual encounters when our body or soul is dormant
- In visions God reveals Himself and in dreams He communicates

And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream.—Numbers 12:6

Twilight

- The time between sleeping and waking, as we are falling asleep or as we are waking
 - Our soul seems to be suspended and our spirit is awake

- Our spirit can pick up what is happening in the spiritual realm

- It is very easy to access the seer realm in this place
 - Related to a trance

 - Can be lost as we wake up

Trance

- Our consciousness is overwhelmed and our spirit experiences something
 - Literally means to stand outside oneself

 - Common in Scripture
 - Ezekiel experienced a few of these



- Peter experienced an important one

The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance.—Acts 10:9–10

- Could this be what Elisha experienced?

But Elisha questioned him, “Wasn’t my spirit there when the man got down from his chariot to meet you?”—2 Kings 5:26 (HCSB)

- Paul also experienced this in Acts 22:17
- There can be different types of revelation that comes in trances
 - Dream-like experiences
 - Visions
 - Visitations from angels and/or the Lord
 - Voices

Words from a known/true prophet

- What level of authority do they have in your life?
 - Credibility
 - Character
 - Favor

- How did they give you the revelation?
 - Public
 - Relationship
 - Take you aside

- How was it shared?
 - Suggestion
 - Command
 - Information

Visions

- One of the more common ways God spoke in Scripture
 - In visions God is often revealing something about Himself or His plans

And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. —Numbers 12:6

- Internal vision
 - Seen with the mind's eye or the eyes of the heart
 - Can almost feel like the imagination
 - Can feel like you are in control of the experience
 - Often gets clearer, or more firm, the more attention you give it
 - Sometimes you can choose to pay attention to the vision or to what is going on around you
- External vision
 - May seem to be in the natural realm
 - Peter being released from prison by the angel thought it was a vision

- Acts 12:6–11
 - Could be superimposed over the natural realm
 - Can be the co-existing spiritual realm
 - Elijah and his servant
 - 2 Kings 6:15–17
 - Sometimes more profound than other times
 - Daniel’s encounter is experienced by others around him and affects his physical strength
 - Daniel 10:2–9

- When Saul encounters the Lord on the road to Damascus others near him hear something but don't have the full encounter
 - Acts 9:3-9

- Visions can happen when awake or asleep
 - Daniel 7:1
 - He wasn't quite sure if it was a vision or a dream

Visitations

- Some being from heaven visits you
 - God Himself in physical form
 - Abraham (Genesis 18)

- This is not what we would call a vision, God eats the food
 - The many encounters with Jesus after He rose from the dead
- God Himself in His spiritual form
 - Ezekiel 1
 - This is a visionary experience, but it is still a visitation
 - The “word of the Lord” could be Holy Spirit in the Old Testament
- God in another form
 - Burning bush (Exodus 3)
 - Angel of the Lord is often understood as the pre-incarnate Son

- A bright light and a voice to Paul (Acts 9:3–9)

- Angels in physical form
 - Abraham & Lot (Genesis 18&19)

 - All of Israel (Judges 2:1–5)
 - Sometimes God will send an angel in physical form as a prophet

 - Many more

- Angels in spiritual form
 - They can come unveiled with their full glory

- Matthew 28:2-4

- They can come veiled and we may not even know they were an angel

- Hebrews 13:2

- Other spiritual beings
 - Archangels (the highest form of cherubim)

 - Michael and Gabriel are mentioned in Scripture
 - Michael in Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 9; Revelation 12:7

 - Gabriel in Daniel 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26

- Cherubim
 - Seen by Adam & Eve, Moses, Ezekiel, and others

- Seraphim
 - Literally fiery ones

 - Seen by Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1–6)

- Watchers
 - Seen by Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:13)

- Hosts
 - Not the same as many angels (Psalm 103:20–21)



- Lights
 - God is the Father of lights (James 1:17)
 - Luke mentions many lights being in the room when Paul ministered (Acts 20:8)
 - This word could be lights and is used in other early Greek literature to talk of “celestial phenomena that resembled torches”¹
 - Abraham saw something like this

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. –Genesis 15:17

- When John Paul Jackson was speaking on more than one occasion many lights showed up in the room
 - The audio was captured on Naturally Supernatural²

¹ A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature 3rd edition

² Available at www.StreamsMinistries.com

Translation

- This is when we go to a heavenly realm
 - This is different than having a vision of a heavenly realm
 - It is much different than imagining a heavenly realm
 - It happens by invitation only

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."—Revelation 4:1

- Sometimes we don't know if it is in the physical or in the spirit

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. — 2 Corinthians 12:1–4



- There are many different ‘rooms’ in heaven
 - They are experienced according to what we are supposed to learn from the encounter
 - There are literal places, such as the Throne Room
 - We must be careful to not create doctrine (this is what heaven is like) from our experiences
- The message can be true without the encounter being literal
- Some have been translated and never came back
 - Elijah was taken up by the same whirlwind that Ezekiel saw

- Enoch

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.— Hebrews 11:5 (KJV)

- This is where we get the term “translated”
- The Greek word can mean to be changed in location, condition, or mind
 - It is the same root as metamorphosis
 - To go there we have to be changed from an earthly form to a heavenly form

There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. — 1 Corinthians 15:40

- People that have been translated to the Throne Room are marked in the spirit

- John Paul could see light between their cells
- There is a change that happens
- It is profound and life-changing

Other types of spiritual activity

- Transportations
 - A translation takes you from one realm to another; a transportation takes you from one place to another place in the same realm
 - Biblical examples:
 - Elijah

And as soon as I have gone from you, the Spirit of the LORD will carry you I know not where. And so, when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth. — 1 Kings 18:12

- Ezekiel

The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the LORD being strong upon me.
—Ezekiel 3:14

- Jesus and the apostles

Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going. —John 6:21

- Philip

And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.
—Acts 8:39–40

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Unit 1: Ways Revelation Comes

Think of a major life decision that you have made or need to make. If it is in the past, think of one that has happened since you understood that God speaks or that His voice was involved in.

Write down all of the ways God spoke to you about that decision. Include the types of revelation you learned in this unit and also include divine circumstances (when God causes circumstances to line up in improbable ways) and counsel from leaders or peers.

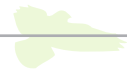
Do you (or did you) have enough “weight of revelation” to make that decision? Why do you feel that way?

If this decision is still in the future be sure to keep all this revelation written down as a reminder when things are hard.

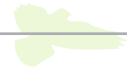
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UNIT 2

Understanding the Seer



Unit 2: Understanding the Seer

What is a Seer?

- Different prophetic people receive revelation in different ways
 - Hearers
 - Knowers
 - Seers
 - Feelers
 - Discerners
 - Speakers

- All seers are prophets but not all prophets are seers
 - It is a sub-category under the category of prophet

The word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer. —2 Samuel 24:11

- Not all 'seeing' is the same
 - Co-existent spiritual realm
 - Visitations
 - Visions
 - Some dreams
 - Visible spiritual activity
 - Lights
 - Colors

- Metaphoric manifestation of revelation
 - It may not be literal but that does not diminish its importance
 - Some visions
 - Most dreams
- Seeing in the natural realm
 - Often can't tell if it is in the natural or not
- Seeing in the realm of the spirit
 - Usually known that it is spiritual and not natural

- Seeing with the eyes of the heart, or spiritual eyes
 - Many times, this is the ability to picture something internally
 - It can seem like the imagination but feels different
 - Sometimes it seems to give form to an atmosphere of revelation
 - The understanding or knowing in the spirit is strong enough that you can picture it but also realize it is your mind giving form to the concept or revelation
- Divine daydreams



How to See

- We have to look to see

*I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.—Habakkuk 2:1*

- We position ourselves with expectation to see
- We ask to see

You do not have, because you do not ask.—James 4:2

- We may need to repent of not wanting to see or deciding not to see
- We may need to ask the Lord to cleanse our spiritual eyes from defilement

- We turn what we see into prayer
 - I see this, what does it mean?

When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision."—Daniel 8:15–16

- What should I do with it?
 - Many seers in Scripture interacted in the vision to understand it and respond to it
 - Zechariah 4:1–5; 5:1–4
 - Revelation 7:13–14
 - Jeremiah 1:11–14; 24:1–10
 - Amos 7:7–9; 8:1–4

- When the seer realm gets divorced from intimacy it becomes dangerous
 - Our gift of seeing is a way to engage the Lord

*Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,¹⁹ and **not holding fast to the Head**, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.*
— Colossians 2:18–19 (emphasis added)

- We are in error as soon as we:
 - Allow what we see to have more importance than our relationship with God
 - Spend more time and attention on visions and angels than Jesus
 - Talk more about revelations than Christ

Imagination and Revelation

- God gave us our imagination
 - The imagination is a movement of the soul
 - Our soul may or may not be submitted to our spirit
 - When it is submitted it can be an access point to revelation
- Start with using your imagination to meditate on Scripture
 - Picture the scene with as much detail as possible
 - Put yourself in the scene
 - Begin to interact

- Don't judge it with your mind
 - You can discern afterwards if it was God or even true, in the moment just enter in
 - Only stop if ungodly—accusative, temptation, etc.
 - Then engage God to find root and heal it

- This is prayer, not revelation—yet

- Imaginative Prayer
 - Give examples
 - One famous healing evangelist said, “If I can imagine it, I will have faith for it.”

- Imagination and the seer gift
 - When we start we should give ourselves permission to imagine
 - Imagine Jesus in this room right now
 - Where is He?
 - What does He look like?
 - What is He doing?
 - Does it involve someone else in the room?
 - Does He want you to do something?

- Learn when sanctified imagination turns into revelation
 - Test it and learn when it is revelation and when it is merely imagination
 - Did others see something similar?
 - Was there a manifestation of spiritual activity from what you saw?
 - Someone touched, encouraged, healed, etc.?
 - Takes on a life of itself
 - When your soul is no longer involved
 - Who is in control of the vision?

- Confirm what you saw by other sources (new information that is supported)
 - Give examples

- Have something foretold come to pass

- Have godly fruit from the experience
 - This means that sometimes you won't know until hours, days, or even years later

- As you mature it will be easier to recognize the difference between imagination and revelation

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. —Hebrews 5:14

- Remember, the seer realm includes all visual revelation—dreams, visions, and visitations

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Unit 2: Understanding the Seer

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. —Hebrews 5:14

God wants us to practice our spiritual senses so that we grow in our capacity to discern His voice. Plan at least 30 minutes but preferably one hour for this exercise.

Choose one of these passages to use your imagination to meditate on:

- Ezekiel 1
- Revelation 4
- Sermon on the Mount (like we did in class)

Picture the scene in as much detail as you are able, you may need to read through the passage multiple times.

Ask God to breathe on the picture and to show you something.

Write down what you see/hear without judging (as long as it is not condemning or leading to sin). You will most likely need another notebook or journal so you have enough room.

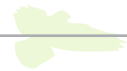
Thank God for what He showed you and ask Him about it.

If you would like to explore the seer realm in more detail, James Goll's book *The Seer* is very good.

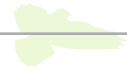
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UNIT 3

Categories of Dreams



Unit 3: Categories of Dreams

Understanding the different types or categories of dreams can help us in our desire to respond to what God is saying. Different types of dreams require different responses. This list is not meant to be exclusive or create rigid definitions. Often dreams, like other kinds of revelation, will overlap in the category and intent! This list is borrowed extensively from John Paul Jackson's teaching *The Twenty Categories of Dreams* available in book or CD format and also found in Streams Course *Understanding Dreams & Visions*.³

Dreams the enemy causes

- False dreams
 - The enemy is trying to deceive us into believing something
 - They come through our soul
 - Often dim, low light, and little color
 - Often left with intense emotions upon waking
 - Because they are a lie, the Spirit of Truth will not witness to them

³ These resources are available at www.streamsministries.com.

- How to respond
 - Pray for the enemies plans to be exposed and defeated
 - Ask God for His truth and confess and declare that
 - Refuse to believe them!
- Dark dreams
 - We are seeing the enemies plans or seeing into the demonic realm
 - Often black & white or gray-scale
 - Can have emotion of fear or intimidation in the dream but usually lifts when we wake
 - Sometimes we will still feel a demonic presence in the room upon waking

- God is allowing us to see the enemies plans so we don't agree with them but resist them

- How to respond
 - Thank God for letting you know what the enemy's plans are

 - Ask God to stop those specific plans

 - Ask God for His plan and begin to pray for it to succeed
 - This is how we flip a dream

 - Remember God is bigger than the enemy

 - If a demonic presence is or was in the room when you woke up bind it in the name of Jesus and tell it to leave and that its assignment is cancelled

- Stand on the victory Jesus bought on the cross

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. —Ephesians 1:16–23

- Fear dreams
 - Our fears can show up in our dreams
 - These can be soul dreams (we will discuss later)
 - These can be the enemy using our fears to torment us
 - Fear is to demons what blood in the water is to sharks



- Or it can be the enemy trying to establish fear in our life
 - What we fear we empower
- Often the fear from the dream will remain with us when we wake
- Sometimes called nightmares
 - When fear dreams are also dark dreams or false dreams it is the enemy tormenting us
 - Can happen from demonic visitations
 - When a demon is in the room it can whisper a dream as easily as other types of temptation
 - Sleep paralysis is a form of fear dream or spiritual warfare dream

- How to respond
 - Learn to wake yourself up from a dream or change the dream

 - Say the name of Jesus
 - Jesus can hear your thoughts—it doesn't have to come out of your mouth

 - Refuse the fear
 - Fight it like you would temptation

 - Whenever it tries to enter your thoughts or heart worship and declare God's truth

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
—James 4:7–8

- Spiritual warfare dreams
 - Dreams where we are battling in the spiritual realm
 - Often night, very little light, or black & white
 - Usually some type of fighting or threat
 - Sometimes this is our spirit actually dealing with something in the spiritual realm
 - When this is the case we are usually lucid
 - How to respond
 - Pray in the dream and respond to God's voice
 - If there is something full of color interact with it
 - Often this will turn the whole dream, the feeling and the light in the dream, for better
 - When you wake continue to pray as God leads, asking Him for that leading

- Ask Him if what you saw in the dream was real or a demonic projection

- Respond to what He says

- Ask Him to show you what was true in the dream

- These dreams can show you the root of difficulties and reveal what the enemy is doing (often they are dark dreams)

- Stay in peace and trust God

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 8:37–39

Dreams we cause

- Body dreams
 - Physical illnesses, especially high fevers

 - Can also come in the last trimester of pregnancy
 - Some of these dreams are the baby's dreams and the mother's dreams mixing

 - Usually there is no plot or sense to the dream
 - Very similar to chemical dreams

 - How to respond

- Most often you just ignore these dreams

- If it is a pregnancy dream and you can separate the dreams they can be interpreted
 - This can be very difficult

 - If there is something God is trying to speak a heart to hear Him and the hunger to ask Him will ensure we hear what He is saying

- Chemical dreams
 - Random elements mixed together with no apparent cohesion
 - There is no story line or plot

 - They leave a sense of confusion or euphoria, but not spiritual

- Caused by chemicals in the body
 - Some foods
 - Drugs and alcohol
 - Prescription or non-prescription
 - Even some herbs
 - How to respond
 - There is no interpretation for these dreams
- Flushing dreams
 - Something that got on us is coming off of us
 - Our spirit responding to the call for purity is removing defilement

- Sometimes it is God washing us

- There are spiritual atmospheres or demonic spirits on places and people
 - When we are walking in righteousness they can't get in us but they sometimes get on us

 - Sometimes we will see that defilement leaving us in our dreams

- We are always the focus in these dreams
 - We are doing something or something is happening to us that is sinful
 - Pornographic

 - Violence

- How to respond
 - Realize it is on you, not in you

- Don't beat yourself up

- If it is a familiar thing (a temptation or sin pattern you have been fighting) then it is a soul dream, not a flushing dream
 - Conviction versus condemnation

- Thank God for cleansing you and ask Him to help you forget it
 - Don't dwell on it or replay it

- If you know the source, either try to avoid that person or place or pray protection prayers before you encounter it/them again

- Soul dreams
 - Dreams that are caused by our own thoughts, feelings, or desires
 - They will often feel familiar
 - “I knew or felt that”
 - “I have been wanting that”
 - The emotion in the dream lingers upon waking
 - This could be a fear dream
 - Also, could be our wishes revealed in a dream
 - Getting married
 - Becoming rich

- The level of light in the dream is a key
 - Often will have some colors but they are muted

- If we are able to keep our soul in submission to the spirit we will be able to discern a lack of the presence of God in the dream

- Soul dreams are not necessarily evil
 - They can be revealing strongholds we have

 - They can also be our prayers or passions coming out in our dreams

- How to respond
 - If it is our prayers or from our soul and they are good submit them to God as a prayer

- “Lord, this is the desire of my heart. If you have a different plan please reveal it to me and remove this desire. If this fits in Your plan bring it to pass.”
 - Don’t decide a soul dream is a promise from God!
- The enemy can prompt some soul dreams
 - If it is from the enemy refuse it and respond as if it were a dark or false dream
- If it is a stronghold get inner healing
 - Repent
 - Renounce
 - Break the power of it
 - Receive God’s truth to replace it
- Some self-condition dreams are soul dreams
 - God is shining a light on an aspect of our soul to draw our attention to it

Dreams God Causes

- Self-condition dreams
 - Dreams that show us where we are at
 - Can be God shining a light on our soul (some soul dreams)
 - Or God showing us something from His perspective
 - They can be positive or negative
 - A self-condition dream can be correction or encouragement
 - Sometimes they are revealing the season we have been in and/or are in now
 - Most of the dreams people have are self-condition dreams

- How to respond
 - If it is correction, repent and respond to God
 - If it is encouragement allow yourself to believe it and feel encouraged
 - If it is revealing the season you are in or have been through
 - Pay attention to what is different than you realized
 - You may need to change your perspective
 - You could be doing better or worse than you thought
 - Agree with God
 - Ask God to show you how to respond based on His ways
 - If you have been going through a test and passed begin to pray for promotion
 - If you failed, learn the lesson and ask for another chance

- Forgive yourself and keep going after Him
- Is there a pattern of how God deals with people that applies?
 - That may reveal what is coming next and how to respond
- Healing dreams
 - Dreams that bring healing to the body, soul, or spirit
 - Can heal wounds in the heart
 - Can heal/remove strongholds
 - Can heal physical illnesses
 - The dreamer wakes up different
 - How to respond
 - Thank God for the healing
 - Walk in it and defend it

- Deliverance dreams
 - We can be delivered of demonic presence in a dream
 - This can be a type of healing dream
 - We wake up free of the oppression we had when we went to sleep
 - How to respond
 - Thank God
 - Walk in our newfound freedom
 - Resist any temptation to go back into bondage!

- Warning dreams
 - A warning about something that is going to happen or could happen

- The cupbearer's and baker's dreams
 - Genesis 40:5–19

- Pharaoh's dreams
 - Genesis 41:17–32

- A warning to stop doing something
 - Abimelech's dream about Abraham
 - Genesis 20:3–7

 - Laban's dream about Jacob
 - Genesis 31:24

- How to respond
 - If it is about something in the future ask God if it is inevitable or can be stopped
 - Pray that it doesn't happen
 - If it is about something you are doing or planning, stop or change your plans
 - Repent if you have already acted on something that is sin
 - Perhaps it is letting you know someone else's response and it is not your sin
- Realize what may happen
 - Some warning dreams are prophetic dreams
 - Midianite soldier
 - Judges 7:13–14
- Ask God if you should change your plans, adjust your plans, or just keep moving forward

- Calling dreams
 - These reveal what God wants you to do in the future
 - Can also reveal a gift that you have or will have
 - This was Joseph's dreams about the sheaves and the stars
 - Genesis 37:5-11
 - How to respond
 - Is there training you will need to walk into this calling?
 - Is there something that would hinder its fulfillment?
 - In your lifestyle or thought life?
 - If it is about a gifting start to act in faith and praise God for His promise
 - Even if you don't see an immediate release don't give up

- Courage dreams
 - God is giving you courage to do something in His plan
 - Often given because we will need courage to fulfill it

 - Jacob and the striped wood
 - Genesis 31:10–13
 - How to respond
 - Believe what God has said

 - Step out in faith and see His goodness
 - Sometimes we need to contend for our heart and mind to line up with what He has said

- Correction dreams
 - God is correcting an action or a thought/belief that we have
 - Peter and the Gentiles
 - Acts 10:10–16
 - How to respond
 - Change our action or thinking

- Direction dreams
 - God is telling us an action to take
 - Around the birth and early childhood of Jesus
 - Matthew 1:20–21; 2:12, 13, 19–23
 - Could be small or big

- Call someone
- Move to another country
- How to respond
 - If you know it is God, what He wants you to do, and when just obey
 - We don't need to know how it is going to work
- Intercession dreams
 - How to pray for a situation
 - Sometimes these are spiritual warfare dreams and are dark or black & white
 - When they are dark we need to discern what the enemy wants us to see from what God is saying
 - Don't take these dreams at face value
 - Sometimes they are full of color and showing God's perspective

- We often wake with an urgency to pray or a sense of importance

- How to respond
 - Pray!

- Prophecy and revelation dreams
 - Dreams telling us about the future
 - Could be the near future or further away

 - How to respond
 - Are we the focus?
 - If so, what were we doing in the dream?

 - Is there an action to take?

 - If not, then we pray

- Just because God showed us something doesn't mean He wants us to tell others
 - Use the same process with a dream as any other revelation
- Invention dreams
 - Dreams giving us ideas about how to do something
 - Business ideas and strategies
 - Governmental plans
 - New inventions and innovations
 - Elias Howe
 - Madame C. J. Walker
 - Art and entertainment
 - Handel's Messiah

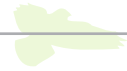
- Van Gogh
 - “I dream my painting then I paint my dream.”
 - How to respond
 - Try it out
 - Don’t ignore it or discount it
- Word of knowledge dreams
 - Information not known by natural means given in a dream
 - Plans at work
 - Solutions to problems
 - What is happening to other people or at another location

- How to respond
 - Test it out to see if it is literal or symbolic
 - Call the person and ask if anything is going on
 - If God shows you a problem expect a solution, miraculous or otherwise
 - A word of knowledge opens a door of faith

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Unit 3: Categories of Dreams

Go through your dream journal and choose ten dreams.

Write out what category or categories each of them belongs.

Look back at your notes on how to respond to that category of dream, have you responded yet?

What are the next steps you need to take to respond?

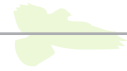
As you continue to dream, as part of the interpretive process write down what category or categories the dream belongs to.

Read *Twenty Categories of Dreams* by Michael Wise (based on the works of John Paul Jackson)

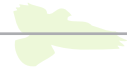
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Engaging the Angelic



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Why talk about angels? This area causes so much confusion and angels are a popular subject with the New Age. If it wasn't so core to the Biblical record we could ignore it, but the Bible mentions angels 282 times! They often interact with prophetic people so as we seek to grow in the prophetic it would help us to understand the right and the wrong way to engage with the angelic.

What is an angel?

- Word means messenger and can be used of people messengers and spiritual messengers
 - We use it to mean all kinds of spiritual beings⁴

⁴ See Types of Spiritual Beings study card available at www.streamsministries.com.

Biblical Principles About Spiritual Beings

- The first mention of a spiritual being is Genesis 3:24, the cherubim that were placed outside the Garden
 - Cherubim were important types of spiritual beings
 - They were represented around God's very presence in the Tabernacle which was a physical representation of God's throne in heaven

- An angel finds Hagar and prophesies Ishmael
 - Notice her response in Genesis 16:7-13
 - What do we learn from this?
 - Meeting God's angel is the same as meeting God

- Three angels visit Abraham in Genesis 18:1–8
 - They ate a physical meal
 - God Himself was one of them
 - What do we learn from this?
 - Spiritual beings can take on flesh and interact the same as humans
 - Remember the angels that fell by coming down and marrying women in Genesis 6?

- Two angels usher Lot and his family out of Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 19
 - What do we learn from this?
 - Angels bring judgement from God and help from God
 - They are messengers of justice
 - Also, they can blind a whole city, call down fire, and physically help someone to leave

- An angel saves Hagar and Ishmael in the wilderness when they were out of water in Genesis 21

- In Genesis 22 the angel of the Lord stops Abraham from sacrificing Isaac

- In Genesis 24:7 Abraham promises Eliezer that God's angel will go before him to help him find a wife for Isaac
 - What do we learn from this?
 - Abraham expected an angel to be assigned to something that was according to the will of God

 - Not all circumstances are circumstances, some are angelic direction and or intervention

 - John Paul's vision of the interaction between heaven and earth⁵

⁵ *The Interaction Between Heaven and Earth* is a CD/DVD combo available at www.streamsministries.com.



- In Genesis 28:10–22 Jacob sees angels in a dream

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

¹⁸ So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you.”

- What do we learn from this?
 - Encounters with angels can happen in dreams and they are just as real as when encountered in waking life

- Some locations are easier to access heavenly realms than others, gate of heaven, house of God

- Altars carry presence
 - Abraham had set up an altar there of unhewn stones and Jacob used one of those stones

- In Genesis 31:10–16 Jacob saw an angel in a dream
 - He gave him a business strategy to give him wealth that didn't make any sense but worked

- In Genesis 32:1–2 Jacob comes upon another place where he encounters angels, Mahanaim

- In Genesis 32:22–32 Jacob wrestles with a spiritual being
 - What do we learn from this?
 - When a spiritual being takes on physical form it can have supernatural strength but it is not necessarily infinite strength, there was a struggle
 - Also, Samson was not the only person in scripture that had supernatural strength, Jacob did as well

- Genesis 48:15–16 is the blessing Jacob gave to Joseph’s sons
 - It was the right of the firstborn being given and he equates the blessing of God with the blessing of the angel

 - What do we learn from this?
 - Again, the angel is equated with the one the angel represents

 - God communicates Himself through angelic presence
 - Personal experience

- In Exodus 3 the angel appears in the bush as the flame of fire, but the angel and God are one

- In Exodus 14:19 it says the angel went before them and the cloud of fire went before them
 - What can we learn from this?
 - The cloud was the angel which communicated the presence of God
 - The fire and the cloud were one, a luminescent cloud would look like a cloud in the day and a fire in the night
 - It was a “cloud” of amber light
- In Exodus 23 God promises to send His angel before the Israelites into Canaan to
 - Fight before them
 - Drive out the nations before them
 - Protect them
 - One angel was promised for the whole nation...

- In Exodus 33:1–4 Moses gets a word about an angel

The LORD said to Moses, “Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give it.’² I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.³ Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.”⁴ When the people heard this disastrous word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.

- God sending an angel to lead them away from His presence was a disastrous word!
 - In verses 12–23 Moses wants God, not just the angel, even though he knows what an angel can do
 - How about us?
 - If God said, “Not Me but an angel”, would we be okay with it?
- Numbers 21 fiery serpents were sent among the Israelites
 - Seraph serpents—this is the only time this root is used about a creature other than seraphim

- In Numbers 22 Balaam's donkey sees an angel that was sent to resist Balaam

- In Judges 2:1–5 God sent an angel to be a prophet
 - He came, the whole nation recognized and heard him, and he gave God's message

 - What can we learn from this?
 - Some angelic encounters are experienced by everyone though not all

- In Judges 5 in Deborah and Barak's song they mention a judgement coming from an angel against those that did not help to deliver God's people from oppression

- In Judges 6:11–24 an angel comes to call Gideon when he is in the winepress threshing wheat
 - He is standing there before Gideon can see him

¹¹ Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. ¹² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him... —Judges 6:11–12



- He allows Gideon to make the sacrifice to God but doesn't receive it himself

- He disappears when he is done

- What can we learn from this?
 - Angels can be there even if we don't see them, they can choose to be seen or not

- In Judges 13 Samson's parents had an angel come to them
 - At first they thought he was a prophet and asked that he would come back to confirm the word

 - He did, and when he did he waited for the burnt sacrifice to be made, called down fire to consume it, and went up in the flame back to heaven

- In 2 Samuel 24 and 1 Chronicles 21 David counts the army of Israel having been incited by the devil to do so
 - God sends the seer Gad to let him know judgement is coming and David can choose three years of famine, three months of losing wars, or three days of pestilence
 - David chooses three days of pestilence and God sent an angel that brought the disease and 70,000 men died
 - The angel gets to the hill above Jerusalem near the threshing floor of Araunah (Ornan the Jebusite)
 - David sees it with a drawn sword and goes to sacrifice to the Lord
 - What do we learn from this?
 - David's focus was not on the angel but on God
 - He didn't sacrifice to the angel, he sacrificed to God
 - When he wanted the angel to do something, or not do something, he asked God
 - We already saw that angels would execute God's judgement or blessing or cursing

- 1 Kings 13 talks about a man of God who got a word from Yahweh
 - He was told to prophesy against the altar in Israel
 - Not go back the same way
 - And not to eat anything, or drink anything while he was there
 - An old prophet comes and tells him that an angel told him to have him go back and eat with him
 - The man of God does it and then gets judged
 - What can we learn from this?
 - A word from the Lord always trumps an angelic encounter
 - We need to understand the weight of revelation and follow the greater weight
 - When we know what God has said don't let others we don't know convince us otherwise

- 1 Kings 19 talks about Elijah fleeing Jezebel
 - He rests under a broom tree and an angel comes, touches him, and gives him food twice
 - He tells him to eat and go to meet with God
 - What do we learn from this?
 - The angel brings strength to the physical body
 - An angel from God leads you to encounters with God
 - Don't get so caught up in angelic visitations that you miss the invitation to meet with God
 - You don't want to know what an angel thinks but what God thinks
 - They bring a message from someone else, not from themselves



- In 2 Kings 19 one angel slays 185,000 in response to prayer to God
 - Their prayer was not for an angel
 - The prayer was asking God to move and God chose to send the angel
 - What do we learn from this?
 - Our prayer and focus must be on God, not on the angelic

*Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!—Psalm 103:20–21*

- If we want angels to move we declare God's word
 - We don't tell an angel what to do!
- In Isaiah 6 Isaiah sees into heaven and sees an angel bring a coal to touch his lips

- In Ezekiel 1 he saw the moving throne of God
 - With four living creatures, beings of fire, and the One on the throne
 - He saw those creatures again at different times in his ministry

- Isaiah referenced an angel in Isaiah 63:9

*In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.—Isaiah 63:9*

- In Daniel 3 an angel comes and joins the three young men in the fire
 - His presence causes their bodies to not be affected by the flames
 - He was visible to Nebuchadnezzar

 - What do we learn from this?
 - Angels can cause physical harm to not affect us

- The martyrs through history that felt pleasure and sang in worship while being tortured, kept warm when exposed in the cold

- John Paul's car wreck

- In Daniel 6:22 Daniel says that God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions
 - We don't know if he saw it, knew it, or just believed that was how God did it

- In Daniel 7:15–16 Daniel asks the angels around him when he saw a vision what the vision meant

- In Daniel 8 the angel that was in the vision added information that was part of the vision, then another angel (Gabriel) comes to explain what it all means
 - This vision was so profound in the physical and spiritual realm that Daniel was physically sick for three days

- Daniel 9:20–23 talks about Gabriel coming to give Daniel the answer to the prayer that he just prayed and gives him a prophetic word

- In Daniel 10 after Daniel fasts for 21 days an angel comes to him in a vision
 - That vision shifted the natural atmosphere so that everyone with Daniel ran away
 - In verses 11–14 the angel explains what is happening in the heavenly realm
 - The prince of Persia is resisting the angel sent to Daniel with a message
 - Michael, the prince of Israel, fought against him so that the angel could get through
 - What do we learn from this?
 - There are wars going on in the heavenlies
 - Evil angels can recognize when an angel is on assignment and they resist the assignment
 - This one was able to hold back an answer to prayer for 21 days, but it was not able to stop it!



- Authority is important, the angel had less authority than the prince (kings) so was hindered but since Michael was of equal authority so he was able to change the dynamic so that the message could get through
 - This is why Michael told the devil, “The Lord rebuke you” when contending for the body of Moses
 - They were of equal authority, so Michael called on a greater authority

Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. ⁹ But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” ¹⁰ But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. ¹¹ Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam’s error and perished in Korah’s rebellion. ¹² These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; ¹³ wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. —Jude 1:8–12

- Zechariah saw angels often
 - Zechariah 1:7–17 In a vision the angel is explaining and opening up more revelation
 - Zechariah 1:18–21 the angel explains the vision of craftsmen and horns
 - Zechariah 2:1–4 helps navigate what happens in the vision
 - Zechariah 3 shows a scene in heaven, the angel of the Lord, and an understanding of the council of heaven
 - Also in chapters 4, 5, & 6 there are angels that explain visions
 - What do we learn from this?
 - There is a council in heaven
 - Psalm 82, there is a council and not all of them do what is right

- This is revealed in Deuteronomy 32 (the song of Moses which is one of the songs being sung in heaven according to Revelation) but notice especially verse 8

- This is what happened in Genesis 11 at the tower of Babel

- We have been given access to this council according to Zechariah 3:7!

- Watchers watch earth to report to heaven but are also witnesses of the council and makes decrees into the earth based on what the council decides

- True prophets stand in the council and declare heaven's decisions in the earth
 - Jeremiah 23:16–22

- The council affects kings and people choose the powers over them
 - Hosea 4:17–19

Angelic encounters in the New Testament

- Zechariah saw an angel by the altar of incense in the temple that prophesied John the Baptist
 - Luke 1:11–19

- Gabriel also came to Mary to prophesy the birth of Jesus
 - Luke 1:26–38

- An angel came to Joseph in a dream to tell him to take Mary as his wife
 - Matthew 1:20–24

- Angels appeared to the shepherds outside Bethlehem worshipping and declaring Jesus' birth
 - Luke 2:8–15

- An angel told Joseph in a dream when it was time to leave Egypt and go back to Israel
 - Matthew 2:13

- In another dream an angel told him to go to Nazareth
 - Matthew 2:19

- After Jesus was tempted by the devil in the wilderness angels came to minister to Him
 - Matthew 4:11

- At the end of Jesus' life angels:
 - Ministered to him in Gethsemane
 - Luke 22:43

 - Rolled back the stone at the tomb
 - Matthew 28:2

- Told the women that Jesus was raised
 - Matthew 28:5

- Sat in the tomb
 - John 20:12

- And told the disciples that as Jesus left, He would return
 - Acts 1:10–11

- In Acts 5:17–21 an angel broke all the apostles out of prison and told them to go preach in the temple

- In Acts 8 an angel appeared to Philip
 - Told him to go down to the road where
 - He met the Ethiopian eunuch

 - Preached the Gospel and baptized him

 - Then he was transported 40 miles away

- In Acts 10 Cornelius sees an angel telling him to call Peter to preach
 - What can we learn from this?
 - The angel mentions that Cornelius' prayers and giving had formed a memorial in heaven
 - That memorial reminded God and is the reason
 - The angel came
 - The message from Peter came
 - His whole household gets a visitation of the Holy Spirit in power
 - And we are all in the kingdom

- Acts 12 Peter sees an angel in prison
 - He strikes him, wakes him up, released his chains, and opened doors and led him out to the street
 - When he gets to the upper room Rhoda doesn't let him in and they all think it is his angel
 - What can we learn from this?
 - Angels don't have to touch anything to affect the natural, the chains fell off
 - Sometimes you can't tell when it is an angel in the natural or in a vision
 - People's angels sound and look like them
 - The church was very used to angels appearing, it was common
- In Acts 12:23 an angel struck Herod and he died from worms eating him from the inside out



- Acts 27:12–26 Paul has an angel tell him what is going to happen to him and the ship he is on
- Angels from God will only agree with the Gospel as handed down to us

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. —Galatians 1:8

- The congregation of God includes angels
 - This is the council mentioned in Jeremiah and Zechariah

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. —Hebrews 12:22–24

- Angels are part of the great cloud of witnesses

- When we gather in the presence of God angels come and meet with us

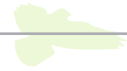
In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.
—1 Timothy 5:21

- The book of Revelation is full of angels

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MODULE 04 HOMEWORK

Unit 4: Engaging the Angelic

I would suggest doing this exercise a few times before we meet again and make it a regular practice, especially in corporate gatherings.

Ask God to let you see or sense any angels in the room where you are at. Remember, if you are not seeing it with your physical eyes this may feel like you are imagining it. Continually surrender that to the Lord and ask Him to show you what He wants to see with your imagination, your physical eyes, or your spiritual eyes. We will figure out if it was merely imagination later. If you don't see or sense anything now, worship and ask again. If you don't after that wait until another time and ask again.

If you sense any angels, write down where it is in the room and what it looks like.

- What is it wearing?
- Write down any colors associated with it.
- Describe any weapons, instruments, or tools it has.

Ask God if it has a name and what it is.

(Note: Sometimes an angel's name is a description of its purpose. i.e. joy)

Ask God why that angel is there and write down what He says.

Ask God if you are supposed to interact with it or just know that it is there.

- Does it have something to give you?
- Does it have a message for you or for someone else?

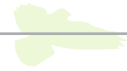
If you are supposed to interact, do what God says then write down what that was and what happened.

Thank God for sending the angel and for what He showed you.

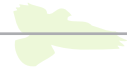
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MODULE 05

Interpreting Dreams & Visions

Get your “feet wet” in the language of Heaven! Learn the principles of dream interpretation and how it relates to other supernatural experiences. Practice interpreting dreams (yours and others’), and develop habits that will help you remember and respond to your dreams—as a way of deepening your intimacy with God.

Unit 1: Different Dream Philosophies

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Unit 3: Valuing Dreams

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MODULE 05

UNIT 1

Different Dream Philosophies





Unit 1: Different Dream Philosophies

Understanding different dream philosophies will help us not fall into certain traps when trying to interpret dreams. How we think about dreams decides how we will understand and respond to them. If our foundation is faulty, the whole house can crumble!

Biological

- An alternative way of thinking

- A way for the brain to categorize extra data
 - Neither of these ideas leave room for dreams to have any meaning

Psychological

- Sigmund Freud
 - Basic premise: Dreams are the dreamers repressed desires and those are mainly sexual

 - Interpretive process: Therapist takes the “manifest” elements, things actually in the dream, and from them finds the “latent” meaning, something the dreamer is hiding from themselves, to tell the dreamer what it means
 - If the dreamer doesn’t agree it merely shows the level of repression

 - Spiritual roots: Freud had an extensive collection of ancient idols set up in his office where clients could see them but not see him
 - He would look at the idols and not look at the client during sessions to help him focus



- Carl Jung
 - Basic premise: Dreams reveal what the dreamers subconscious wants them to know so that they can become fully themselves

 - Interpretive process: The dreamer draws from the corporate consciousness of all people to get their elements and reveal the path to fulfillment
 - These elements are archetypes that have been revealed throughout history in religious and mythical stories that really spring from this “higher consciousness”

 - To understand the dream one must find the message they are telling themselves and the therapist helps them discover this meaning

 - The interpretation will always “resonate” with the dreamer because they are the source of the dream

- All of the elements in the dream are parts of the dreamer
 - Parental nature
 - Masculine/feminine nature
 - Childlike nature
 - Etc.
- Spiritual roots: Jung's father was a pastor but he didn't believe in classic Christianity
 - Through a number of dreams and visions and meditations he met the “spirit of this time” (zeitgeist) that showed him the true meaning, that Jung was actually god, each of us actually god, and that people's mental/emotional issues were all related to not accepting this reality
 - “The way is within us, but not in God, nor in teachings, nor in laws. Within us is the way, the truth, the life.” Carl Jung from The Red Book page 231



- “After death on the cross Christ went into the underworld and became hell... So he took on the form of the Antichrist—the dragon.”
The Red Book Liber Nuvo by Carl Jung
 - It is scary that many “Christian” dream interpretive models are based on Jungian methods!

- Gestalt method invented by Fritz Perls
 - Basic premise: “You are the maker of the dream—whatever you put into the dream must be what is in you.” Fritz Perls

 - Interpretive process: The therapist does not interpret the dream, they help the dreamer experience the dream
 - Every element in the dream that is not the dreamer in the dream is actually a part of their subconscious trying to be actualized

- They will have the dreamer identify with an element of the dream and explain or act out what that element feels
 - This process helps the dreamer discover what they are telling themselves with the dream
- Spiritual roots: The influence of Marxism (the individual is part of the whole) and existentialism (the experience of existence is reality) gave birth to this model
- Spiritual
 - All ancient near Eastern cultures believed that dreams were messages from the spiritual world
 - The Egyptians had the oldest dream dictionary
 - From around the time of Moses
 - They believed that the dream world was the spiritual world and one would encounter gods, demons, and the spirits of the dead there



- Many other religions and cultures value dreams
 - Islam places a high value on dreams

- Judaism and Christianity have historically held a high value of dreams
 - This is because the Bible places a high value on them

*For God speaks in one way,
and in two, though man does not perceive it.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,
when deep sleep falls on men,
while they slumber on their beds,
16 then he opens the ears of men
and terrifies them with warnings,
17 that he may turn man aside from his deed
and conceal pride from a man;
18 he keeps back his soul from the pit,
his life from perishing by the sword.—Job 33:14–18*

- One third of Scripture is the account of a dream or vision or is speaking about dreams or visions

- God clearly says that He communicates through dreams and visions

And he said, “Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. ⁷Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. ⁸With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD.—Numbers 12:6–8

- God said that dreams would be a normal part of life in the Spirit

*And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
—Acts 2:17–18*

- Historical view of dreams in Christianity
 - Tertullian: “Likewise in sleep, revelations are made of high honors and eminent talents. Remedies are also discovered, thefts brought to light, and treasure indicated... How many commentators and chroniclers vouch for this phenomenon!”



- Tertullian: “Dreams are inflicted on us by demons... But all those visions that are honest, holy, prophetic, inspired, instructive, and inviting to virtue...must be regarded as emanating from God. For He has promised, indeed, to pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh... The third class of dreams will consist of those that the soul apparently creates for itself...”
- Origen: “It is a matter of belief that in dreams, impressions have been brought before the minds of many. Some relate to divine things; others, to future events of this life. This may be with clearness or in a symbolic manner.”
- Thomas Aquinas: “The end of my labors has come. All I have written appears to be as so much straw after the things that have been revealed to me.”
- Comparing the Biblical model and the secular model of dream interpretation

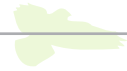
Models of Dream Interpretation	
SECULAR MODEL	BIBLICAL MODEL
Temporal	Eternal
Internally Originated	Externally Originated
Psyche Driven	Spirit Driven
Introspective	Theospective
Present Tense	Present and Future Tense
Singular Meaning	Levels of Meaning
Self Change	God Change
Logically Driven	Intuitive Drive
Archetypical	Spiritual Beings
Soul-centric Interpretation	Theocentric Interpretation

¹ Developed by John Paul Jackson. He teaches through this in the teaching set *Biblical Model of Dream Interpretation* and in Streams Course: *Understanding Dreams & Visions* both available at www.streamsministries.com.

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Unit 1: Different Dream Philosophies

Find at least one other person that is also pursuing understanding how God uses dreams to do this exercise with. Get together in person or virtually and discuss the following questions.

- When was the first time that you had a supernatural experience? How old were you? Describe the experience.

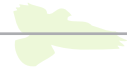
- When was the first time you thought that your dreams could contain messages from God? Did anyone else in your family or sphere of relationships from your childhood believe this? If not, how did they view dreams?

- Describe the earliest dream you can remember. Was it from God or the enemy? How did you respond?

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UNIT 2

Biblical Interpretive Process





Unit 2: Biblical Interpretive Principles

Revelation and Skill

- The primary and most important principle of dream interpretation is that the interpretation comes from God

*Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”—
Genesis 40:8b*

- Our goal is to inspire a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ
- The deeper one’s relationship is with God the more consistently they will recognize and respond to His voice
 - Dreams are just one of the many ways that God speaks (we discussed various ways He speaks in Module 4: Types of Revelation & Dreams)
 - All revelation is intended to deepen relationship with God

- Knowing God's ways helps us understand and respond to revelation, including dreams
 - After Moses had visited heaven, been used in mighty miracles, and seen God's deliverance his prayer was to know God's ways

*Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight.—
Exodus 33:13*

- Knowing God's ways is understanding of why and how God does things
 - The patterns that He uses
 - The principles He operates through
- This is helpful in interpreting the dream but even more helpful in responding to the dream—recognizing the application



- Relationship allows us to ask God and develops our trust that He will respond

And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.”—Matthew 13:11

- The disciples were given access to Jesus to ask Him what He meant by the parables He taught
- We can ask the Author of dreams what the dreams mean
 - Our capacity to interpret dreams is based on His capacity to understand them—which is infinite!

- Relationship allows us to ask Him to show us the dream, even if someone else had it
 - When a dream is from God we should seek to walk through the dream with the dreamer as they tell us it
 - We are employing our imagination and asking God to breathe on it
 - It is in surrender to Holy Spirit
 - Since He spoke it originally, we are just asking Him to tell us what He told them or remind us of what He told us



- Sometimes God will breathe on this and allow it to be more than us picturing the dream
 - We may see the level of light in the dream
 - This can help us recognize the source of the dream
 - Sometimes we will remember elements the dreamer forgot or didn't mention
 - Sometimes we can ask God to allow us to interact with the elements to understand their meaning in that dream
- The first step of every dream interpretation is to pray and ask God what it means!

Interpretive Skills

- Name the dream
 - This is the first step to interpreting the dream
 - The name will often summarize the most important part of the dream
 - Sometimes the name is a summary of the interpretation
- Reduce the dream to its simplest form
 - What is the basic plot?
 - Communicate the storyline without using any details

- If you were going to repeat the dream with as few words as possible how would you do it?

I was heading to an escalator and found out it was not functioning. I continued walking up the steps in the escalator. Then, the escalator changed to become a slope (a see-through glass slide). When I looked back there were people behind me so I was unable to return downstairs. I felt weak climbing up the slope. After slipping several times, I finally got to the top of the place I was expecting to go.

- Title: _____.
- Summary: _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

- Find the focus
 - Where is the dreamer in the dream?
 - Focus
 - All the action and dialogue revolve around the dreamer
 - If the dreamer is removed from the dream the story falls apart
 - When the dreamer is the focus the dream is about them
 - Even if other people are in the dream



- Participating
 - The dreamer is part of a group of people all involved
 - They may all be doing the same thing

 - Or they may be doing similar things with variations

 - When the dreamer is participating the dream is about a group they are part of
 - The other people in the group let you know who the group may be

 - To the extent the dreamer played a part in the dream they will be affected by the interpretation/fulfillment

- Observing
 - The dreamer is not in the dream as a character

 - They may be watching or an invisible character that others don't acknowledge
 - Often the dream is seen from an elevated viewpoint

 - The dream is about the person or group being observed

 - When a dream is for others it is always for intercession

- About 1–5% of dreams are for others
 - Leaders will often get dreams about what they are leading
 - Parents for their children
 - Pastors for their congregation
 - Business people for their company
 - Politicians for what is under their authority
 - The focus tells you who the dream message is for

- Find the sub-focus(es)
 - Sub-focuses directly relate to the focus and are essential for the plot of the dream
 - The elements you can't leave out when reducing the dream are usually sub-focuses
 - There are often 2–4 sub-focuses per dream or scene in a dream
 - The sub-focuses are essential to getting the basic understanding of the dream
- The rest are details
 - Details are not unimportant, but they are not essential for the basic interpretation



- The meaning of details is derived from the sub-focus they relate to
 - e.g. the color of a car

- If we focus on the details before we understand the focus and sub-focuses it can confuse the dream meaning
 - We need to be careful to not give more importance to an element than God have that element in the dream

- The focus is like the bones

- The sub-focuses are like the muscles and organs

- The details are like the skin

- If you have skin without the rest, there is no shape

 - The skin relies on the rest for its meaning/purpose

 - But the skin is essential to identify the person
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- Putting it back together
 - Once you have your focus, sub-focuses, and details it is time to determine the meaning
 - We will go over the meaning of dream elements in the next unit

 - Take the dream summary (reduced to its simplest form) and replace the metaphors with their meaning

 - Ask God, “Why did you give this dream to this dreamer?”



- The presence or absence of the answer to this question determines the impact of the interpretation

- Summarize the purpose of the dream in one sentence
 - God gave you this dream to show you what is to come...

 - God gave you this dream to show you what is in your heart...

 - God gave you this dream to warn you about something coming.
 - This is one of the applications of the Twenty Categories of Dreams²

- Interpret the dream in two or three sentences

² Taught in Module 4: Types of Revelation and Dreams, Streams Course: *Understanding Dreams & Visions*, and in the book *Twenty Categories of Dreams* written by Michael Wise based on John Paul Jackson's teachings. These resources are available at www.streamsministries.com.

- If the interpretation is too long you can lose the dreamer
 - Give them the main points and let them ask you questions
 - You don't have to explain every detail in the interpretation
- The goal of the interpretation is not to give them everything
 - You are creating a path for them to engage God for more
 - Leave room for them to have to seek God for the answer
- There may be parts of the dream that you won't understand but they will
 - Be okay with not understanding every detail as long as you have the main points
 - Dream interpretation is not Christian fortune-telling!



- Don't add to the dream
 - In the interpretation you give, every part should be supported by the dream
 - If you get further revelation that is not in the dream
 - Ask for permission before sharing it
 - Clarify the difference between the interpretation and the prophecy or application

The doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. ³³ Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.—Genesis 41:32–33

- Don't use an element of the dream as a metaphor to prophesy over the dreamer and call it dream interpretation

- Develop the skill of communicating revelation
 - It is much easier to get the sense of the meaning of a dream than to convey the interpretation so the dreamer can understand

 - Start by writing out your interpretations when you can
 - Review it to be sure it is clear

 - You didn't add to the dream

 - You communicated why God gave this dream to this dreamer

 - Practice saying it out loud to yourself or a friend
 - Get feedback and improve

- Read through the dream interpretations given by Daniel and Joseph in Scripture
 - What can you learn from how they interpreted those dreams?

 - What can you learn from the communication of the interpretation?

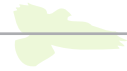
- Get feedback
 - The only way to grow is to hone your skills
 - Practice does not make perfect, practice makes permanent

- Find others that are pressing into dream interpretation and help each other
 - Recognize perspectives based on gifting
 - This can be helpful or it can cause mistakes
 - Dream interpretation reveals strongholds
 - Learn the difference between different interpretations and different ways of communicating them
 - We will discuss dream interpretation teams later

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Unit 2: Biblical Interpretive Process

The interpretive process you were taught in this course is based on an in-depth study of the dreams and parables in Scripture, especially ones that have interpretations with them. One of the best practices you can do to increase your ability to understand and interpret dreams is to study how God interprets them in Scripture.

Choose two dreams from Scripture that have interpretations and using the graphs on the following pages:

- Title them; find the theme; focus; sub-focus(es); details; and make a diagram for each of them.
- Write down what each of the elements mean next to the element in the diagram.
- Write out the interpretation in your own words without re-reading it in Scripture after you're done with the diagram.
- Ask Holy Spirit to teach you how to interpret dreams from this study.

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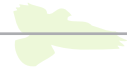
Next, choose two parables from the list below to diagram on the following pages. Choose at least one that is not explained in the passage. Ask Holy Spirit to let you read them as if you had never heard anyone teach on them before. Give each of them a title not found as a sub-heading in your Bible version. Write down the theme and diagram the focus, sub-focus(es), and details. Write out what each of the elements represent. Write out an interpretation for the parable. Ask yourself if you added to the parable. Is there any element or meaning that doesn't quite fit your interpretation? If so, ask God to show you the true meaning. When you have the right interpretation no element will feel like it doesn't quite fit or needs to stretch its meaning.

- Matthew 13:3–9; 18–23
- Matthew 13:24–30; 37–43
- Matthew 13:31–32
- Matthew 13:33
- Matthew 13:44
- Matthew 13:45–46
- Matthew 13:47–50
- Matthew 13:52

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UNIT 3

Valuing Dreams





Unit 3: Valuing Dreams

Once we recognize that God speaks through dreams we should develop habits that value dreams in the same way we value other revelation from God. Recording, studying, and reviewing our dreams will help us recognize themes God is communicating and grow in our capacity to receive, remember, and respond to Him.

Receive

- How can I have more dreams?
 - Ask

You do not have, because you do not ask.—James 4:2c

- Deal with blockages
 - Inner healing

- Healing from trauma

- Breaking inner vows
 - “I never want to dream again”

- Demolishing strongholds
 - “It’s just a dream”

- Unrepentant sin
 - How we treat and speak to others

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. —Ephesians 4:30



- Ignoring our conscience

They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. —Ephesians 4:18

- Especially forgiveness³

- Sleep quality

- Physical issues

- Chemical issues

- Some drugs

- Alcohol

- Some foods

³ R.T. Kendall wrote three great books on walking through issues of forgiveness: *Total Forgiveness*, *Totally Forgiving God*, and *How to Totally Forgive Ourselves*.

- Sleep rhythm

- Memory

- Memorize Scripture

- Our capacity to receive dreams (and other things from God) is influenced by our response to them

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. —Luke 16:10

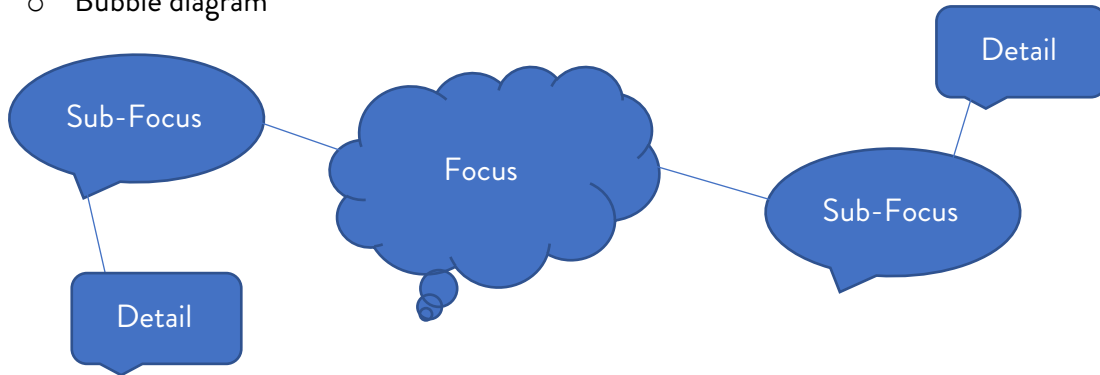
- What we focus on we make room for

- If we are faithful with what we have we will receive more

- Record your dreams
 - Write them down
 - Dreams are written in disappearing ink
 - Date them
 - Note themes in a way it is easy to find them again
 - You want to be able to find your dreams when you are prompted to
 - Categorize
 - If you record them electronically be sure you can search for key words or sort them by date

- Diagram your dreams to help understand them

- Bubble diagram



Title of Dream

Practice Diagramming Exercise

Use the next couple pages to diagram the following two dreams giving them a title and then finding the focus, sub-focus(es), and the details. If time permits, interpret the dreams as well.

Dream #1

Me and three other people were dead and we were in heaven (it felt like a happy place). We were at a reception desk giving our names so we could get in. We got in, sat down, and were talking and laughing.

Dream #2

I was in the ocean, saw a boat, and knew I had to get on it. I didn't see sharks but knew they were there. I was able to get on the boat, it was a speed boat and started moving very fast. Some waves crashed on the front of the boat but they were not very big. The boat took me to land and the person driving the boat was a man who I did not recognize but when we got to land he hugged me and kissed me and then left in the boat. I stayed on the land. I found my son who was quoting Scripture and then I woke up.

Dream Interpretation Teams

- Why interpret in teams?
 - Perspective
 - Mutual encouragement
 - Training and mentoring
 - Synergy releases greater effectiveness and impact

- Where can you use teams?
 - Streams events
 - After church services
 - Outreaches
 - Home groups

- What are the roles on a team?
 - Overseer
 - Role
 - Provides oversight and training
 - Qualifications
 - Evidence of Christian maturity as communicated in 1 Timothy 3:1–7 and Titus 5:1–9
 - Experience in dream interpretation
 - Host
 - Role
 - Makes people feel comfortable and administrates the flow



- Qualifications
 - Friendly and outgoing
 - Able to stay aware of the flow and direct people as needed
- Team leader
 - Role
 - Responsible for communicating dream interpretations to recipient
 - Provides feedback to team members
 - Qualifications
 - Experience in interpreting dreams
 - Evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in their life

- Team member
 - Role
 - Help interpret dreams
 - Intercede for impactful ministry
 - Qualifications
 - Basic understanding of dream interpretation
 - Hunger to grow and see other people hear from God



- Practical points
 - Dream interpretation teams are there to interpret dreams
 - It is not the time for counseling or deep ministry
 - Discuss with leadership beforehand how to handle situations where people need a little more ministry
 - Be aware of the surroundings
 - When there is a line be very time aware
 - Remember to pray
 - The point is to minister to the person

- Ask God for revelation

 - Step out and risk
- Don't add to the dream
- If you get a prophetic word or a revelation that is not the dream interpretation ask for permission
 - First, know if the leadership has released you to share it

 - If so, then ask the recipient
 - “This is not directly in the dream, but I feel like God has shared something with me, do you mind if I tell you?”



- Don't argue
 - If the team leader has a different understanding tell them quietly but don't tell the dreamer
 - What the team leader communicates stands, God knows who He calls
 - If the dreamer thinks the interpretation is wrong
 - Just apologize
 - You might be wrong
 - If you are right Holy Spirit is the one to convince them, not you!

- Communicate in the language of the dreamer
 - Don't use Christianese in a secular setting

- Trust God to use your offering of obedience to change lives

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Unit 3: Valuing Dreams

Every night as you go to sleep between now and the mentoring session prepare for sleep in peace. Let the last input into your spirit be either worship or Scripture. If you like noise on while you sleep play *I Am: 365 Names of God* by John Paul Jackson, *No Sleep for Dreamers* by Robert Windfield, or *Prophetic Ocean* by John Belt. Ask Holy Spirit to speak to you and surrender your spirit to Him. Ask Him to give you a dream or a vision as you sleep. Ask Him to wake you up as soon as you have a dream or a vision so that you can write it down.

When you wake up, write down anything you can remember from the night, even if you wake up in the middle of the night. Use the format on the dream recording pages¹ to capture the main points and essential themes that will help you understand the dream. Ask God to speak to you about the meaning.

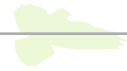
This will be continued in the homework for Unit 4 on the next page.

¹ As found in *Moments with God Dream Journal* by John Paul Jackson. Available at www.streamsministries.com

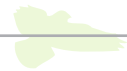
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UNIT 4

Dream Elements



Unit 4: Dream Elements

Streams Ministries offers these suggested meaning of dream elements as a starting place to engage Holy Spirit and ask what the element may mean in the particular dream it is found in. Elements can have multiple meanings and we strongly oppose “interpretive legalism” which says “this element always means this”. *But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.* (Psalm 115:3 NASB) Many elements can have a positive or a negative meaning based on the context of the dream.

Also, our interpretation of these elements is not intended as a criticism of other interpretations. They are based off of decades of Scripture study and practical dream interpretation by both John Paul Jackson and John E. Thomas. Those interpretations produced Godly fruit in the lives of tens of thousands of people as God bore witness to what He was saying.



People & Body Parts

People

- Is the person known to the dreamer?
 - What role do they have in waking life?
 - Leader
 - Prophetic figure
 - Teacher
 - Family members
 - Grandparents often represent generational issues
 - Especially when they are deceased in waking life
 - Father may be God

- Mother may be the church or Holy Spirit
- Brother or son may be Jesus
- Can be about that person
- Famous people
 - What characteristics are important?
 - What made them famous?
 - Movie stars may be a character they played
- What is their name?
 - Does it relate to a Biblical character?
 - Does it relate to a godly virtue (or ungodly)?
 - What is the inherent meaning of the name?

- Is the person unknown to the dreamer?
 - What role do they play in the dream?
 - Do they help or hinder the dream?
 - Faceless people
 - May be spiritual beings
 - Do they have a name in the dream?
 - More likely for the name to be the meaning

Hair

- Anointing
- Wisdom

Hands

- Right can be ability, strength, or faith to accomplish something
- Left can be something they are born to do
- Can represent relationship

Naked

- Transparent
- Vulnerable

Clothes

- Anointing or gifting
 - Coat can be mantle
 - Cultural clothing may be a calling to that culture
 - Swim clothes could be to move in the spirit

Teeth

- Comprehension

Side

- Vulnerable
- Relationship

Feet

- Ability to walk something out
- Spiritual walk

Buildings & Rooms

Airports

- Destiny
- Travel

Bars

- Alcohol is a spirit
 - Positive could be Holy Spirit
 - Negative could be false spirituality

Bathrooms

- Place of cleansing

Funeral Home

- Remembering someone
 - Grief
- Actual death

Hospitals

- Place of healing

House

- Where you live
 - Different aspects of someone's life

Office Building

- Workplace
- A spiritual office or position

Prison & Jails

- Bondage

Restaurants

- Place to receive spiritual food
 - Church or ministry that teaches

Rooms

- Bedroom could be intimacy or rest
- Living room could be social life
- Study could be private life or learning
- Kitchen could be preparing spiritual food
- Dining room could be hospitality
- Hallway could be transition
- Finding unknown rooms is often finding that there is more to who you are or what you have

School

- Place of learning

Shopping Malls

- Marketplace
- Ministry or church with multiple ministries in it

Stadium

- Large impact, many people

Doors

- Opportunities or hindrance
- Entrance to someplace else

Yards

- Front can be future
- Side can be present
- Back can be past or history

Animals & Creatures

Alligators

- Gossip or slander

Bears

- Destruction or judgement
- Teddy bear could be comfort or childhood

Birds

- Often spiritual beings
- Eagles could be prophetic or nations
- Dove could be Holy Spirit
- Carrion birds could be spirit of death or unclean spirits
- Robin could be sign of a new season, spring

Bugs

- Something that bugs or irritates

Cats

- Will or what someone wants
- Independent spirit or thinking

Cows

- Provision

Dogs

- Man's best friend
- Ungodly people
- Territorial spirit

Donkeys

- Burden bearer

Elephants

- Big impact
- Big ears (hearing)
- Big snout (discernment)

Frogs

- Unclean spirits or spirits of lust

Horses

- Power

Lions

- The Lion of Judah
- The enemy
- If more than one—pride

Monkeys

- Mocking spirit
- Addiction

Octopus

- Jezebel

Panthers

- Strong occult power

Rats

- Creature of darkness
- Feed off of garbage (sin)

Scorpions

- Demons

Sheep

- Righteous people, believers

Goats

- Unrighteous people
- Provision

Snakes

- Deception
- Demons

Spiders

- Witchcraft

Tiger

- Strong soulish issue

Wasps

- Demonic spirit
- Demonic attack

Whales

- Ministry or person with huge impact in the spirit

Wolves

- False teachers or false prophets

Objects & Implements

Arrows

- Children
- Curses
- Demonic attack

Books

- Learning or knowledge

Cameras

- Memory
- Capture vision or revelation

Cars

- Job or ministry
- Type of car may have meaning
 - Limo could be prosperity
 - Taxi could be paying to get there
 - Armored car is protection

- Bus is a ministry for more people, maybe church
- Semi-truck could be transport
- Tow truck helps broken down ministries or job issues
- Crashes or accidents are conflict

Computers

- Access information
- Communication
- Programming could be developing systems
- Operating systems

Guns

- Authority

Keys

- Access
- Revelation

Knives and swords

- Anything with a blade is often words

Rings

- Authority
- Covenant

Shoes

- Equipment or protection to walk something out

Trains

- Denominations
- Large corporations with many locations

Other Elements

Being Chased

- Intimidation
- Fear

Falling

- Out of control

Dancing

- Graceful movement
- Negative could be lust

Working Out

- Spiritual disciplines

Sports

- Ministry or spiritual activity
 - Team ministry

Flying

- Spiritual activity
- Overcoming circumstances

Dying

- Something is ending
 - Season of life
 - Relationship
 - Work
- Could be literal

Fishing

- Evangelism

Marriage

- Covenant
- Intimacy

Sleep Paralysis

- Demonic visitation

Music

- Worship
- If it is a known song the words could be a message

Plants

- Growth
 - Are they cultivated?
- Crops could be sowing and reaping or evangelism

Trees

- Leaders

Weather

- Spiritual activity

Earthquakes

- Shaking or disruption of normal



Tsunamis

- Overwhelming circumstances
 - Move of God
 - Or negative

Water

- Spiritual
 - Moving (living) water is often Holy Spirit
 - River could be revival
 - Contained water could be a spiritual community or community of people

Wordplays

- Common way for God to communicate

And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see an almond branch.” ¹²Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.”—Jeremiah 1:11–12

- A penny is one sent (cent)
- Coins can represent change

Numbers

- God uses numbers often in Scripture
 - Sometimes the numbers have literal meaning
 - Sometimes the numbers have symbolic meaning
- Paying attention to numbers can help us recognize what God is saying
 - In dreams numbers often have specific meaning
 - It may be the symbolism of the number
 - They may point to something
 - Three numbers together are often Scripture references
 - Look up that chapter and verse in various books to see if the Holy Spirit witnesses to any of them
 - Start with Isaiah, Psalms, and John
 - Watch for specific patterns of how God uses numbers for you
 - Strong's numbers
 - House numbers
 - Time of day
 - Day and month
 - Sometimes adding the numbers together can bring a meaning
 - Sometimes the numbers each have individual meaning



Number Dream Example

I had this dream on my birthday. I see all these numbers being formed and I hear a voice say that the number seven is a stacking number in heaven and angels use binary code. I knew I had to remember the numbers given to me:

778800110000

Interpretation:

Seven completes one thing and another starts, it stacks. Binary code is 0 and 1, yes and no. Seven stacks, what you learned from the last season sets a foundation for the next season. Each of these are sets of two numbers, two is the number of confirmation. Each of these is confirmed. 77 you have completed a season in your life. 88 you are starting a new season. In the last season you learned three things that don't work (00) and one thing that does work (11) and it was in the order shown.

There are times that we have to rely on revelation to get to the meaning. If we rely on what we have learned alone we will not get where God wants to take us!

NUMBER CHART

NUMBER	MEANING
1	God
2	Multiplication/Division
3	Godhead (Triune God)
4	God's creative works
5	Grace/redemption
6	Man
7	Perfection/completion
8	New beginnings (Teacher)
9	Judgment (Evangelist)
10	Journey/wilderness (Pastor)
11	Transition (Prophet)
12	Government (Apostle)
13	Rebellion
14	Double anointing
15	Reprieve/mercy
16	Established new beginnings
17	Election
25	Begin ministry training
30	Begin ministry
37	Firstborn/prime number (3x37=111)
40	Generation and completed rule
111	My Beloved Son
120	End of flesh
153	Kingdom multiplication
666	Full lawlessness
888	Resurrection
1500	Light, power, authority (same equivalent)

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Compare and Contrast

- Comparing one element to another possibility can help reveal why God chose that element
 - Why this and not that?
 - Why a minivan and not a sports car?
 - Why a commercial jet and not a two-seater propeller plane?
 - Why my mom's dad and not my dad's dad?
 - These questions help draw out nuance and deeper meaning of elements
 - Why did God use a bicycle and not a sedan?
 - If it is a bicycle it requires physical effort to get it where it is going
 - The speed is limited by the capacity of the rider
 - Only one person can get there in that vehicle
 - It is exposed to the elements
 - If it is a sedan there is an engine powering it
 - It can move faster
 - More than one person can ride
 - It is protected from the elements
 - There is less of a sense of accomplishment

Compare and Contrast Dream Example

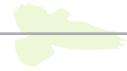
I was on the third floor of the home I grew up in and it is all dark. I tried to turn on the light but the bulbs are broken, only the lights outside are working, inside it is total darkness. As I am about to replace the light bulbs with new ones I wake up.

- Why was it the home the dreamer grew up in and not their current home?
- Why was it the third floor and not the second or the first?
- Why is it the bulbs that need changed and not the electricity turned on or a fuse reset?
- Why are the lights outside working but not the lights inside? How would the dream change if there were no lights working?

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Unit 4: Dream Elements

Ask God to highlight two or three short dreams that you have had, preferably since the last class, though they can be from earlier.

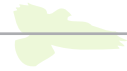
- Choose dreams that have one scene.
- Using the dream recording graphs provided, write in the information at the top and then diagram your dream on the page.
- Using a different color pen or pencil write the meaning of each of the elements in the diagram.
- At the bottom of the page write out the interpretation of the dream.
- Bring these with you to the mentoring session so we can discuss them and answer any questions you may have from them.

Bring at least two or three short dreams that you have had for us to practice on to the mentoring session.

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Prophetic Lifestyle

An emotionally healthy prophetic lifestyle? Is that even possible? Yes! Come learn practical skills that will increase your effectiveness in prophetic ministry. Uncover cycles that can hinder the prophetic and track down ancient paths of communion with God. This module brings specific, practical application of the prophetic to family life, outreach, and the marketplace.

Unit 1: What is Emotionally Healthy Prophetic?

Unit 2: Prophetic Community

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Unit 4: Emotionally Healthy Skills for Prophetic Ministry Part 2

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UNIT 1

What is Emotionally Healthy Prophetic?





Unit 1: What is Emotionally Healthy Prophetic?

Peter Scazzero said, “It is impossible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature.”¹ Our spirituality is seen in our character, relationships, and lifestyle. This directly effects how the prophetic gift is expressed. The path to maturity is found in our capacity to love well, which is the key to effective prophetic ministry!

How is Your Love Life?

Union with God

- The new creation (being born again) is defined by union with God

But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.—1 Corinthians 6:17

- Being one with God transforms us, we take on His nature

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.—Romans 8:29–30

¹ Peter Scazzero has given me permission to use the term Emotionally Healthy and helped to develop some of the concepts we will teach in this Module. Visit www.emotionallyhealthy.org for more information and resources, especially the book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*.

- God is love so our connection with Him makes us more loving

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.—1 John 4:7–8

- This directly affects how we operate in spiritual gifting

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.—1 Corinthians 13:1–3

- The work of discipleship is working out the practical implications of this reality in every aspect of our lives

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.—Galatians 5:25 The Message Bible



Discipleship and a Contemplative Lifestyle

- The pressures of this world system are too great to battle without a complete life change

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

—Romans 12:1–2

- This world pushes us to:
 - Hurry
 - Choose things over people
 - Judge and separate from others
 - Be selfish and self-centered
 - Fear other peoples' opinions and feelings over God's
 - Force our way in life
 - Prove our value or strength

- Christianity is essentially counter-cultural and radical shift in our daily practices

- Contemplative Christianity provides a path sufficiently God-centered to resist these influences
 - A life of prayer
 - Regular times to commune with God throughout the day

Pray without ceasing.—1 Thessalonians 5:17

- Spiritual disciplines²
 - Especially silence, solitude, meditation, service, and fellowship

² Revisit *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster from Module 1 homework.



- Sabbath
 - The four essential elements of a sabbath are:
 - Stop
 - Rest
 - Contemplate
 - Delight
 - As our lives become more God-centered this will affect all of our lives
 - Social
 - Economic
 - Emotional
 - Spiritual

Five Keys to Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (and Prophetic)³

- Look beneath the surface
 - We need to be aware of what is going on in our soul
 - This helps us to grow discernment and be more aware of God moving our soul
 - St Augustine wrote: “Grant Lord, that I may know myself that I may know Thee.”
 - Turn our hearts to God in prayer and ask Him to show us our hearts

*Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!—Psalm 139:23*

³ These five parts are explained in *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Pete Scazzero. I have adapted them to relate to prophetic functions.

- Break the power of the past
 - We need inner healing and deliverance
 - Forgiveness and repentance
 - Generational issues
 - Judgements and vows
 - Family and cultural strongholds
 - Unlearn family patterns
 - Relational
 - Spiritual
 - Cleansing of spiritual activity

- Live in brokenness and vulnerability
 - Absolute honesty requires brokenness
 - Being vulnerable about our weakness makes us approachable
 - The difference between being transparent and vulnerable
 - Being vulnerable shares the testimony before you have the victory
 - Helps us not need to exaggerate spiritual experiences
 - Allows us to not force our revelations on others

- Receive the gift of limits
 - We are not responsible to fix or save others
 - Can we say no and not feel guilty?
 - Parker Palmer said, “Self-care is not selfish, it is merely good stewardship of the only gift we have to give, ourselves.”
 - Does God determine our agenda or do people’s needs?
 - Jesus left a line of sick and tormented people to go out to pray
 - When His disciples wanted Him to go back to the need He replied, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” (Mark 1:38)



- We will not always have a “word” about every situation
 - Will we break free of other’s expectations and just be ourselves?
 - Will we compare our revelation or gifting with other’s gifting?
 - At the root of this is our trust in God
 - Did He really give us what we need for everything He wants us to do?
 - Is He really good, or are we better (more caring, compassionate, understanding of people’s needs)?

- Embrace grieving and loss
 - Unprocessed grief clogs our soul and the flow that God releases gets polluted
 - It can steal faith
 - It can cause our hearts to sleep
 - When you tell your heart to be silent, sooner or later it will
 - This doesn't just affect pain—it affects hopes, dreams, and excitement

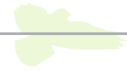
- The pain we experience has the potential to expand our soul to contain more of God
 - No matter what we go through, God can use it to bring about good

*We know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.—Romans 8:28*

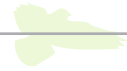
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Unit 1: What is Emotionally Healthy Prophetic?

Take the Emotionally Healthy Church assessment

Take your time and answer as honestly as possible. You don't have to share the results with anyone else. This is for your understanding and to help you plan how to grow in the future.

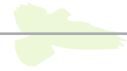
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Prophetic Community





Unit 2: Prophetic Community

Prophetic ministry is supposed to operate in the context of community. This helps prophetic people stay healthy and helps increase the potential impact of prophetic ministry. Too often prophetic people are trying to figure out how the church fits into their gift instead of how they fit into the church!

Healthy Perspectives

Prophetic ministry is only one part of the Body of Christ

- Every place there is a list of spiritual gifts Paul uses the metaphor of a body
 - Each gift has its own role and purpose that helps the health of the body

- Each gift needs the rest of the body to have life and purpose
 - 1 Corinthians 12

 - Romans 12

 - Ephesians 4

- The church is called to represent God and make disciples
 - Every gift finds its function within that commission

- Understanding the “grace gifts” or “five-fold ministry”

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.—Ephesians 4:1–16

- The people are gifts given by God to the church
- Their role is to equip the church to do ministry

- Unity of the gifts leads to unity of the church
 - Ephesians 4:4 vision given to John Paul Jackson

- The gifts carry grace from Christ
 - Five aspects of redemption and the five “grace gifts”
 - Incarnation—teacher
 - Sinless life—pastor/shepherd
 - Innocent death—evangelist
 - Resurrection—prophet
 - Ascension—apostle

 - All are essential for the full expression of Christ’s person and work



We are here to serve the church

- Those that are called to greater authority are called to greater service

Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”—
Mark 10:42–45

- The path to authority is paved by serving others
 - Ministry comes from the Greek word *diakonia*
 - To render assistance or help by performing certain duties, often of a humble or menial nature.⁴
- A constant enemy to prophetic movements has been elitism

⁴ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 459). New York: United Bible Societies.

- Gifts don't make the recipient special
 - Hearing from God in certain ways does not necessarily make someone closer to God
 - God does not remove the gift even when someone walks away from Him

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

—Romans 11:29

- A “higher calling” should not exalt someone but cause them to fall in humility
 - The greater the calling the deeper the purifying work that needs to be agreed with
- Prophetic people need other gifts to temper them and help their weaknesses

- The different roles within the body are all essential

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.—1 Corinthians 12:21–25

- “If you are raising the dead or taking a nap, if you are doing what God said the pay is the same.” Paraphrase of a quote from Bob Jones

- We are being shaped to fit together so we can hold God’s glory

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.—1 Peter 2:4–5

Ministry through relationships

- Ministry was never intended to be one person alone

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.—Luke 10:1

- Paul had a large team that travelled with him

Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.—Philippians 4:3

- Team ministry allows more to happen
 - Different perspectives and giftings reveals more of who God is
 - The apostles sent Barnabas and Paul together and then added Judas and Silas to say the same thing in a different way (Acts 15:25–27)



- There is a mutual encouragement that happens
 - There is strength to withstand spiritual attacks in unity

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.—Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

- When gifts mix synergy increases effectiveness exponentially!

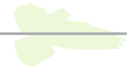
Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand.—Leviticus 26:8

- A mutual impartation occurs

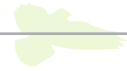
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Unit 2: Prophetic Community

This exercise was developed by John Paul Jackson and is included in *The Art of Hearing God*.

Interview Your Pastor

For this assignment you will interview your pastor in order to gain a pastoral or leadership perspective about prophetic ministry. If your pastor does not embrace the revelatory gifts of the Holy Spirit, you may interview another pastor. Do the interview individually or with a small group, as several members of your local church may be attending this class at the same time.

Student: _____

Pastor: _____

Church: _____

Date: _____

Please ask your pastor the following questions:



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1. Do you believe, in general, that healthy prophetic (revelatory) ministry can help the Church?

In what ways?

2. What are three signs of a healthy prophetic (revelatory) ministry?

3. What are three signs of an unhealthy prophetic (revelatory) ministry?

4. What are some of the historical fears pastors have about prophetic ministry operating in their church?



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5. Have you or your church ever been hurt by prophetic ministry?

In what ways?

6. How may I be of help to you and this church?

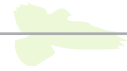
7. What are some positive things you have seen in me as I am used by the Lord with this spiritual gift?

8. Are there areas in my life that I need to work on to improve my gift's effectiveness?

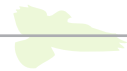
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UNIT 3

Emotionally Healthy Skills for
Prophetic Ministry Part 1



Unit 3: Emotionally Healthy Skills for Prophetic Ministry Part 1

Loving well requires certain skills and few of us had those modeled to us by our families of origin or from our experience in church and ministry. Those skills should be learned, developed, and practiced. We are going to explore some of the skills developed by Pete and Geri Sazzero as taught in Emotionally Healthy Relationships⁵ but adapted to apply to prophetic ministry.

Mind Reading is not a Prophetic Gift

Hearing God versus accusing people

- Reading someone's soul⁶
 - Revelation does not give you permission to tell people what they think, want, or feel

⁵ These and other Emotionally Healthy resources can be found at www.emotionallyhealthy.org.

⁶ We teach about this in depth in Module 2: New Creation Realities: Walking in the Spirit. More information can be found at www.streamstraining.com.

- Our communication of revelation should not violate relationship
 - Would I say this to this person if I perceived it naturally?

 - Have I asked permission?
 - Do you think this, feel this way, want this?

 - They have the freedom to not let us in

 - We have the capacity to be wrong and miss it

- When revelation violates relationship it is the fast track to spiritual abuse
 - Two constant ministries in heaven—intercession and accusation
 - Deciding what is going on in another person is dangerous!



- If we are wrong we could be “bearing false witness”
 - One of the 10 Commandments

- The enemy loves to accuse others and will amplify spiritual communication that points out what is wrong
 - Always bring it back to relationship with God, “What do You say about this?”
 - This is why we need to deal with our own soul
 - Jealousy can sound like “discernment”

 - Fear can sound like a warning

 - What fruit does it bear in us?
 - Condemnation versus conviction regarding the other person

- Manipulation or invitation?

- It is too easy to assume and think it is revelation
 - Are we seeing the person through our eyes or God's eyes

 - We tend to see others in the same light we see ourselves

 - What we see in others often reveals the judgements we carry about ourselves
 - In other words, we tend to think others will act the way we would act if we were in their circumstance

Clarify Expectations

Leadership to the body and the prophetic

- Pastoring prophetic people can be difficult but clear expectations help significantly!
 - What should people do with the revelation they feel they have?
 - What kind of words should be submitted to leadership before being released?
 - Who on leadership do they take them to?
 - How should people respond when someone shares a “word” with them?

- Have we set the expectation that all revelation will be judged?

*Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.—1
Corinthians 14:29*

*Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good.—1
Thessalonians 5:20–21*

- When should people expect the leadership to clarify what they believe is God and what is not?



Prophetic to the leadership and body

- Explain the limits of prophetic ministry and the specific ways your gift does and does not operate
 - Some people get more personal prophecy and others more corporate words

 - Some are more gifted at revelation and less on interpretation
 - Who can help with that?

 - Some are better at application

 - One who still deals with fear of rejection may be tempted to exaggerate or fake revelation when put on the spot

- Prophecy doesn't speak to every issue every time

- Some are more called to outside ministry (workplace, government, etc.) while others are more called to the church

- Are you good at mentoring or teaching?
 - If not don't let yourself be put in those situations

- Does the leadership want you to help people process revelation?
 - Are you able and equipped to do that?

Spiritual Genogram

- A genogram is a diagram that helps you recognize patterns in generational issues over 3 to 4 generations in your family of origin
 - A spiritual genogram focuses on your spiritual family
 - It will help you recognize strengths and weaknesses
 - Highlight dominant gifts
 - Easily see patterns that may help or hinder your spiritual growth
 - The main parts of a spiritual genogram
 - How you came to the Lord

- What is your testimony?
 - In a meeting or outside church?

- Who led you to the Lord?
 - Was there a difficulty you were going through that led you to find help?

- The church you were disciplined in the first few years of knowing Him
 - Denomination or church history
 - How did it start?
 - Move of God

- Key leader
 - What were they known for?
 - Primary spiritual gifts
 - Focus of teaching/leadership
 - Strengths and weaknesses
- How long ago did the church/denomination start?
- What activities did they celebrate?
- What activities did they denigrate (talk against)?

- What was it like when you were being disciplined?
 - Was the church different than it was when it began?

 - Key leaders
 - What were they known for?
 - Primary spiritual gifts

 - Focus of teaching/leadership

 - Strengths and weaknesses

 - Did you experience any church splits/conflict?
 - Did any happen that you weren't aware of at the time?



- How did you leave (if you left) and why?
 - Were you blessed in going?
 - Do you still have relationship there?
- What activities did they celebrate?
- What activities did they denigrate (talk against)?
- Major influences in your spiritual walk
 - Were you disciplined by someone outside of that local church?
 - Were you connected to a parachurch ministry?

- What are/were they known for?
 - Primary spiritual gifts
 - Focus of teaching/leadership
 - Strengths and weaknesses

- What denomination or movement did they come from?
 - How did they leave (if they did) and why?
 - Were they blessed in going?
 - Do they still have relationship there?

- How did you leave (if you left) and why?
 - Were you blessed in going?
 - Do you still have relationship there?



- What activities did they celebrate?

- What activities did they denigrate (talk against)?

- Repeat this for all major influences

- Recognize patterns
 - Have you repeated any patterns from your influences in your own life/walk?

 - Based on this exercise, do you see why you:
 - Value or devalue certain things?

 - Appreciate or feel uncomfortable around certain people or activities?

- What spiritual allergies do you have from your past?
 - Uncomfortable around manifestations?
 - Expect gifted people to carry the weight for everyone?
 - Feel less important or gifted than others with particular gifts?
 - What else?

- What strengths do you carry, what value do you bring because of your past?
 - Greater discernment?
 - Value for Scripture?
 - What else?

- Find judgements and vows and bring them to the Cross
 - Repent for judgement
 - Identificational repentance
 - Break vows (I do not agree with this)
 - Ask God to forgive and to cleanse (1 John 1:9)
 - Ask God to remove any effects of this from your spirit, soul, and body
- What is missing in your spiritual growth that you could add?

Explore Your Iceberg

- Most of an iceberg is underneath the surface of the water and cannot be seen from the surface
 - It is easy to see how our soul moves on the surface
 - This is the fruit of what is happening below the surface
 - We need to bring all of our soul to God, the visible and the hidden parts, to be healed
 - We discussed a prayer strategy for this starting on page 9 of this manual
 - This reiterates the need for inner healing
 - All of the soul must be brought to death so that God can breathe resurrection life into it



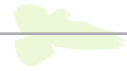
- As this happens the spirit rules over the soul

- Our self-awareness directly affects how we operate in spiritual gifting and our level of discernment
 - If we ignore parts of our soul we will ignore when God speaks to us through them

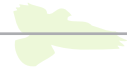
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Re-read the notes from this section (page 27) and answer the questions from your perspective.

Be sure to spend extra time on the **Spiritual Genogram** (page 34) and write out the answers to the questions!

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Pastor Interview Evaluation

(Circle your responses)

1. Overall, what type of experience did you have with the interview?

Changed my life

Very good

Good

Fair

Discouraging

Poor

Never again

2. How did you respond to the things the pastor said in the meeting about you?

Surprised

Pleased

Puzzled

Offended

Humbled

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3. Did you learn something about how pastors perceive things?

Very much

A little

Nothing

Thought I'd learn more

4. Did this meeting help you understand why the pastor responds to you the way he or she does?

Completely changed my perspective

Very much

A little

Nothing changed

Thought I'd learn more

Not enough time



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5. What were two things you learned about yourself?

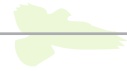
6. What were two things you learned about your pastor?

7. What were two things you learned about the Church?

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Emotionally Healthy Skills for
Prophetic Ministry Part 2





Unit 4: Emotionally Healthy Skills for Prophetic Ministry Part 2

Incarnational Listening

How we listen to others will be how we listen to God

- Our love for God is seen most clearly in how we treat other believers

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.—1 John 4:20

- This spiritual principle applies to how we listen
 - Do we listen only when it is convenient for us?
 - We will listen to God when it is convenient for us
 - Do we only hear what we want to hear?

- We will tend to only hear from God what we are expecting or wanting to hear

- Do we pretend to listen but not really pay attention to the other person?
 - We will miss much of what God really wants to say

- Are we only listening to figure out how to respond?
 - We will miss God's heart and insert our prayer requests

- When we hear someone's story of joy or pain do we automatically tell one of our own stories that is better or worse than theirs?
 - We will consider our plans and situations as more important than what is on God's heart

 - We will have a tendency to turn what He says to always be about us

- Truly listening is one of the greatest gifts we can give
 - It values the other person
 - We are willing to get out of ourselves and enter their world
 - It is an act of humility and love
 - This is what Jesus did in the incarnation
 - He left His world and entered ours
 - That is why this is called incarnational listening

- It reveals a compassion towards others
 - Sometimes just being heard and known brings healing
 - It breaks the lie of isolation and loneliness the enemy tries to establish in human hearts
- Hear someone's story, especially their pain and shame, without judging
 - Offer the forgiveness Jesus' offers
 - See their value over their weakness and mistakes
 - Call them into God's dream for them
 - This changes the path to despair the enemy is taking them on
 - This is prophetic—we are representing Jesus in that moment!

- What is the right way to listen?
 - Pay attention
 - Avoid distractions or remove them
 - If you are not able to do that in that moment set another time to talk
 - Be honest!
 - Keep eye contact
 - Watch their body language

- Ask God what their heart is saying
 - Sometimes what is coming out of someone's mouth is not what they really want to say
 - Maybe they don't know how to give it words
 - Perhaps they are ashamed or afraid to be that honest
 - Listen with your spirit, soul, and body (ears and eyes)
 - You are not trying to pry into their soul
 - You are trying to connect with them



- Seek true understanding
 - Understanding and agreement are not the same thing
 - Don't decide if you agree or not until you understand!
 - Telling someone where you don't agree before you really understand puts the other person on the defensive
 - If they are defensive they are not open
 - If they are not open and you try to give them something from God they won't receive it

- The only way to know if you understand is to ask
 - I heard you say..., is that what you meant?
 - Reflect back to them what you heard from them
 - Not just their words but their heart
 - See if they recognize their heart in it
 - If not, ask them to explain in different words
 - Don't try to convince them that what you are sensing is right, you may be wrong



- Once there is true understanding it is possible to offer a solution
 - Be sure you have permission from both God and the other person
 - “May I make a suggestion?”

 - “Do you mind if I share something I am sensing with you?”

 - Don’t use this opportunity to convince them of your position
 - What is God saying, thinking, feeling about what they shared?

 - If they revealed a lie or stronghold, *and you have permission*, speak to it

- This is where prophetic deliverance and declarations to destroy strongholds carry great power if you have the authority to use them
 - What is God's truth about that lie?
 - Do you need to point out the lie or stronghold?
 - Or just speak the truth into it?
 - Is there time and opportunity for deeper ministry?
 - If not, is it appropriate to suggest that?
 - Your goal is not to fix people, it is to love people
 - You are not the savior, Jesus is
- Don't allow an overinflated view of your role to spoil the moment



- Sometimes the worst thing you can do is offer a solution

- When you are done, the question that needs answered is this:
 - Do they feel loved by God through you?

- The question is not:
 - Do they think you are gifted or wise?

 - Did you convince them?

- The other side of listening is speaking
 - Take ownership for your own thoughts, feelings, and desires
 - Don't apply them to others

- Use “I” statements

- This applies to revelation
 - “I had a thought I think is from God”

 - “I have this feeling, is this accurate?”



Ladder of Integrity

- Every person has a unique personality that is intended to reveal something about God
 - That personality comes with unique gifts, perspectives, and values
 - When our lives are not in sync with who we are something feels “off”
 - The word integrity means to be the same inside as we are outside
 - When we walk in integrity we choose and speak according to our unique shape
- The ladder of integrity helps us recognize what is “off”

- It is not a conflict resolution tool, it is a conflict clarification tool
 - It helps us to see where the conflict is
 - If it is internal or external
- Unhealed prophetic people have a tendency to see conflict as spiritual warfare
 - “They” are disagreeing with us because they are:
 - Not as spiritual
 - Being used by the enemy
 - Resisting Holy Spirit



- Fallen humanity has a tendency to apply all sin to others—blame-shifting

The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

—Genesis 3:12–13

- If we are not absolutely honest when we don’t act in love we will find a reason that someone else is at fault
 - They treated me badly, they are the reason I hold unforgiveness
 - They resisted Holy Spirit (didn’t listen to my prophetic word) so I had to leave that church
- The ladder of integrity in relationship to the prophetic person
 - The goal of the ladder is to discover what is going on inside my soul and spirit

- We are asking God to bring the sword of the Spirit to “pierce to the division of soul and of spirit” (Hebrews 4:12)

- Pete and Geri Scazzero teach this as a relational tool to inform a conversation with another person
 - That is important and we would highly suggest learning to use the tool in that way

 - I have modified it to relate to the prophetic and discerning soul from spirit

- Walking the ladder of integrity
 - The issue that is bothering me right now is...

 - The actions that I took that are related to this are...

 - What I feel I need from this issue is...

- I hope and look forward to...

- When should you do this exercise? When you:
 - Feel upset or insecure over a decision or situation
 - From yourself or from others

 - Feel angst in a relationship

 - Feel warfare or resistance in the spiritual realm

 - Find your heart not being as passionate about a relationship, church, or ministry

 - Believe that conflict resolution is the next step in a situation



Clean Fighting

- Conflict is inevitable in relationship unless at least one person is lying
 - Conflict resolution is essential to maintain healthy relationships
 - Not resolving conflict is the reason many people leave churches
 - They ignore what is going on in their heart
 - When we do that our hearts start to detach from those that hurt us
 - We feel distance and decide it must be the other person's fault
 - We leave and try to find more “loving” people
 - This cycle repeats until we become honest

- “No matter where you go, there you are.” Yogi Berra

- Often our souls will create a “revelation” that supports our decision to leave⁷

- When we are dishonest with our hearts we will judge someone
 - Either ourselves or the other person/people
 - Both agree with the accuser

 - We need to develop “clean fighting” skills

 - Take the small group course *Emotionally Healthy Relationships* by Pete and Geri Scazzero⁸

- Clean fighting for prophetic people

⁷ See *Module 2: New Creation Realities: Walking in the Spirit*

⁸ *Emotionally Healthy Relationships and other Emotionally Healthy Resources can be found at www.emotionallyhealthy.org.*



- Remove “God said” from all conflict resolution
 - Be humble and let God speak to them

- Realize there are always two sides to every conflict
 - We can’t do anything about their side but we are responsible for ourselves
 - Self-control, not other-control, is a fruit of the Spirit

 - What is it in me that would allow them to think that of me?

*When a man’s ways please the LORD,
he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.—Proverbs 16:7*

- Even in the midst of false accusation we turn our hearts to the Lord

*A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding
than a hundred blows into a fool.—Proverbs 17:10*

- In every situation ask Him what He is saying through it
- Receive what He says and refuse what He does not
 - Be humble enough to hear God when He speaks through a donkey but be wise enough to not keep going back for more



Rule of Life

The first rule of life was written by the desert fathers (possibly by St. Basil) but the most well-known was written by St. Benedict. A rule of life is a plan for what will be allowed and what won't be allowed in one's life to promote spiritual growth. A common picture is a trellis, we need spiritual disciplines in our life to support our growth.

- A rule of life can be general or specific to an area we want to grow
 - A general rule of life would include areas like:
 - Relational
 - Rest
 - Work
 - Spiritual or prayer

- A rule of life includes areas of engagement and abstinence
 - Things you will do and things you won't do

- We are going to discuss a rule of life regarding the prophetic

- A prophetic rule of life
 - Spiritual disciplines
 - Which spiritual disciplines do you need to sensitize your spirit to His voice?
 - Fasting can help order your will

 - Giving can help order your emotions

 - Meditation and study can help order your mind



- Silence and solitude can help sensitize your conscience

- Worship can help sensitize communion

- Service and submission can help sensitize wisdom
 - These aren't the only correlations

- What activities are distractions?
 - Fast anything you have inordinate affection or desire for
 - Social media

 - Entertainment

 - Certain relationships

- What keeps you from spending time with God?
 - Since I started this I find I have less time for prayer...

- Areas that need healing
 - When there is fruit, follow it to the root

 - Who can help you find that healing?
 - Counselor

 - Inner healing

 - Mentor or spiritual director



- What skills need developed?
 - Relational skills
 - Communication skills
 - Interpretation skills
 - Application
- Create space for rest
 - Leave room for God to interrupt
- The goal is to order your life around God
 - Pray without ceasing!

- Remain mindful of His presence

- Different seasons of life and ministry require different rules of life
 - Find the rhythm you are in now and agree with it
 - Times of activity and times or rest

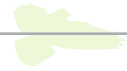
 - Is God hiding you or pushing you into greater visibility?
 - How can you agree with that?

- As you make more room for God and develop a greater attentiveness to His presence you will hear Him more clearly and consistently!

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Write out a rule of life for your use of prophetic giftings using the format suggested on pages 67–72.

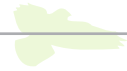
Find at least one other person and take the **Emotionally Healthy Relationship** course together. This course describes each of the skills mentioned and teaches you how to use them in your life to improve communication which strengthens relationships!

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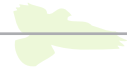
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