

THE GOOD FIGHT

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Processing Your Prophetic Words

Habakkuk 2:2 (Amp. Bible)

Then the Lord answered me and said, "Write the vision and engrave it plainly on (clay) tablets so that the one who reads it will run."

1Tim. 1:18 (Amp. Bible)

This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with prophecies previously made concerning you. So that (inspired and aided) by them you may fight the good fight...

Your prophetic words are so important. They are ground you can stand on in the heat of battle against the enemy. They remind you of who God says you are, and often, where He is taking you. That is why we record them and write them out. If you are not able to record them, as soon as the prophet is through giving it, write down everything you can remember of it. At least make bullet points to jog your memory later. It seems so clear at that moment that you think you will always remember it, but that is not what happens. It fades quickly.

When you get a prophetic word, you will weigh it first. Does it line up with the Bible? Does it line up with the nature of God? Does it resonate with the Holy Spirit inside you? Does it align with what God is doing in your life? Do you have a peace about the word? If you have any question, check with a trusted advisor. After you judge it, then begin to treat it as a word of the Lord for your life.

You will want to start by typing them into your computer, double spaced so you can pick things out easier. Make a couple copies of each word so you can keep the original clean and accessible in your Bible.

Then, read all your words through once in one setting. Don't stop to ponder or pray yet. You are looking for the overall picture. Common threads and themes may jump off the pages. You may also see a progression happening, and hopefully how far you have come and matured.

Next start to dissect them:

Depending on how many words you have, you might want to number them from top to bottom on the page and do it like a spread sheet with different columns along the top for each item you will be comparing. Some people just do it on a separate sheet of notebook paper for each word and compare them at the end. Do it however it feels best for you.

1. Pick out the major theme(s) in each word. There is usually a phrase about what He is establishing in you, such as mentoring, business, travel. Some prophetic words may have more than one theme.
2. If a word or phrase is used more than one time in your word, note how many times. If a specific word or phrase is used in several of your words, it speaks of God's intentionality and that it is going to come about quickly if you activate it.
3. Highlight all the descriptive words: all the adjectives and adverbs, such as courageously, or sensitive. Journal what these words mean to you specifically. You can look them up in the dictionary and possibly expand your understanding. He does not use words lightly. They are targeted just for you.
4. If Biblical characters or scripture were in your word or came to mind while reading over your word, dialogue with God about it. Research it and ask God, ask how that person or scripture relates to you and your walk. What part is he putting a spot light on?
5. What is His intentionality? List any promises, blessings, or gifts given to you.
6. Are there any new identities He is pulling forward in you? Is there an impartation spoken of? Align your lifestyle with that and change your thinking.
7. Is there a mandate or action spoken of? What is your intention concerning that?
8. Strategy: What steps do you intend to take to activate this word (or words)? What will you explore in your faith, character, and personality? What must drop off because it is not congruent with where God is taking you? Does there need to be an upgrade in the quality of your relationships or lifestyle? Write down some steps, even if they are baby steps; things you can do daily or weekly towards your destiny.
9. Write the word out in bullet points. Pray over it and give thanks.
10. Meditate on it. Use your sanctified imagination to see it, visualize it. What emotions would come in walking it out? How would it make Jesus feel? How would it affect those in your sphere of influence?
11. Write a crafted prayer, one that is thought out and intentional. (See below or on a separate sheet on how to do that.) Prepare declarations from your Prophetic word that you will stand on in the heat of battle. Speak them over yourself on a regular basis and the enemy will not show up as often.

Example of a prophetic word given to Karissa at the Mission Church in 2010:

"There is a teacher in you. And the Lord wants you to come to a place. I sense you have held back, that you have stayed back; that you like to hide behind stuff. God says, "I am pulling you out." Can't hide any longer... It is God in you anyway...You need to just walk. The Lord has no part in the fearful. So, all fear and inadequacies and intimidation go. In His name and by His

power, I give you the power of courage and boldness. I have a very firm and solid place for you. I am establishing you and will establish you more in the days ahead. Take your place.”

Dissection:

1. Theme: a coming out to an established place
2. Repeated words or phrases:
 - a. Held back; hide (2)
 - b. Fear (2)
 - c. Establish (2)
3. Descriptive words: fearful
4. Scripture that came to mind: Is. 43:17
5. Promises: I am pulling you out, I am establishing you, I have a very firm and solid place for you
6. Impartation: I give you the power of courage and boldness
7. Mandate/Action: You need to just walk; take your place
8. Strategy steps: come out of hiding; don't allow fear but be bold and courageous at every opportunity; let inadequacy and intimidation go; be established and solidly planted
9. Bullet Points:
 - Teacher in you
 - He is taking you somewhere
 - You have held back, hid behind things
 - God is pulling you out
 - God is in you
 - Just walk
 - All fear and inadequacy go
 - Given the power of courage and boldness
 - Have a firm, solid place for you
 - Establishing you, Take your place

Writing a Crafted Prayer, by Graham Cooke

- Begin with thanksgiving and worship.
- Come to stillness inside - prepare your heart to listen to God.
- Clarify and simplify the current area for crafted prayer.
- Ask the Lord to show you what He wants to accomplish in the situation.
- Ask to be shown what is the desire and prayer of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Gather the thoughts and words that God gives you - write them down
- Bring your list of thoughts and words to the Lord and pray for further clarification. Write down any further insights you receive.

- Enter that place of stillness and craft a prayer that contains the key words and phrases you have received.
- Take your completed crafted prayer back to the Lord for clarification.
- Move into a time of proclamation of what God will do.
- Accept the fact that God will do things in His own time and way.
- As God leads you, continue to pray and proclaim with confidence what God has shown you until resolution comes.

If you have some Prophetic words from the past, you might want to pull them back out and re-examine them. How did you steward them? Did you do your part? Sometimes it is a matter of God's timing. It just wasn't time yet. Other times, you didn't develop the character needed to have the word fulfilled. He is not going to give you something that you can't handle rightly or that will hurt others.

To wrap this up... Follow through is the key to Break thru:

This is just a place to start. Read your prophetic words and the declarations you wrote out loud and often. When you speak God's words, they have creative power. You hear it with your ears, but since sound is vibration, you also hear with your bones. Let your bones resonate with what God has said! It will minister to your physical body as well.

Live present-future by pulling on the favor, authority and influence of a future promise, pull it into your present situation. You are living from who God says you are and the outcome is sure.

Don't forget to make any preparations that may be helpful to your destiny. Take a class, hang with someone already doing what God is calling you to, ask them what steps they took, sow financially into it and begin saving toward a startup.

Ask God for opportunities to develop the character traits needed for where He is taking you. And ask Him to help you recognize it when they come. Taking baby steps will make a big difference down the road.

This is just the tip of the iceberg concerning what God is bringing us for growth. Make the most of every tool and He gives you.