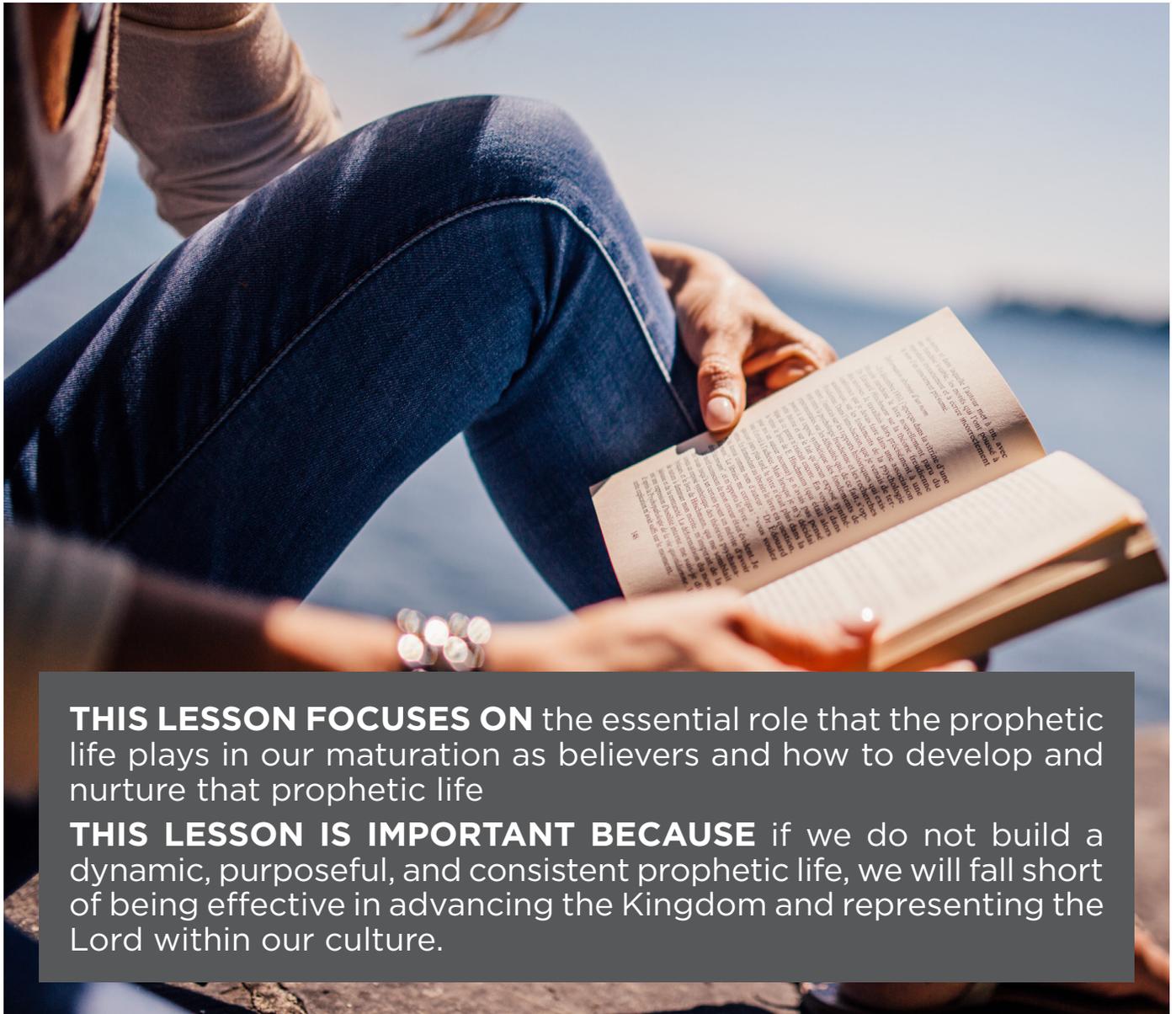


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Fueling the Prophetic Life

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THIS LESSON FOCUSES ON the essential role that the prophetic life plays in our maturation as believers and how to develop and nurture that prophetic life

THIS LESSON IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE if we do not build a dynamic, purposeful, and consistent prophetic life, we will fall short of being effective in advancing the Kingdom and representing the Lord within our culture.

CASE STUDY:

A young believer in your church is seeking to grow in God but is not sure what practical things she should do. She asks you to help her by telling her specifically what you do for devotions and how often.

CASE STUDY REFLECTIONS:

How would you answer her question? Do you think your “program” for devotions would be helpful to a new believer? Why or why not?

MAKE YOUR CASE:

What do you rely on to “fuel” your life in God?

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- I. Our Father's intention is that we would have a vibrant life as a result of God speaking to us, us speaking to Him, and us speaking for Him and representing Him.**
- A. In the beginning, Adam fellowshiped and communicated with God.
 - B. Adam sinned and was cast out of God's presence and away from God's council.
 - C. Throughout the Old Covenant, God granted access to His presence and to His council to men called prophets.
 - 1. Micaiah: [1 Kings 22:13-18](#); [1 Kings 22:19-20a](#): *Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. And the Lord said...*
 - 2. Elijah: [1 Kings 17:1b](#): *As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.*
 - 3. Jeremiah: [Jeremiah 23:21-22](#): *I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings.*

Define a Term:

FUEL any matter which serves as aliment to fire; that which feeds fire; any thing that serves to feed or increase flame, heat, or excitement; to feed with combustible matter; to store with fuel or firing. (Webster's 1828)

II. God's will is to have more than just a few who can sit with Him, hear from Him, and speak for Him; rather, God's will is to restore all to the relationship, intimacy, and dominion assignment that Adam forfeited.

- A. [Numbers 11:16-30](#) tells the story of Moses who functioned in a prophetic life, becoming overburdened in his care for the nation of Israel.
 - 1. God directed Moses to gather 70 leaders and God would *take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.* ([verse 17](#))
 - 2. Two men did not gather with the others and yet received the ability to prophesy. Joshua told Moses to forbid them, but Moses replied, *Oh, that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!* ([verse 29](#))
- B. The Prophet Joel in [Joel 2:28-29](#) expressed the same sentiment and promised a day when all would be allowed access to a prophetic life: *And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.*

**Jesus is not
someone
we add to
our life, He
is our life!**

- C. Joel's word was fulfilled at Pentecost as recorded in [Acts 2:16-18](#): *But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy."*
- D. Jesus' death paid the penalty for Adam's transgression, not only removing the death penalty that was on mankind, but also readmitting mankind back into God's presence, throne, and council room.
1. [Matthew 27:50-51](#): *And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split...*
 2. [Mark 16:19](#): *So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.*
 3. [Ephesians 2:5-6](#): *...even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...*
 4. The whole body of God's elect has been readmitted and may have a vibrant life with God speaking to us, us speaking to Him, and us speaking for and representing the Lord.

To "re-present" someone accurately, you must have intimate knowledge of them.

III. Practicing the presence of God matures us by aligning our hearts with the heart of God and opening our minds to His purposes, thus enabling us to accomplish His will in the earth.

- A. A devotional life is not ritualistic practices; rather, it is presenting ourselves before the Lord until we receive from Him that which we need to represent Him.
- B. [Isaiah 40:31](#): *But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. (Wait means to bind together by twisting)*
- C. The prophetic life is a life of representation wherein the word and the will of God become incarnate in our flesh.
- D. In the prophetic life, that which is seen and heard in God's presence is acted upon in the earth by faith.
- E. The prophetic life carries the power, presence, and atmosphere of heaven into the arena of human activity.

Memory Verse:

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy."

—Acts 2:16-18

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Homework:

1. Why is a strong devotional life so important in helping us become a prophetic voice to our generation?
2. What is significant about the charge given to the priests in the Old Testament, as it relates to our daily devotions?
3. What most impacted you about this message, and how will you respond to what you have heard?
4. Why must we continue to grow and stretch in our capacity for an intimate devotional life?

Listening Test:

1. You need _____ because you have no intention of remaining static.
 - a. intention
 - b. fuel
 - c. discipline
2. Be careful you do not _____ away.
 - a. fall
 - b. drift
 - c. run
3. We all experience spiritual _____.
 - a. hunger pains
 - b. blindness
 - c. awakening
4. The word, “_____,” means “to bind together by twisting.”
 - a. yoke
 - b. gird
 - c. wait