

SERMON GUIDE:

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The Dynamic Duo (Worship and The Word of the Lord)

You as a believer need to know the elevator of victory. He wants to show you something that knocks you to the ground so He can give the thing that will stand you on your feet.

Ezekiel 1:29, Ezekiel 2:1-5

Renovate

Individually: Renovation of one's heart will have seen effects in one's life.

Corporately: Renovation of one's heart will have seen effects in one's church.

Innovate

Old structures to need meet Holy Spirit innovation.

Activate

Your world needs you right now!

When God calls you to repentance, He is also calling you to a special place of encounter and use. Look at what happened to the early Church when God had a clean heart to use. The Book of Acts chronicles how the Holy Spirit Spoke to the Early CHURCH;

Acts 8:26-29 - The Spirit **said** to Philip, Go over and join this chariot.

Acts 9:10 - Ananias **had a vision**

Acts 10:11 - **Peter fell into a trance** and the heavens opened

Acts 10:22 - was **directed by an Angel**

Acts 11:28 - **was showed by the Spirit**

Acts 12:7 - **An Angel became a flash light while imprisoned**

Acts 13:2-4 - While they were worshipping and fasting **the Holy Spirit Said**

Acts 13:9 - Paul filled with the Holy Spirit **"looked intently" (discerned)**

Acts 15:28 - It seemed good to **the Holy Spirit and us (corporate wisdom)**

Acts 16:6 - The Holy Spirit **tells Paul to shut up**

Acts 16:10 - **Paul has a vision**

Acts 18:9 - **Paul has another vision**

Acts 21:4 - **A prophetic word of warning to Paul through others about direction**

Acts 21:11 - **Paul is warned about his upcoming imprisonment**

Acts 23:11 - **The Lord stood by Him and said.**

The Holy Spirit desires to use not those who just have ability but availability.

The main question before us then is not did God speak to His people but rather **is God still speaking to humanity through people?**

Romans 10:14-15, 2 Corinthians 3:4-6, John 3:3

Old Testament Prophets had 2 basic things in common;

1) Thus saith the Lord

- They had inspired utterance
- Not always knowing what to say, they went and God put words in their mouth
- They became God's voice, they talked for God. (WOW)
- 2 Peter 1:21



- 2) They were seers
 - By revelation they saw and understood

1 Corinthians 12:7-10, Ephesians 2:19-22, Ephesians 4:11-12

OT and NT Prophet have some similarities;

- 1) They speak with an inspired utterance
- 2) He/She is a seer - he has revelation gifts

There are some major differences:

- In the OT the prophets - with the kings and priests - **were set apart** from Israel by their anointing
- In the NT the **prophets are a part of the anointed body of Christ.**

Acts 13:1, 1 Corinthians 14:29

Regardless of the place that God has given you, take your place.

Repent because on the other side of repentance is a place of standing next to HIM. Are you ready for position yourself next to HIM.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

- Read Ezekiel 2:1-5. Why does the Lord ask the son of man to stand? What is the importance of standing?
- Read Ephesians 4:11-12. Why are the prophets included in this bunch of callings the Lord explains?
- The Old Testament had prophets that were set apart from Israel because of their anointing, the New Testament has prophets that are a part of the body of Christ. Why the change?
- After hearing the callings that are supposed to be in the church. What has the Lord called you too? How can we help you utilize your gifting?