



How Trust Changes Everything

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1 Thessalonians 5:16–28

1. Kingdom People trust that God is with them all the time.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, Romans 8:31b

2. Kingdom people trust that God is speaking – even though it's messy.



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1 Thessalonians 5:19–22, 1 Corinthians 14:3

Prophecy is speech on behalf of God from one person to another for the purpose of building up, edifying, and encouraging.

Old Testament Office of Prophet	Scripture Reference	New Testament Gift of Prophecy	Scripture Reference
Official and authoritative Role	Jeremiah 1:5, Amos 7:14–15	A spiritual gift, not a formal office	1 Corinthians 12:7–10
Prophets spoke God's word infallibly, or were killed	Deuteronomy 18:18–22	Prophetic words are subject to testing and discernment	1 Thessalonians 5:20–21
Spoke with the authority of "Thus says the Lord"	Isaiah 38:1, Ezekiel 2:4, Jeremiah 1:9	Speak with humility: "I believe the Lord might be saying..."	1 Corinthians 13:9– 13, 14:29
Their words often became Scripture	Hosea 1:1, Micah 1:1	Prophecy today is never equal to Scripture	2 Timothy 3:16–17, Revelation 22:18–19
Often included warning, rebuke, or judgment	Amos 2:4–5, Jonah 3:4	Primarily for encouragement, edification, and comfort	1 Corinthians 14:3
Failure to obey prophet's word was disobedience to God	2 Chronicles 36:15–16	Recipients are responsible to weigh and discern prophecy	1 Corinthians 14:29, 1 John 4:1
Prophets were rare and specific individuals	Numbers 12:6–8	Prophecy is a gift of the Spirit given to believers at his discernment	Acts 2:17–18, 1 Corinthians 14:1–5



"Prophecy personally reveals who God is in a way that plunges through the intellect right down to a revelation in the heart."

– Tyler Staton

3. Kingdom people trust God to do what only he can do in them.

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24, Philippians 1:6, Galatians 3:3, Matthew 11:28–30, John 15:4–5

"Holiness is not the way to Christ. Christ is the way to holiness."

— Adrian Rogers



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4. Kingdom people trust that God designed us to need each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:25-28, John 13:34-35



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