
KINGDOM IDENTITY SERIES - LADIES' MINISTRY

SHE HEARD AND SHE SPOKE

Restoring the Prophetic Voice in Women

The Question That Opens Everything

"How many of you have heard something from God: a word, an impression, a dream, a sense of knowing, and said nothing? Kept it to yourself. Talked yourself out of it. Been told it was not your place."

The silencing of the prophetic voice in women is not a minor inconvenience to the body of Christ. It is a strategic assignment of the enemy. When women who hear God stop speaking, entire families, churches, and communities are robbed of what God was trying to say through them.

Today we do three things: name the wound, rebuild the theology, and release the gift.

Naming the Wound

Before we talk about the gift, we talk about what happened to it. God is not going to bypass the wound to get to the gift. He is going to go through it.

- The Silencing: Being told directly or indirectly that your voice is not welcome: a raised eyebrow, a redirected conversation, a verse wielded without context. Or, most effectively, the internal voice that has so absorbed the message that you silence yourself before anyone else has the chance.
 - The Weaponisation: Your gift was not ignored; it was used. Encouraged when it confirmed the leader's vision, shut down when it challenged it. Having your gift weaponised does not mean the gift was not real. It means someone took a real thing and used it wrongly.
 - The Wound of Misuse: Some carry the opposite wound: moving in the prophetic without grounding or accountability and causing damage. The mistake does not mean the gift was not real. It means you needed more support than you received.
 - The Loneliness of Hearing: Perceiving things others do not perceive. Carrying burdens for people and situations that arrived without explanation. And having no framework, no community, no safe space to process any of it.
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What happened to my gift was not evidence that the gift was not real. The silencing was not God confirming I was wrong to speak. I was made to hear and I was made to speak.

The Biblical Foundation

The full weight of Scripture is on the side of women hearing God and speaking what they hear. Here is the evidence.

Acts 2:17-18 NKJV: The Foundation

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... and on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

- MIRIAM - Exodus 15:20 The first person in Scripture explicitly titled prophetess. She led the women of Israel in prophetic declaration after the Red Sea crossing. Not in Moses' shadow - in her own authority.
- DEBORAH - Judges 4:4 Prophetess, judge, and military strategist simultaneously. When Barak refused to go without her, she did not apologise for her authority - she went. Deborah is God's own answer to whether women can hold prophetic and leadership authority together.
- HULDAH - 2 Kings 22:14 When the book of the Law was found, the king's officials had access to Jeremiah and Zephaniah. They went to Huldah. Her prophetic word shaped the response of the entire nation. Thus says the Lord - no apology, no deference.
- ANNA - Luke 2:36-38 Eighty-four years old. A widow who had given her whole life to fasting and prayer. She recognised the Messiah in the face of a baby - and she declared it publicly. The first person in the New Testament to announce Jesus was a prophetic woman.

Also: Philip had four daughters who prophesied (Acts 21:9). The women at the tomb were the first resurrection witnesses, commissioned by the risen Jesus to go and tell. The first evangelists of the New Testament were women.

Joel 2:28-29 NKJV

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy... And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Your gift is not theologically prohibited. The silencing you experienced is not God's verdict on your voice.

What the Prophetic Gift Actually Is

1 Corinthians 14:3 NKJV

But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Not primarily prediction. Not dramatic visions or public platform ministry. The prophetic gift is the ability to hear what God is saying for a person or situation and speak it in a way that builds them up. It usually looks like:

- A deep knowing about someone with no natural explanation
- A sense of what is really happening beneath the surface of a situation
- A verse or word that arrives with unusual weight at precisely the right moment
- A dream that carries significance beyond the ordinary
- Intercession driven by burden rather than prayer list - the weight for a person before you know the need
- Sensitivity to spiritual atmospheres - discerning what is operating in a room before others name it

John 10:27 NKJV

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Jesus did not say gifted sheep hear My voice. My sheep hear My voice. Hearing is the birthright of every believer in relationship with the Shepherd. The question is not whether you have the gift. The question is whether you have the framework, safety, and permission to use it.

The Wounds That Distort the Gift

Unhealed wounds do not sit alongside the prophetic gift. They flow through it and shape what comes out.

- Rejection: Women carrying deep rejection often hear words of rejection even when God is speaking love. The prophetic filter becomes contaminated. The healing of rejection is not separate from the development of the gift - it is part of it.
- Fear: The most common contaminator. Fear of being wrong silences the gift. Fear of rejection shapes the word before it is spoken. Fear of exposure adds so many qualifiers the word loses its edge. Courage is not the absence of fear. It is the decision to speak despite it.
- Control: Women who have been controlled sometimes use the prophetic gift to control others without knowing it. A word that begins in the Spirit becomes shaped by their own agenda before it is delivered. This is how the Jezebel spirit enters prophetic gifting.
- Pride: The prophetic gift involves receiving revelation others do not receive - and that can quietly become a source of spiritual pride. The Leviathan spirit finds a home here. When a prophetic word cannot be questioned or tested, something has gone wrong at the root.

The goal is not a perfect, wound-free gift before you begin. The goal is ongoing honesty with the Holy Spirit: where am I filtering what I hear through my own wound? That question, asked regularly, keeps the channel clean.

Developing the Gift

- Stay close to the Source. The gift flows from intimacy, not from gift development as an end in itself. You cannot develop your prophetic voice in isolation from the One whose voice you are trying to carry.
- Test what you hear. 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21: test all things. Four filters before you speak - Is it consistent with Scripture? Is it consistent with the character of God? Does it bear witness in your own spirit? Can it be weighed by wise counsel?
- Start small and stay humble. The gift grows through use. Begin with the person in front of you. Ask God for one word for one person. Offer it simply. Build a track record in small things before you carry large ones.
- Find safe community. The prophetic gift was never designed to be developed alone. It needs a community of practice where words can be tested, feedback given, and mistakes made and learned from without shame.
- Accountability is a gift, not a cage. Genuine accountability asks: how are you doing? What are you hearing? Let me weigh this with you. That is not control. That is partnership. Learn to tell the difference.

Deborah Moments

Judges 4:9 NKJV

'I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.'

There are moments in the life of a family, a church, a community - when God looks for someone to hear and speak and go. And the person He finds available and willing is a woman. This is not God's second choice. It is the fulfilment of Joel 2 in a particular moment. Your daughters will prophesy.

Women who were made to hear the voice of the Father are not holding gifts that were meant for someone else. When they speak what they have heard, things change.

Ministry Time

Healing the Silenced Voice

Father, I come to You with the voice that was silenced. The words I swallowed. The impressions I dismissed. The things I heard and never spoke - because I was afraid, or because I was told it was not my place, or because what happened the last time I spoke made me decide never to do it again.

Would You speak to that silenced place in me right now? Would You tell me what You think of my voice? Would You give back what was taken, heal what was broken, and restore what was lost?

I receive Your healing. I receive Your verdict on my voice. I choose to believe what You say over what I was told. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Cleansing the Gift

Holy Spirit, I ask You to search what I carry. Where has fear been shaping what I speak? Where has rejection contaminated what I hear? Where has pride attached itself to my gift and made it about me? Where has control corrupted what flows through me?

I repent for every way I have used the gift for my own purposes. Cleanse the gift. Restore it to its original form - what You designed before the wounds got to it.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Commissioning

I receive my commission today. Not when I am healed enough or mature enough or approved of enough. Now. With what I carry right now.

I declare: I am a woman who hears the voice of God. What I carry is real. What I speak under the anointing of the Holy Spirit builds up, encourages, and comforts. I will not bury what was given to me.

Like Miriam I will lead the song on the other side of the impossible. Like Deborah I will go when no one else will. Like Huldah I will speak the word of the Lord without apology. Like Anna I will recognise what others have not seen.

I am heard by God. I am sent by God. And I will speak what He gives me to speak. In the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

KEY SCRIPTURES

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1 Corinthians 14:1, 3 NKJV - The Purpose

Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy... he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort.

John 10:27 NKJV - The Birthright

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 NKJV - The Testing

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good.

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV - The Courage

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Joel 2:25 NKJV - The Restoration

So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten.

"She heard and she spoke. And when she spoke, things changed."

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