

Lesson Ten

The Prophetic Church

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses...”

Acts 1:8

Key Truth

The prophetic life was never meant to stop at personal revelation. God is forming a prophetic people, a Church that hears His voice, obeys His leading, and reveals Jesus to the world through surrendered lives. A prophetic Church is not built on gifting alone, but on obedience, love, and Spirit-empowered witness.

From the beginning, God has always moved through His voice. Creation was formed by His word. Israel was shaped by prophetic direction. Jesus came as the Word made flesh. The early Church was born through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And today, God is still speaking because He is still sending.

This book began with the truth that God speaks to individuals. It now closes with the greater calling that those individuals together become a prophetic Church. You were never meant to hear God only for yourself. You were called to carry His voice into the world.

The prophetic Church is not confined to pulpits or platforms. It is made up of Spirit-filled believers who live attentive to God in everyday life. Fathers and mothers who speak life over their children. Believers who minister in workplaces, prisons, hospitals, shelters, and neighborhoods. Ordinary people who release the extraordinary presence of Jesus through obedience.

Prophecy is not a spiritual hobby. It is the lifestyle of a people who walk in step with the Spirit. The Church becomes prophetic when believers stop waiting for permission and begin living surrendered. When hearing leads to obedience. When obedience leads to witness. When a witness leads to transformation.

The same Spirit who empowered the early Church now lives in you. God is not looking for perfect voices. He is looking for willing vessels. When the Church listens, the Church speaks. And when the Church speaks, the world encounters Jesus.

Reflection

Answer these questions honestly. There are no right or wrong answers. Share only what you feel led to share if you are in a group.

Do I see myself as part of a prophetic people, or have I viewed prophecy as something reserved for individuals with specific gifts or titles?

Where in my daily life do I sense God inviting me to live more attentively to His voice and more boldly in obedience?

Have fear, past rejection, or misunderstanding ever caused me to silence what I sensed God was prompting me to say or do?

What would it look like for my home, workplace, or ministry to become a prophetic environment marked by prayer, peace, and obedience?

Listening Exercise: Hearing God for the Sake of Others

Find a quiet place. Take a few slow breaths and invite the Holy Spirit to meet you.

Ask Him this simple question:

“Holy Spirit, who do You want me to encourage or minister to this week?”

Do not rush. Do not analyze. Pay attention to the first name, face, memory, or impression that comes to mind. This may be someone close to you or someone unexpected.

Then gently ask:

“What do You want this person to know about Your heart toward them?”

Write down anything that comes to you, whether a word, Scripture, phrase, or sense of peace. Trust that God speaks simply and lovingly.

Use the space below to write what you sense:

Obedience Step: Living as a Prophetic Witness

Based on what you sensed during this exercise, identify one simple step of obedience you can take this week.

This may include praying intentionally for the person God highlighted, sharing a word of encouragement, sending a Scripture, offering to pray with someone, or simply showing up with compassion and presence.

This week, I will:

Group Encouragement (Optional)

If you are completing this lesson in a group, remember that the prophetic Church is formed through humility, unity, and love. Encourage obedience more than accuracy. Celebrate faithfulness over performance. Honor every step of faith, no matter how small. This is how a prophetic people are built.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for speaking and for sending. Thank You that You have not called me to walk this journey alone, but as part of Your Church. I surrender my life to You again. Sharpen my ears to hear You. Strengthen my heart to obey You. Use my words, my actions, and my presence to reveal Jesus wherever You send me. Make my life a living testimony of Your love and power. I trust You to lead me as I walk forward in obedience. Amen.