

AVC Prophetic Roundtable summary – October 9th, 2005

Key scripture:

Genesis 18:23 – 25: *“Then Abraham approached him [God] and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” . . . forty-five . . . forty . . . thirty . . . twenty . . . ten”*

Prophetic summary: God has drawn our attention to things that are ancient, things that have been dormant, things that are deeply rooted in our city (e.g. religious spirit, racism, impurity). We have not kept watch as we should have. We have let our guard down and need to repent. False beauty and deception have entered in. We have allowed even overt defilement to exist without dealing with it. We are in error when we don't lead people into change (e.g. when someone confesses sin without turning from it, and continues with business as usual). We need to continually point the way to God's presence, encouraging people to come into the presence of the Lord. Sometimes God needs to do something HUGE to get people's attention (see above scripture). The greater the anointing, the deeper the valley.

We need God's grace. We have to punctuate the hope that God is on the move. God wants to show us what to do. We do not need to fear change and the tearing down of old structures, because God is revealing something that is genuinely, breathtakingly beautiful, and He will protect it.

Lead team response:

- What are the “righteous acts” that we should be about at this time?
 - Be careful not to seek power, but to seek the Lord.
 - Beware of the “boat is sinking mentality and God is the one pushing it down.” God has not given us a spirit of fear, and we need to avoid a superiority mentality.
 - The prophetic community needs our support.
- Thanks for keeping an “ear to the Lord” for the Body!

Roundtable happenings:

Beverly Richardson, Annette Brackin, and Patti Benjamin gave testimonies on how God has used their writing to bless others. Much exhortation was given to submit written prophetic words and writings.

Kathy Carnahan led a panel discussion on balance in prophetic ministry, using as a key scripture 2 Timothy 1:7 – *“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.”*

The panel consisted of Michelle Jolly, Lou & Cyndi Richey, and Jeanne Sandecki, and discussed biblical prophets, important aspects of prophetic ministry, flakiness, and modern-day prophets.

Encouragements included:

- Like Jesus, strive to do only that which we see the Father doing
- When you can't think of what else to do, pray, and submit to leadership
- Soaking in the Word causes the prophetic to flow
- The Lord wants us to learn directly from Him, through His Word, worship, and prayer
- Devotional time is paramount
- Silence is an important discipline to practice; the Lord speaks in times of silence
- Flakiness often involves places in our own lives that need healing; our own baggage
- Errors commonly occur because of mistrust of authority (which equates to mistrust of the Lord and the people He puts over us); criticisms & judgments; gossip; offenses; being too concerned about external things like appearances
- Submit your intellect to the Lord
- We're in trouble if we ever abandon our own relationship with God or put others in the place of God; don't let someone else usurp the Holy Spirit
- Be intentional about building honest relationships
- It's vital to hold one another accountable