

AVC Prophetic Roundtable summary – December 11th, 2005

Key scriptures:

“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.” (Isaiah 26:3)

“Prophecy to these bones . . .” (Ezekiel 37:4)

Prophetic summary:

- Pray for connection & revival; we’re not going to have one without the other
- General feeling of disconnect; pray for small groups strategy
- Change
 - The enemy is trying to proclaim death over the AVC
 - Avoid judging by outward appearances
 - Pent-up grief needs to be felt and dealt with in a godly way; there is widespread emotional numbness
- Infiltration
 - Pride
 - Division
 - Gossip
 - Lying spirits
- Speak life (Ez. 37:4)
- We need to humble ourselves before God and one another
- We desperately need personal revival
- “we’re in the Maldives”

Lead team response:

- How we need the reminder of trusting in God and holding onto the perfect peace He gives us as we do (Isaiah 26:3). And the exhortation to prophesy to these bones – another encouragement that it is God Who does miracles in the midst of troubled (or even seemingly dead) times. I appreciate the exhortation to avoid judging the outward appearances – we can trust that God is at work in the midst of all things.
- It is good to be reminded that we have an enemy that hates us is wanting to proclaim death - we do need to stand firm against that and proclaim life.
- “We’re in the Maldives” – what a powerful picture – not only separated little islands but ones that keep getting swamped by the waves. In the last week or so twice I shared with someone the idea of us being hit by waves and thrown under water, struggling to get our heads back above water and just as we do then *wham* another wave crashes and we’re thrown back under the torrent of water with the fear that we’ll never make it up again before drowning. I have felt that way in recent months and know that some of my friends have as well. Yet in the midst of it all I have felt God saying “peace, peace, trust in Me.” As I have been able to stop struggling and look to Him I find the peace He offers to those who trusts in Him. God is a speaker of life. Yes, prophesy life to these bones – prophesy connection and unity – speak life and not death – stand against the lies of the enemy that brings division.
- Thank you pray-ers and prophets for seeking the Lord and His word for AVC.

Roundtable happenings:

Lu Allison spoke to us about her prophetic journey, both the ups and the downs.

Thoughts:

- There's an intertwining of learning Scripture and learning character.
- Truth with judgment does not build up.
- Journaling—ask God, “What do you think of me today?”
- His love for us has nothing to do with what we bring to the table.
- Correct theology is good and needed, but it's not enough.
- Submit to the church processes.
- When you get a word, ask the Lord if you should speak it. If He tells us to give a hard word, will we say it with tears and weeping?

If the leadership takes us in a direction we don't like, are we committed to obedience so that we'll say, “Yes, Lord!” If not, then it's all about us.

Prophecy:

- It's not a pass / fail system. Give grace to others. When you mess up, ask God what messed up your hearing or interpretation.
- Titles like “prophet”, “deacon”, “leader” are not your identity in Christ—your identity is a child of God.

It is not your gift; it is for the body. Ask the Lord for a word for the church. Check your motives. We don't have a word—God has a word. Do you give God opportunities to speak? Are you freed up enough to know that you just need to pass on the word, not necessarily to be the one to deliver it. It's our gift to give away.

Encouragements:

- Seek Him
- Practice listening
- Practice hearing / discerning His voice
- Practice speaking
- Commit to obedience