

## Prophecy 1: Biblical Foundations

The heart of prophecy is love. It has to be. God, our Father, is LOVE and He loves his kids and wants to bless them and talk with them. Paul (in 1 Cor 14) says that prophecy is useful for instructing, encouraging, comforting, edifying and strengthening each other. The same God who spoke in biblical times speaks today. The book of Acts gives us an exciting model of church where God speaks, sometimes apart from scripture (through dreams, visions etc) but never in contradiction. Joel (Ch2) and Paul agree that prophecy is for everyone. We all can hear from God directly because we are all His children.

### Questions:

1. Do you believe God speaks today?
2. Do you think prophecy is all about smiting or love? Why?
3. Do you believe that prophecy is a gift for all God's children?
4. Have there been times in your life when a prophetic word has really helped and encouraged you?
5. Does our loving Father want to talk to you now?