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I dedicate this book once again
to the Holy Spirit.
He is my powerful Friend
who loves to tell me His secrets,
give me wisdom
and show me the things to come.

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Foreword

ur goal is not to be gifted people with influence and a platform but to be the friends of God who come into His council and receive His secrets, which are the language of heaven. Amos 3:7 tells us, “Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.” If you come from a traditional cessationist theological background, then you might put a period where there is none. Many wrongly read this verse as “God does nothing.” But that is not what this verse describes.

The Holy Spirit is looking for friends with whom He can share the secrets that He hears in His council room in heaven. Deuteronomy 29:29 also gives us insight when it states, “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.” So the secret things belong to God. But does He hold them only unto Himself? Proverbs 25:2 gives us another piece to the puzzle: “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.”

Let’s unravel this for a moment. One, God has secrets. Two, it is the glory of a king to search out a matter or to discover the secret mysteries of God. Three, secrets are revealed to kingly servants who are friends of God. Four, a culture is then created

where God acts on His Word that was once hidden and is now revealed. Amazing!

Remember, this is not a mechanical approach to God but rather a relational intimacy as one friend to another. In your own life, you do not share your secrets with everyone. You share your secrets where there is trust. Trust is not a gift of the Holy Spirit, either. Trust is a commodity of faith, of believing in the One with whom you share your innermost thoughts.

One of my primary life goals is to become a trustworthy servant-friend of God. I want to be a modern-day John, the beloved, and lean my head upon the chest of the Messiah and hear the pulsating rhythm of the heart of God Himself. I want to feel, sense and know the wind of the Spirit as it moves across the room, a life, a city, a nation. Don't you?

When I first met Jennifer Eivaz, I discerned that I had just met a woman of moral character, one who seeks the face of God and who longs to equip others to do the same. The book that you hold in your hand will help you to unlock the mysteries and secrets of God. Jennifer shares her knowledge of God and offers insight to the wisdom of the ways of God. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and wisdom is to be sought after like a rare jewel. It is priceless. So in a sense, when a person's life is demonstrated through their writings, and it has the spirit of wisdom resting upon it, it is a treasure indeed. And that is what *Prophetic Secrets* is: a treasure chest filled with tools to equip you so that you can wisely go and seek out the once hidden things of God.

With this in mind, it is my honor to compose a foreword for *Prophetic Secrets*. Thank you, Jennifer, for living a life worthy of the cause of Christ and for loving God, your family and the Church so well. We need more prophets and prophetic believers who walk their talk and talk their walk! Well done!

James W. Goll, author, international speaker and founder of
God Encounters Ministries and GOLL Ideation

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Introduction

I had just experienced a powerful, life-changing visitation of the Lord. I was in awe of the depth of this precious and holy encounter, which changed my life completely in just moments. I knew I would never be the same. Within hours of this happening, however, an unexpected persecutor rose up against me. Without disclosing the details, I will say that the absolute worst betrayal is when someone in your circle turns on you abruptly.

Over the tense weeks and months that ensued, I happened to be doing a series of online sessions with one of my mentoring groups. The technical coordinator for these sessions had raised the idea to consider minister and prophet James Goll for an online session interview. I knew James hardly at all, having met him just once several years beforehand at a conference. I had read several of his books, though, and enjoyed every one of them. Then we proceeded with an official invitation to James, and he graciously accepted.

As James and I journeyed through the interview, to my utter surprise, he began to prophesy powerfully over my life. First,

he began by speaking out a word of knowledge. (A word of knowledge, one of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:7–10, is knowing a fact about someone either present or past that you could not possibly know unless the Holy Spirit revealed it to you. The word of knowledge also has the uncanny ability to unleash faith in the recipient to fully receive a prophetic word about the future when they are communicated together.)

In summary, James told the viewing audience my secret prayer that I had been praying for months. I had been praying before the Lord out of Psalm 51:10 that He would “create in me a clean heart,” and for no particular reason at the time except that I felt led of the Spirit to pray it over myself. Then he prophesied specifically that I would become one of the “leading trainers of prophetic wisdom in this generation” with a big emphasis on the phrase *prophetic wisdom*.

This prophetic word from the Holy Spirit, now given voice through prophet James Goll, launched the creation of the book that you are reading now. *Prophetic Secrets: Learning the Language of Heaven* is about the supernatural gift of prophecy, the powerful voice of God and the multiple dimensions of prophetic language and spiritual happenings that coincide with it. In this book I explain concepts that normally are not explained or have not been given adequate language for understanding until now.

As for the persecution I had experienced? I do not always understand why things happen the way they happen. I was definitely in a spiritual battle, and the Lord chose to answer my prayers this time by preparing “a table before me in the presence of my enemies” (Psalm 23:5). Unbeknownst to him, not only did James prophesy point for point an opposite word for each accusation, but later in the broadcast he addressed a territorial spirit, specifically a Leviathan spirit, something I had already discerned as the spiritual root of the attack.

Think very carefully through the series of events that took place: first a divine visitation, followed by persecution, which culminated in a prophetic word that ushered in this book that you are reading right now. Also consider the remarkable redemption of God's prophetic ministry in and through my life, given my background in a largely known false religion that boasted in having a superior prophet along with prevailing prophetic revelations.

Growing up in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also known as the LDS Church or Mormon Church,¹ I had been taught that the active expression of the gift of prophecy was a sign of the true church and an accessible gift for all believers (referring to Mormons).² Although this is biblically true, I do not recall any Mormons prophesying, with the exception of the president of the LDS Church, who, by title and position, is considered a true prophet of God. Be aware that prophetic revelation from an LDS president is given greater authority than the written Scriptures, thus resulting in their highly distorted theology of Jesus,³ among other false beliefs and so-called revelations and practices. Although I had never worked this out rationally, I had concluded emotionally as a Mormon that only a prophet will prophesy, and a male one at that, as there has never been a female leader of the LDS Church.

My belief structure began to shift slowly, however, following my salvation experience at a small United Pentecostal Church⁴ in Los Banos, California. I was a freshman at Modesto Junior College, and this was probably the second time in my life at any mainline Christian church. I had been spiraling out of control, but thankfully I had a zealous uncle who kept inviting my family and me to church.

This particular church service was exuberant and loud in expression, but you could tell by their dress code alone that there were a lot of rules. For example, all the women wore long dresses, let their hair grow long and never wore any

jewelry or makeup. The men, on the other hand, kept their hair noticeably short and did not grow any facial hair. In this manner, they believed their outward appearance was a demonstration of inward holiness. I did not know what to think about this, but undeniably Jesus encountered me with His love and power at this peculiar little church, and I was never the same again.

Not only did I surrender my life to Christ wholeheartedly, but I also received the baptism of the Holy Spirit just moments later and began speaking in my heavenly language, also known as speaking in other tongues. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an authentic biblical experience by which you will receive a brand-new language, only it is a heavenly language and not a natural one.⁵ From there, I sought out a church much closer to home that hosted the Holy Spirit but still allowed me to wear makeup and normal clothes.

As I visited a handful of Pentecostal and charismatic churches, I noticed the freedom for both men and women to prophesy, and yet none of them claimed outwardly to be prophets. They were not even in charge of the church! They simply prophesied when the Holy Spirit moved upon them, which was usually during the corporate worship. I also observed that few people prophesied in these churches (usually a small select group of mostly older people). Some of those prophetic words were extraordinary and highly dynamic, while others seemed to fall flat on the floor. I was not sure what made the difference either.

I recognized at the time that I, too, was beginning to hear and see the voice of God for myself and for others, but with mixed results. There was no instruction about this gift, and my revelation seemed to be different in scope and strength than most people around me. And they did not use the terms *seer*, *discerner* or *feeler* back then—all terms we are starting to become familiar with now. I also struggled with knowing how to communicate prophetic words very effectively. Too often, I

found myself saying things all wrong or, out of timidity, just keeping my thoughts and impressions to myself.

Several years later, even though I was married and in full-time ministry alongside my husband, I struggled to become more fluent and effective in the gift of prophecy. There was a point where I was also called by the Lord in a vision as a prophet, which is something I will discuss later in this book. Regardless, our church had the same issue that I observed in my beginning years at these other churches. There were just a few people, mostly older folks, in the church who prophesied, and it was almost always during the corporate worship. Their prophetic words had very little life on them, and I kept thinking, *There has to be more to the gift of prophecy than this.*

Eventually, I located some teaching material and announced to my church what I believe was their first-ever training in the gift of prophecy. I was shocked to see over seventy hungry people come out for the twelve-week immersion. Even more surprising was the ease they had in stepping into the gift of prophecy, as well as the accuracy they exhibited almost immediately. Here, I discovered by experience a truth presented in the Bible, namely, “You can all prophesy” (1 Corinthians 14:31).

My decision to equip and activate people in the gift of prophecy was a success. As a result, this supernatural gift became accessible to our church at large, rather than being confined to just a few people. This season of training also revealed the hearts of a few “elite” parishioners who believed they were God’s elect prophetic voice to our church—an attitude of pride I did not know was there. The accuracy that I mentioned seemed unusual to me, but we had built into our culture some key ingredients that helped foster it, namely childlike faith in the supernatural and a passion for God’s written Word.

Dear reader, I exhort you to take deeply to heart what you are about to receive from these chapters. And I pray that the gift of

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prophecy will be awakened in you, specifically its origins and foundations, as you grow in your awareness of the thoughts, principles and wisdom that shape the many dimensions of prophetic ministry. The prophetic secrets inscribed here are for you, and appropriately so, all because of a word of prophecy.



Discovering the Gift of Prophecy

I did not mean to prophesy. The words just spilled out of my mouth before I knew what was happening. I was two years old in the Lord, about age twenty, and soaking up the heaven-infused atmosphere at a small women's conference somewhere in California. For sure, these smaller venues can carry a whole lot of the Holy Spirit, and this conference was genuinely powerful. We were worshiping the Lord together, beautifully enclosed within His presence. All I wanted in that moment was to keep basking in His manifest glory, but He had a different plan.

Without warning, His powerful presence came upon my entire person so strongly that I began to shake involuntarily from head to toe. I would not describe the shaking as violent or painful in its intensity, but it was definitely strong and noticeable. Not fully knowing what I was doing, I spoke out in tongues quite loudly, then began to prophesy. The supernatural gifts of

tongues and interpretation of tongues were in operation. When paired together, they yield a prophetic word. (You can read about this in Acts 10:46 and 19:6 and again in 1 Corinthians 12:7–10.)

I do not remember what I prophesied, but I do remember words that felt like fire spilling out of my mouth. I was fully overcome by the Holy Spirit in that moment, so much so that He could express His passionate heart through me to those in attendance. Looking back, I should have asked more questions about what took place. It was such a new experience for me that I did not even know what questions to ask.

Some months later, at a large midweek service for just youth and young adults, it happened again. Only this time I remember some of what I said, more like what I sang. I recall being comfortably settled toward the back of the meeting hall with some newer friends and chatting before the service started. Soon a highly energetic worship team began to lead everyone in song. They were contagious and passionate with their raw and edgy lyrics, electric guitars and cracking drums. You could not help but to stand to your feet and shout, whistle, clap or jump up and down while they sang out.

As the music became slower and more intimate, I closed my eyes, held my arms up high and outstretched, and felt as if I were swimming in His presence-filled river. There was a sovereign hush that came over the room, and I believe it was a signal that the Holy Spirit was going to speak through someone. Much like before, only without any physical shaking, the Spirit of glory moved upon me this time to sing, not speak, a prophetic message.¹ Without any forethought or forewarning, the heavenly song released out of my mouth with a resonance that seemed to fill the room. Here is the only part of the song that I remember:

“I have given you My power.
I have given it this very hour.

Do not leave without My presence,”
says the Lord.

Right now, this song is just words on the page, but back then there was a tangible grace and power that overshadowed the lyrics—so much so that the felt atmosphere of the meeting place lifted into some kind of crescendo. People began clapping and shouting. One young man bolted to the front of the room to give his life to Christ, while others left their seats to walk toward the front of the room in a genuine, spontaneous response to His presence.

Keep in mind, I had only a very limited understanding of what was taking place. I have also heard and read instruction since to use caution when saying, “Thus says the Lord” in connection to prophecy, as it makes you sound too authoritative. I am not sure how accurate this instruction is. I had never been taught to use that signature in the first place; those words simply came out of my mouth. I also did not prophesy again in a corporate setting with this kind of impact for several more years. Still, I was learning that there is a God who still speaks, and He wants to speak powerfully not only *to* you but *through* you. When He speaks through you, realize that these are not just ordinary words—these are heaven-infused prophetic words.

The Origins of Prophetic Ministry

Prophetic ministry, which began first with the Old Testament prophets, has always been sourced to the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit. “No prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:20–21 NIV). Old Testament prophets were hand selected by God to be His ambassadors and spokespersons to the

people by communicating His word to them as they received it from Him. True Old Testament prophets were careful to deliver the message that God gave them and not to speak out their own opinions or on their own authority.

We can see how carefully God made His word known to them, even placing His words in their mouths. For example, God affirmed to Moses, “Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say” (Exodus 4:12 NIV). God then assured him, “I will raise up for them a prophet like you, . . . and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him” (Deuteronomy 18:18 NIV). The Lord said to Jeremiah, “I have put my words in your mouth” (Jeremiah 1:9 NIV). God commissioned Ezekiel by saying, “You must speak my words to them” (Ezekiel 2:7 NIV). Amos claimed, “This is what the LORD says” (Amos 1:3).² And many of the Old Testament prophetic books begin with the words, *The word of the LORD that came to . . .* (Jonah 1:1; Joel 1:1; Micah 1:1; see also Hosea 1:2; Zephaniah 1:1).

At the same time, these powerful and influential Old Testament prophets were held to the strictest of standards. In fact, the people were commanded to reject and purge from their midst any so-called prophet who performed a sign or wonder or accurately predicted the future, but then lead them into the worship of idols (see Deuteronomy 13:2). Furthermore, for those who gave a prophetic word that did not come true, then no other explanation could be given. The only acceptable conclusion was they did not hear the Lord, they had spoken falsely in His name and their punishment was to be death (see 18:20, 22).

Even though the Lord had established highly governmental prophets throughout the Old Testament—meaning men and women called by God to lead and articulate His precepts, directives, warnings, judgments and encouragements on His behalf—we also see His heartfelt desire to speak directly to His people without a middleman. You may recall that in the Garden

of Eden, God had enjoyed the beauty of unbroken fellowship and communication with His first man and woman, Adam and Eve—that is, until they sinned against Him. Adam and Eve’s decision to eat what God commanded them not to eat unraveled their perfect fellowship and collapsed their communication.

Later, as Moses led the Israelites through the wilderness, the Lord summoned the entire nation of Israel to Mount Sinai so He could speak straightway to them all. Then He appeared to them on the mountain as illuminating fire, along with thick smoke, roaring thunder and streaks of lightning. His glorious presence overwhelmed the Israelites, so much so that they rejected the Lord’s invitation for unmediated communication. They turned to Moses and said, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die” (Exodus 20:19 NIV).

In Numbers 11:11–15, we see Moses again, but this time he is complaining to God over the burden of shepherding those edgy, ill-natured Israelites. In response, God told Moses to gather seventy elders at the tent of meeting. As they came together, God took of His Spirit already on Moses and transferred it to those elders. This anointing, once conferred, made it possible for the elders to help Moses lead the people just as Moses would. Strangely, two men who were listed among the seventy did not make it to the meeting place but stayed in the camp. When the Holy Spirit came upon the 68 elders at the meeting, the two missing elders also began to prophesy in the camp, signifying the Spirit upon Moses had come upon them also.

Moses’ closest assistant, Joshua, was provoked by this and demanded that Moses forbid them. Moses’ response was, “Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!” (verse 29). On the surface this appears to be the flippant response of a frustrated leader. It was not. His response was a prophetic glimpse of something he saw coming in the distant

future. There would come a day when God would spiritually enable His men and women in such a way that they would all prophesy.

Centuries later, the prophet Joel spoke into this even more distinctly. He prophesied that the Spirit of God would be poured out on people in an explosion of continuous prophecy, signs and wonders:

“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.”

Joel 2:28–31

Here, Joel reveals the dynamic ministry of the future. He foresaw the Holy Spirit pouring Himself out upon ordinary men and women, not just the prophets. As a result, everyone could prophesy. Now fast-forward about five hundred years to the gospels and then to the book of Acts. Jesus spoke candidly to His disciples about His approaching and extremely difficult departure but assured them, saying, “It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you” (John 16:7). The Helper here is in reference to the Holy Spirit. After Jesus’ shocking death and phenomenal resurrection, He spent forty heart-stirring final days with His apostles, teaching them God’s kingdom realm and proving He was truly alive. Then He gave them a strict commandment not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the “Promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4), again referring to the Holy Spirit.

As the group of 120 believers waited in prayerful unison in an Upper Room, the Holy Spirit appeared as the sound of a powerful wind that filled the entire house. Tongues of fire appeared miraculously and then rested on each one individually. With this, they began to proclaim the wonders of God supernaturally in languages they had never learned before, which so happened to be the native languages of the visiting delegates to Jerusalem that day. In Acts 2:5, the Jerusalem crowd, composed of Jews “from every nation under heaven,” gathered to the sound of these newly anointed disciples while the apostle Peter seized the opportunity. Peter pointed everyone to this same passage in Joel and declared in so many words, *This is that . . .*, and then gave an outstanding Gospel message. Believers in Jesus have been prophesying ever since.

What Is a Prophetic Word?

In its simplest form, a prophecy is communication from God, either directly to a person or to a person through another person. Again, He communicates in many different ways, something we will explore throughout this book. What makes an inspired communication a prophecy, rather than just ordinary words, is this:

- It clarifies the heart and mind of God in a situation;
- It reveals what is concealed; or
- It declares the future.

We read this in 1 Corinthians 12:7–10:

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, . . . to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy.

The word *prophecy* here, and every time except once in the New Testament, is the Greek word *prophēteia*. It means “what is clarified beforehand; prophecy which involves divinely empowered forthtelling (asserting the mind of God) or foretelling (prediction).”³ To prophesy (*prophēteuó*), then, means to reveal “the mind (message) of God in a particular situation” and may also refer to “predicting the future as the Lord reveals it.”⁴

New Testament prophetic words are weighted differently than those in the Old Testament, and they are to be tested for congruency with the existing Scriptures in order to be accepted or not. The biblical canon, referring to our authorized and accepted set of scriptural texts, is now closed, and prophetic words will no longer be added to them in the form of “new revelation.”⁵ The apostles must have recognized the human element now attached to the gift of prophecy, which stirred Paul to say, “Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:20–21).

Here is one practical, real-life example.

Taylor, an art business owner, received a prophetic word in a dream one Saturday night, not knowing she would minister that exact word the very next morning. She dreamt she was walking down a familiar street beside a homeless woman who had suffered much emotional anguish as a result of several abusive relationships. In the dream, when Taylor confided to her, “I have a word from God for you,” the woman stared straight at her in unbelief, laughed, then asked, “What do you have to say?” Taylor responded, “Don’t throw your pearls to pigs” (quoting Matthew 7:6 NLT). At this statement, the woman began to weep and the dream ended.

The next morning, Taylor and her husband arrived early to church. While her husband prepared the technical requirements for the morning services, Taylor waited outside in her car, quietly journaling the dream from the night before. She looked out her window and noticed three homeless women

sitting nearby on a grassy area in front of the church building. Because Taylor knew one of them, she stepped out of her car excitedly and said, “Good morning!”

At her greeting, one of the other women began to share her story with Taylor. She described her marriage and separation from a violent and abusive husband who had physically threatened her for having a relationship with Jesus, among other things. She had also lost her job and housing just four days before. Sensing this was the woman in the dream, Taylor listened empathetically, then gave her the prophetic word. “God spoke to me about you in a dream last night. He told me to tell you, ‘Don’t throw your pearls to pigs!’” At this, the woman began to weep because her middle name was Pearl. Without question, she knew God was speaking to her about her future.

Along those lines, Judy, a paralegal and one of many outstanding prayer ministers at Harvest Church in Turlock, California, shared a unique story with me. She said, “When I walked into my hair appointment, the Holy Spirit told me my hairdresser was pregnant.” As Judy and her hairdresser conversed back and forth, Judy brought up the subject of children and asked if she and her husband planned on having them. Her hairdresser confided how they had tried to conceive for five years unsuccessfully after numerous doctor appointments and tests. What Judy said next came as quite a shock. “The Holy Spirit says you are pregnant right now!” Three weeks after their conversation, Judy received a phone call. Her hairdresser called to confirm the good news that she was indeed pregnant.

Perhaps you have heard instruction before concerning this kind of prophetic word, namely never to prophesy someone’s pregnancy. There are good reasons for this, as some have prophesied someone’s desperate desire, only it was not the word of the Lord. In so doing, they were hurtful and not helpful, because they gave false hope. Regardless, should the mistakes

of others determine what we say or do not say when we have truly discerned the prophetic word of the Lord?

Absolutely not. I would rather we keep pressing in for accuracy in the prophetic rather than backing off because others have missed it. If you do prophesy something that does not come true, thankfully you are no longer subject to the death penalty. The only thing now subject to death is just your pride. Still, if you do not develop prophetic accuracy or take responsibility for your mistakes, you will lose your credibility.

To prophesy in truth, we would first need to be given the supernatural ability to do so from the Holy Spirit. There are different ways to receive this gift, too. You can ask the Holy Spirit for it yourself, or you can have someone with this gift lay their hands on you to receive it.⁶

The apostle Paul exhorted us to “pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy” (1 Corinthians 14:1). When he said to desire spiritual gifts, the specific gifts most often referred to in chapter 12 are words of wisdom, words of knowledge, the gift of faith, “gifts of healings,” the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues and the interpretation of tongues (verses 7–10).

Some people entertain the false belief that they are being prideful or self-serving for wanting such supernatural abilities in the first place. Pursuing the gifts of the Holy Spirit, however, especially the anointing to prophesy, means you are pursuing the heart of God toward others. These powerful manifestations of the Spirit serve as God’s kiss and embrace to those who are hopeless, those who are estranged from God and those who have little to no knowledge of God at all.

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1. Prophetic ministry first began with the Old Testament prophets and has always been sourced to the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit.
2. Even though the Lord had established highly governmental prophets throughout the Old Testament to speak on His behalf, we also see His heartfelt desire to speak directly to His people without a middleman.
3. Both Moses and Joel foresaw the ministry of the distant future, namely that all would prophesy.
4. New Testament prophetic words are weighted differently than those in the Old Testament. They are no longer being added to the biblical canon as “new revelation.”
5. To prophesy in truth, we would first need to be given the supernatural ability to do so from the Holy Spirit.

..... *Thoughts for Reflection*

1. Have you ever prophesied before? What were the results?
2. How is prophecy for us today just as much as it was in the Old Testament? What are some differences?
3. How is it possible for every Christian to prophesy?
4. Have you ever heard a prophetic word that seemed lifeless or, perhaps, even pointless? If it is a supernatural gift, why would this happen?
5. Do you feel it is prideful or arrogant to pursue the Holy Spirit’s gift of prophecy or other supernatural gifts? Has this chapter helped you to reconcile those feelings?