

Giving and Receiving Words of Knowledge

Nathaniel who back in V.46, said to Phillip who had told him we have found the Messiah; “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Phillip used his bate well, in hooking Nathanael; he did not get into an argument with Nathanael’s resisting flesh; but simply said “Come and see?” You want to remember those words they are a good line.

Phillip was already showing that he would become a “fisher of men” and an Evangelist; one who was even “transported” many miles after baptising the Ethiopian in Acts 8:39-40 A powerful ministry, with spiritual experiences.

Now, let’s look at Jn.1:49 and the effect Jesus’s Word of Knowledge had on Nathanael: “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel.” Look what happened here; he came from ridiculing Jesus’ hometown pedigree; to a believer through two Words of Knowledge. One a word of truth as to who he was; and a vision confirming where he was before Phillip found him.

Now; Jesus challenges his belief system in V.50, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree; do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” (Prophetic Word – foretelling).

Look how Jesus lifts his horizons immediately. (“Taste and see that the Lord is good.”) Jesus feeds his hunger.

Brothers and sisters there is always more; look how Jesus lifts the bar again with the Prophetic Word, which could also be a Word of Knowledge.

V.51, and He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” (Jesus is using the Word in Gen. 28:12, which Nathanael would have known; when Jacob had a dream/vision of the angels of God ascending and descending on a ladder connecting heaven to earth; and the Lord standing above it. “I am the Lord God of Abraham your father”.....) – An open heaven!

Now; Nathanael had a choice to make as to whether he really believed his own word; and greater still, did he really believe that Jesus was who He said He was?

And, so it is with all of us and those we are calling to come and meet Jesus. Do we really believe?

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Jesus used Scripture to prove his spoken Word to Nathanael, reminding him of God’s covenant with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob called Israel, and all their descendants. He had already validated Nathanael “Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit.”

This was a powerful Word of Knowledge right up front. Jesus was also confirming that it lined up with the principles, and truth of Scripture.

Scripture confirms Scripture. Keep studying the Bible.

Those Words of Knowledge changed Nathanael’s life forever.

Have you noticed how important it is to quickly introduce new people to Jesus so that He can speak into their lives giving them revelation of who He really is; and who they are in Him; and can be, in their lives?

Plus whom Jesus calls, He validates, anoints, appoints, and equips for the works of the Kingdom. Michael shares his personal testimony in reflecting back about possible Words of Knowledge, along with some boyhood history!

Going back to the 9 ways of receiving Words of Knowledge in our last Segment. I want to share one or two experiences that I have had over the years. I was moving in the gift before I really knew what it was, along with most of the other gifts.

So firstly it was a knowing that came from inside me up to my mind, which of course was from my spirit, which I did not recognise as such in the early days of prayer ministry. The sensing was similar with the Discerning of Spirits, and Deliverance.

On the night I came to know Jesus as my lord and Saviour He baptised me in the Holy Spirit. I was overwhelmed, out of my comfort zone; wanting to get out of the room.

I was reasonably fit, and was trying to roll over to crawl out the door when He constrained me with a hand on my forehead and the other on my left shoulder pinning me to the floor. I knew I was beaten. Then He spoke to me while I was lying on the floor; Words of Knowledge, and Prophecy about me as to who I was; and what His call on me would be like.

“You think you have been pretty good! You think you have achieved a lot! (Yeses!)

But I have just let you run! Now you must come into harness!”

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Just like He did with Nathanael who He reminded him of the rock he was hewn from. With me it was reminding me of how I had run, from Him. Also I had not responded to His earlier call seven months before and now I knew I was to become like a horse in harness.

I had grown up with horses who had been broken in for pulling ploughs, gigs, sledges etc. with a bit in their mouths, blinkers, and reins. A gentle flick on the reins; and “get up; or a couple of clicks to go” or a “whoa” and the horse stopped, and waited for its next command. A wider pull on the reins to go left or right, and so they did.

Except for “Foxy” our first little Shetland pony who had one eye knocked out by a boy who threw a stone at her. If she heard a sudden sound on her blind side she bolted.

I was around 10 years old and on the sledge guiding her along the side of the house when this happened. She was bolting out towards the lawn but what she could not see ahead was a pipe with a tap on it sticking up out of the ground, which I knew was there.

There was also a big plum tree on the right just before the tap. I had a blinding flash of the obvious and pulled on the right reign and steered her on her blind side into the plum tree. Foxy’s bolting came to a sudden stop with a bits of skin flying.

Foxy had been broken into harness; - to obey the pull on the reins and stop the pain of the bit in her mouth which saved us both from a disaster waiting to happen.

When Jesus said to me; “**now you must come into harness;**” I knew my life would never be the same again. I gave up (running), struggling to get up, and went somewhere with Jesus that I do not have recall of.

Then I received the gift of tongues; but could not hear them, as my mind did not want to be usurped. I was given divers tongues meaning many languages, which I will talk about another time.

The colt in me had been subdued; but, I was not ready to pull the kings Coach yet.

In my testimony in Teaching 7. I talked about receiving the Gift of Healings with my hands hot, and vibrating, fingers tingling, leg vibrating so much that I was going to run out of the lecture; when it occurred to me to take hold of the wrist of the man next to me. I now recognise that it was not just a blinding flash of the obvious but **a Word of Knowledge.**

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And again that night when I prayed for the lady from Auckland for her husband’s healing from flu/bronchitis I just knew within me that he was healed as we prayed; so I looked at my watch and said it is 10-10 pm. your husband is healed. **Another Word of Knowledge.**

(The Gift of supernatural Faith would have been operating which I did not understand about either.)

Over the years I think I have experienced all nine ways listed in Segment 9 of receiving words of Knowledge. There is a story with every one; but not in this segment.

We can hear a Word of Knowledge but not believe it is true. A Word of Knowledge does not have to make sense to you, for it is for someone else to respond to. There may be no response at the time, but it is out there; you have obeyed; and the Holy Spirit is able to take your step of Faith and use it to convict, or help whoever the Word of Knowledge was for.

Ministry: what about spending time asking the Holy Spirit to help you grow in the gifts, and practice the gift of Word of Knowledge? Also to share your own experiences to build faith among you.

God bless you all.

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Scriptures.

John Ch.1:47-48. Phillip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of who Moses in the Law, and also the prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Phillip said to him , "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathaniel said to Him, how do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Phillip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Jn.Ch.1:49-51. "Nathanael answered and said to Him, Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these. And he said to him, Most assuredly, I say to you , Hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Acts 8:39-40. "Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Phillip away so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. But Phillip was found at Azotus, and passing through, he preached in all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

Gen.Ch.28:12. "Then he dreamed, and behold a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it."

Is.Ch.53:7-8. "He was oppressed and he was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken."

Rom.Ch.6:11. "Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Acts.2:37-40. "Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let everyone of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

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Homework Questions

1. Please tell us, what was Phillip’s gifting? And why do you think Michael is asking you to remember what Phillip said to Nathanael?

2. Why was Jesus so positive in His approach with Nathanael?

3. What were the two thrusts of Jesus words to Nathanael? And what, and how did they impact Nathanael?

4. What was Nathanael’s response to Jesus?

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Additional Teaching – Instruction – Methods

Welcome to Module 3 Teaching 10 Additional Teaching on Giving and Receiving Words of Knowledge.

In the teaching above we quickly dive into a powerful Scriptural encounter in Jesus’s calling of Nathanael through the reaching out of Phillip, who Jesus had only just invited to Come follow Me. Phillip’s heart must have been ready for something real and meaningful to happen in his life!

When he met Jesus, and recognised that Jesus could well be the awaited Messiah; so much so; that he wanted to draw others to Jesus immediately. When our hearts are on fire with love; we want to share it. It’s like when boy meets girl; all they want to do is talk; and then talk about the new love of their life! Have you got that fire in your bones to follow Jesus that Phillip had?

He never waived, He was out there finding people for Jesus, even being directed by an Angel of the Lord to “Arise” and go South onto the road that led down to Gaza in: Acts Ch.8:26-40. – This was a divine encounter, ordered from heaven. God sending one of His heavenly messengers, an angel of the Lord to call Phillip into action! Did Phillip say: Oh it’s all dry desert down there, are you sure you have got it right? Let us look at what the Word says, about how Phillip responded:

V.27-. So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.

So he arose and went! – This was immediate action! God calls; we go! Phillip was called on this special assignment to meet a man of great authority, in a position to influence a whole nation. Here we see Love of Jesus; followed by instant Obedience. Now the action! Phillip is going to exercise his special gifting of an Evangelist in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

V.29 Then the Spirit said to Phillip. “Go near and overtake the chariot.”

I want to draw your attention to the spiritual realities at work here with Phillip.

1. God is at work; Father, Son/Jesus, send an Angel; and then the Holy Spirit speaks to Phillip.

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2. This would have required Phillip to be using the Gift of Discerning of Spirits; to know that the angel was of God; not a fallen angel of satan.

3. Phillip would also need to discern within him the voice of the Holy Spirit from any other deceiving voices. This is a process of firstly the gift of Discerning of spirits; then learning and trusting the voice of the Holy Spirit.

For me this was not easy as I had been born with physic ability from my ancestors involvement in witchcraft, and Freemasonry, which distorted me in using the gift of Prophecy, Words of Knowledge, Wisdom, etc. and also there were false visions to contend with. It took some years before I became confident that I was hearing the Lord.

One of the main areas is to learn how the Holy Spirit works in, and with you; and the witness of that in your personal spirit is the peace that flows with His presence, the calmness, quietness, certainty you sense and feel. It was Elijah who experienced the still small voice of the Lord at the entrance of the cave! God was not in all the elements of fire, wind, thunder, lightning etc.

Phillip had love in his heart for Jesus, and was passionate towards spreading the Gospel. From his love for Jesus came his zeal to serve; and most of all to be obedient to the Holy Spirits directions. – This is discipleship! What being a disciple of Jesus requires!

V.30. so Phillip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, (Ch.53:7-8) and said, **Do you understand what you are reading?** (What a great question. That was wisdom, meeting the man where he was at! Lok at the response it got?

How can I unless someone guides me? He asks Phillip to come and join him! Then he asks Phillip a question: **Of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?** I want you to catch clearly where Phillip started from. Here is the key! **V.35. Then Phillip opened his mouth , and beginning at this Scripture preached Jesus to him.**

See how important it is to know your Scriptures and how to apply them to be able to take this man from the Old Testament of Law and Justice, and bring him into the New Testament of Grace and love, to Jesus, and what is required to enter into his kingdom on earth. The requirement of being baptised into the death of Christ, **Rom.Ch.6:11**; and to rise up out of the water into the

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