



PROPHECY IN ACTION

Part 2 Prophecy & Church

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Was Paul bowkers?

I wish you could
all prophesy

Is he crazy?



1 Cor 14:1 (NLT-SE)

Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy.

THE EFFECT OF THE
PROPHETIC MINISTRY

is to bring
the world

INTO

DIVINE FOCUS

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Jesus Disrupts

Always seems to be healing on Sunday
– that's just plain antagonistic!

Hangs out with the wrong people
– spreading dissent?

Reminds us that he has come to be
divisive – why bring that up?

Expects the impossible – AND that we
should understand what's going on.

Luke 13:14 (NLT-SE)

But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day.

Mark 2:16 (NLT-SE)

“Why does he eat with such scum?”

Luke 12:51 (NLT-SE)

Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other!

Mark 8:14 (NLT-SE)

“Don't you understand yet?”

Jesus...

Difference prophetic engagements

Compare two encounters:

Jesus meeting Nicodemus
John 3:1-21

Jesus meeting the Samaritan Woman
John 4:1-30

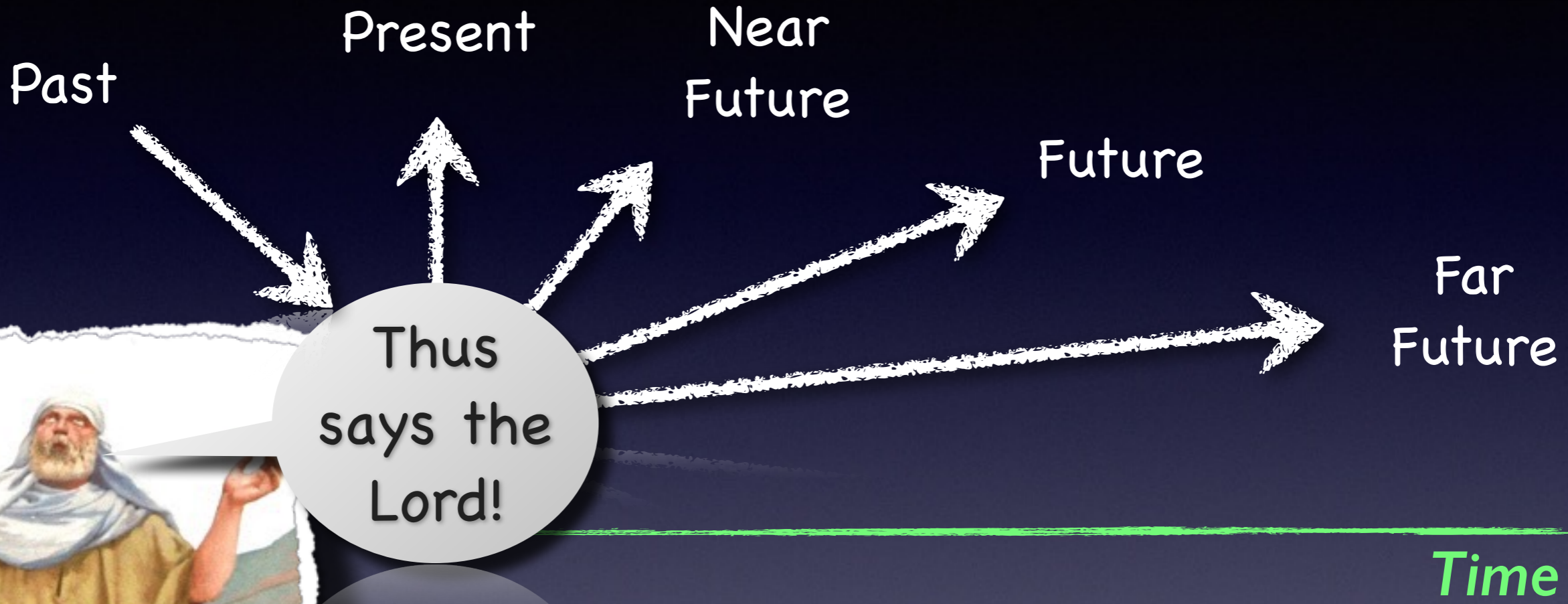
Heaven

“The reality of the Christian life is measured by the impact of the impossible”

Bill Johnson

Time Frame

Woman when past was illuminated – released from abuse

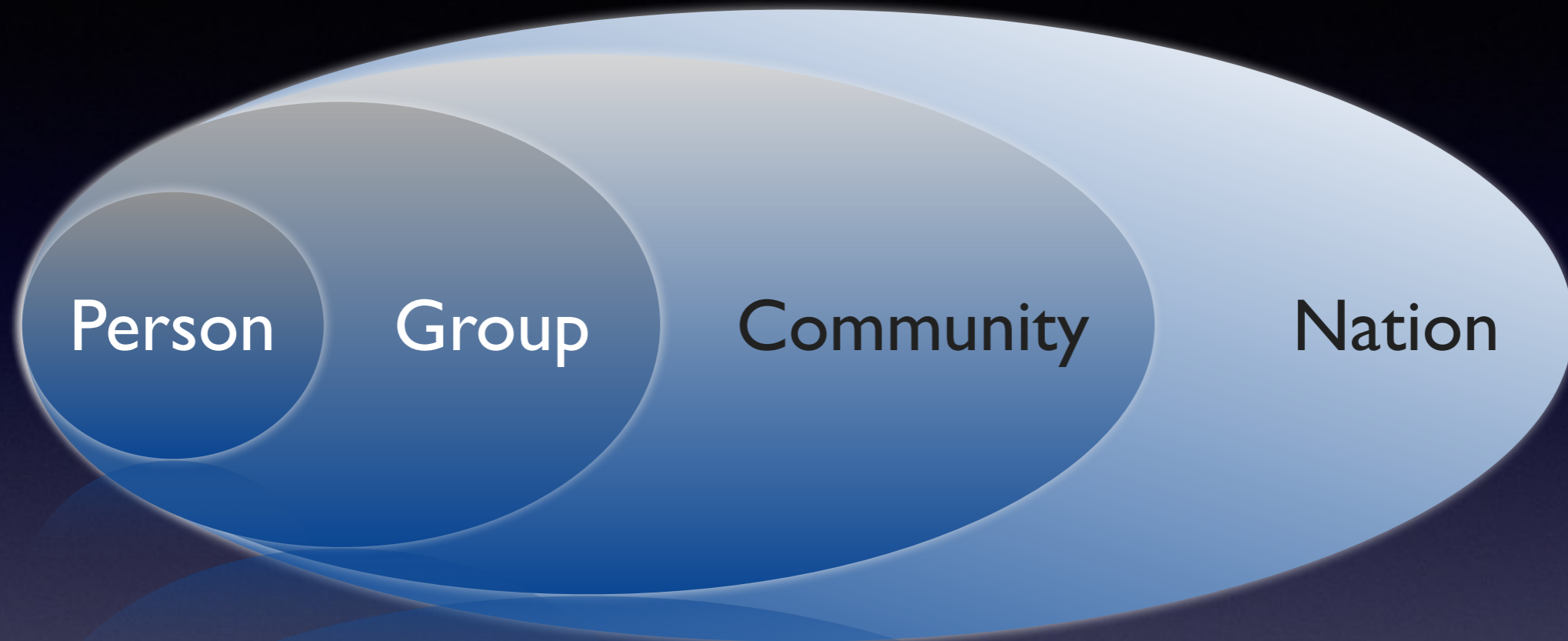


Thus says the Lord!

Often overlapping!



Scope



Gifts in combination

Church life

Eph 4:11 (NLT-SE)

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

Evangelism

John 4:29 (NLT-SE)

“Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did!”

Healing

Mark 9:25 (TNIV)

“You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him....”

Interpretation

Luke 4:17 + 21 (NLT-SE)

...the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”



Prophetic Preaching

1. Relinquish a world that is passing from us
2. Enable and empower folk to receive a new world

Prophetic Healing Ministry

Four Models, three enabled by prophecy

Prophetic Evangelism

Treasure hunting, prayer ministry, everyday life

Prophetic Hospitality

Ministry, everyday life

Show

1 Cor 2:4–5 (NLT–SE)

My message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, **I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Luke 10:9 (NLT–SE)

Heal the sick, and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God is near you now.’

And Tell



What gets in the way?

“The devil makes our problems seem greater than the solutions we carry”
Bill Johnson

Listen Paul!
2 year old

What's wrong with Your stomach Paul?

FEAR

“Faith is not the absence of

Acts 9:13 (NLT-SE)

“But Lord,” exclaimed Ananias, “I’ve heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem!”

Prophets

What are they for?

Transform thinking for
individuals

God's perspective

Develop confidence

Know value

Discern vision & purpose

Transform thinking for
churches

God's perspective

Encouragement

Enable / stimulate

Discern vision & purpose

Romans 12:2 (NLT-SE)

Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

Praying for woman who could only see desert

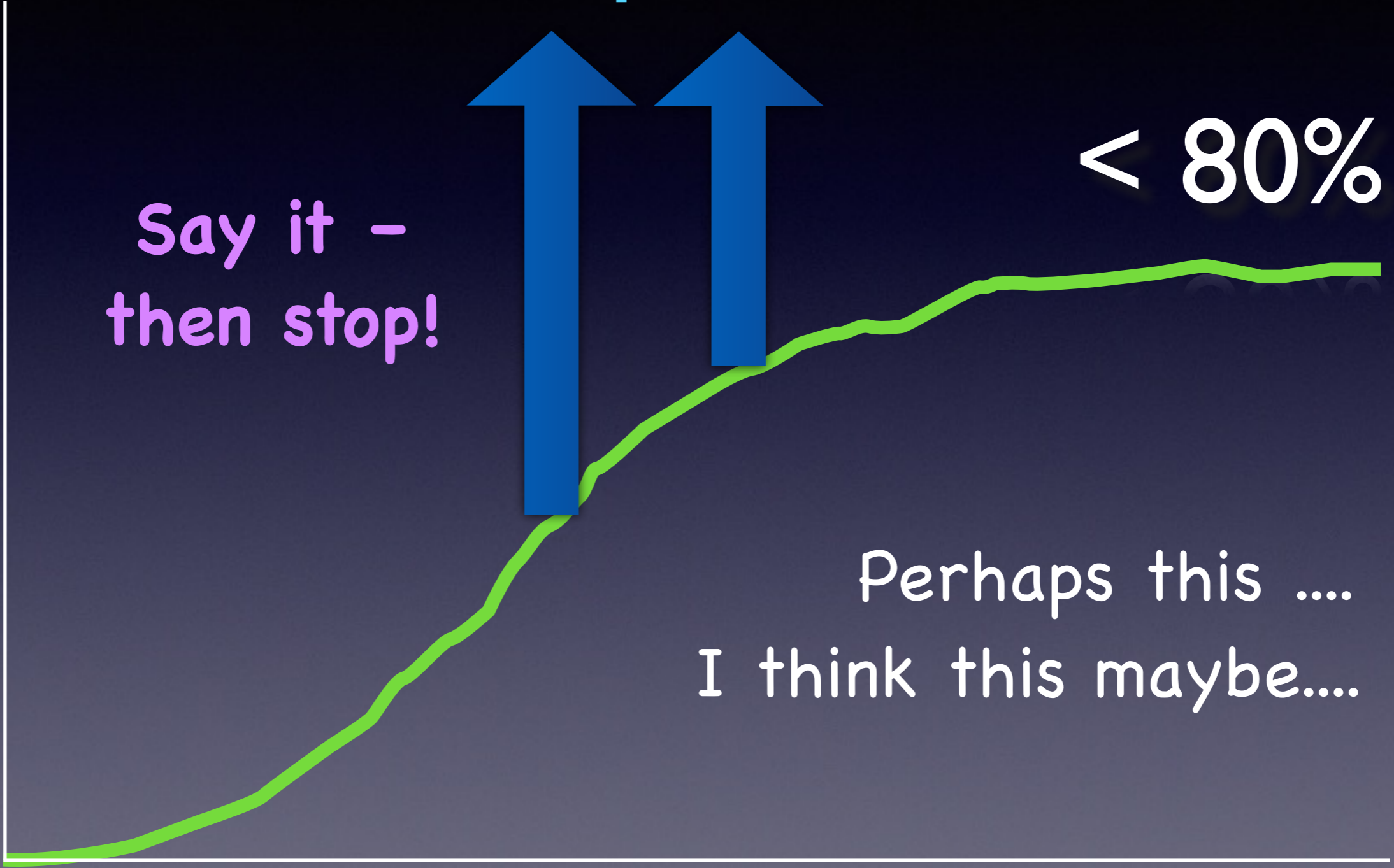
Interpretation

Say it -
then stop!



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Perhaps this ...
I think this maybe...



The Gift and the Office

Man's Words

God's Words

Simple
Prophecy

Prophetic
Gifting

Prophetic
Ministry

Prophetic
Office

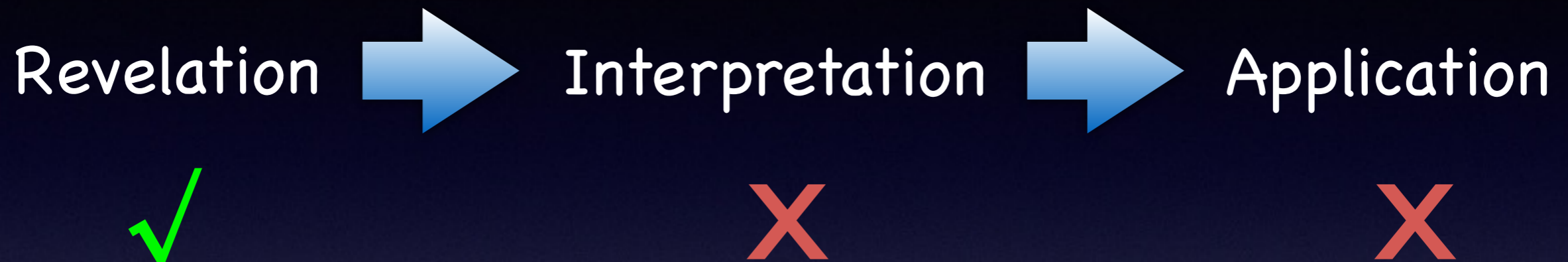
Blessing
Integral



Dangerous
Threat

Prophet

Prophetic sequence



Thank you

What does it mean?

What do I do with that?

Messing up Prophecy

Revelation

One-off inexperienced
– distorted by anxiety

Accurate but needy
– distorted by
unhealed nature

Agenda prophet
Glimpses God but
driven by own motives

Interpretation

Inexperienced –
Spiritual or emotional
inadequacy

Sensitive but needy
– distorted by
unhealed nature

Agenda recipient
– misdirection driven
by own motives

Application

No applications –
Spiritual or emotional
baggage

Cultural distortion –
environmental influence

Diluted
All prophets equal
Watered-down content

If the enemy works hard to create a counterfeit,
then the original must have great value.”

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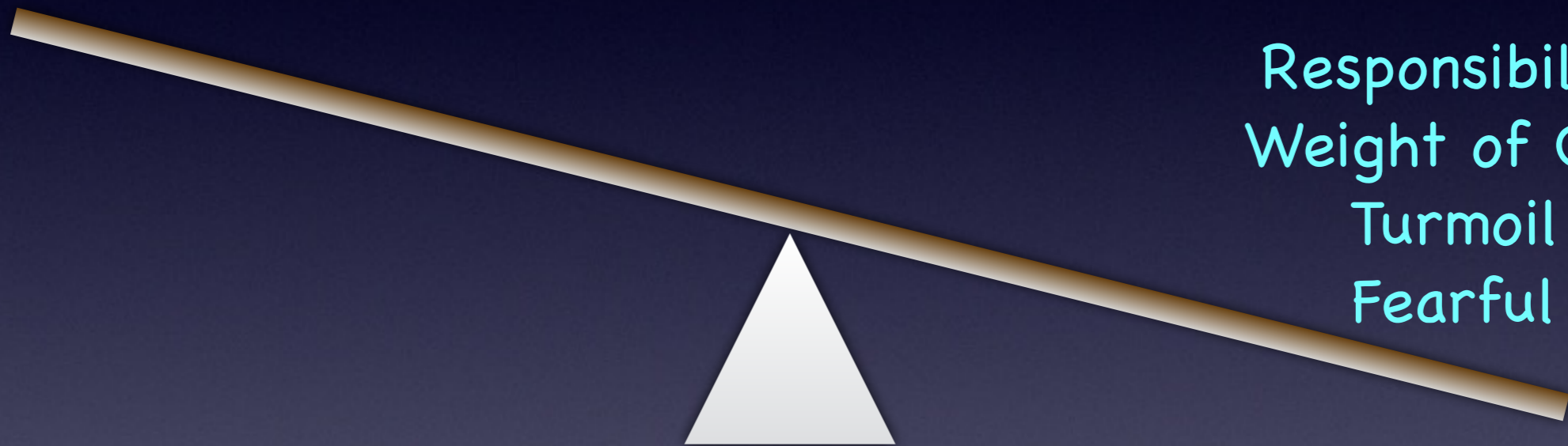
Church Leader

New Prophet



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Responsibility
Weight of God
Turmoil
Fearful

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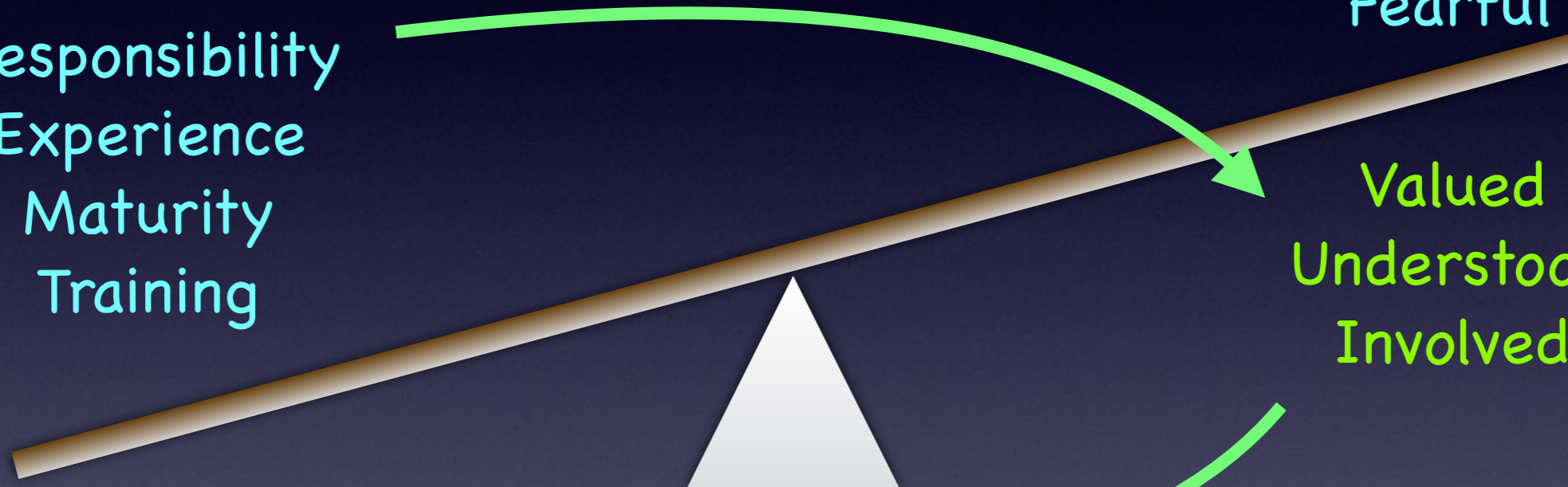
New Prophet

Responsibility
Experience
Maturity
Training

Responsibility
Weight of God
Turmoil
Fearful

Valued
Understood
Involved

Valued
Engaged
Trusted



Church Leader

New Prophet

Responsibility
Experience
Maturity
Training

Identity
Love and Grace
Relationship

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Prophetic Church

Leading and Enabling

Prophecy is normal part
of Christian life

Appoint trusted prophets
– integral to church life

Teach prophecy and live
in it

Develops in Community

Managing and Directing

Authority and roles
Who is responsible?

Test:
Character of person
Content of message
Context and timing
Motivations

Guided by Relationship

Relationship and Community

Testing

Does it seem like God?

My sheep know my voice (John 10:1-4)

Doesn't just
apply to prophets!

Person

Character – bearing good fruit (Matt 7:15-20)

Full of Holy Spirit and godly lifestyle (Matt 7:15-20)

Humility – Accept authority of God, Bible, church leader?

Content

Consistent with Scripture and Glorifying Jesus

Revelatory – Resonates with other prophets

Problem – not
enough trusted
prophets!

Effect

Strengthens, encourages and comforts (1Cor 14:3)

Takes us forward in relationship with God and each other

Practical Sensing

HEAR

See

REMEMBER

Taste and Smell

Mark 8:18 (NLT-SE)

‘You have eyes—can’t you see? You have ears—can’t you hear?’ Don’t you remember anything at all?

Emotions

Let's do it!

“You were born for
the impossible”

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