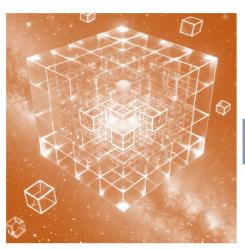
Ipswich International Church



Daily Devotion

Monday, 27 Jan - Sun, 9 Feb 2025

Manifestations of the Spirit:

A Word of Wisdom

A Word of Knowledge

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Manifestations of the Spirit: Introduction

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

1 Corinthians 12:1 BSB

Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this. [NLT]

"...I don't want you to be confused about spiritual realities." [TPT]

Paul's message to the Corinthian church is clear: he doesn't want them—or us—to lack understanding about spiritual matters. Interestingly, the word *gifts* isn't present in the original text of this verse. Translators added it to help clarify the meaning, but other translations use terms like *manifestations*, *realities*, *or things*. This reminds us that the focus here is not on possessions or talents we own but on spiritual workings that reveal God's presence and purpose.

God does not want us to remain ignorant or unaware of the spiritual realm. Hosea, the prophet, said it plainly: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." This warning echoes across generations, highlighting the dangers of spiritual blindness or apathy. God desires for His people to have clarity, wisdom, and a deep understanding of how He works in and through them.

Paul then turns the Corinthians' attention to their past. He reminds them how, as pagans, they were easily "led astray and swept along" in worshipping idols—lifeless, speechless objects with no power. Even though these idols could not speak or act, they still held influence over those who worshipped them. This stark example serves as a warning: we are often more influenced by spiritual forces—good or bad—than we might realise.

In verse 3, Paul makes two critical statements that reveal the role of the Holy Spirit in shaping our faith and speech:

- 1. No one speaking by the Spirit of God can say, "Jesus is cursed."
- 2. No one can truly say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

These statements demonstrate the Holy Spirit's influence on our beliefs and words. They remind us that true faith and confession come from

more than human effort—they are evidence of the Spirit's work in us. This passage also suggests that the spiritual realm is far more active in our lives than we often acknowledge.

Paul continues by emphasising the importance of unity within the church. Later in the chapter, he compares the church to a human body.

Imagine your body if each part decided to act independently—your arms refusing to cooperate with your legs, or your eyes ignoring what your ears hear. Such a body would be chaotic, unable to function or survive.

In the same way, the church is not a collection of isolated individuals but a living, interconnected organism. Each member plays a vital role, and no part is insignificant. The health of the whole depends on the cooperation and mutual support of its members.

Finally, Paul reminds us of the foundation of this unity: the **same Spirit**, the **same Lord**, and the **same God** are at work in all of us. Though we may have different roles, gifts, or abilities, everything flows from the same source—God Himself. This shared foundation calls us to humility and harmony, recognising that our diversity is meant to serve a greater purpose.

As we explore these spiritual realities, we are invited to grow in understanding, to see the bigger picture of God's work, and to embrace our part in His grand design.

Each week, we will learn about a specific gift. Our journey will include an introduction, six days of reflections, and on the seventh day, we will take time to think about what we've learned and how it speaks to us. In the first week, we will explore the **word of wisdom** through a thoughtful study written by our own St. Denest Akintaju. As the editor, I have also added some prayer points and reflection questions to help us understand this gift better.

Remember we may not have it all together, but together we have it all!

Adewale Adefuye Ipswich, 24 January 2025



What Are Cell Groups?

Cell groups are small, welcoming gatherings of 6–12 people within Ipswich International Church (IIC). They meet regularly—either weekly or twice a month—in each other's homes to foster community, spiritual growth, and mutual support.

At IIC, our cell groups reflect the diversity of our church family, including people from various ages, genders, and cultural backgrounds. Whether you're looking for a group near your location or one that fits your stage of life, we'll do our best to connect you to the right cell group.

The name "cell group" is inspired by the concept of cells in a physical body. Just as cells work together to sustain and benefit the whole body, our cell groups are a vital part of the culture and spiritual makeup of IIC, helping our church community thrive and grow.

We'd love for you to join a cell group and experience this enriching aspect of church life!

Why are Cell Groups Important?

Cell groups play a vital role in fostering meaningful connections within the IIC community. While our larger Sunday gatherings provide a space for worship and collective teaching, cell groups offer a more intimate setting to build deeper relationships.

They provide an opportunity to:

- **Connect Personally**: Build relationships with people you might not get to know during a larger service.
- **Grow Spiritually**: Ask questions about faith, discuss biblical teachings, and explore how to apply them to your life.
- **Support Each Other**: Share life's challenges and victories, offering and receiving encouragement and prayer.
- **Be Accountable**: Strengthen your walk with God by being open and accountable to others who care about your spiritual growth.

Joining a cell group is a great way to experience community and grow in faith together with others.

How Do I Join a Cell Group?

Joining a cell group is easy! Simply turn over this leaflet to explore the various options available to connect with a group that suits your preferences. Take the next step and get connected today!



Do you want to sign up to a cell group but not sure which one?

Scan this QR code to register your interest in joining one and well try our best to match you to one.



Do you already know which group you would like to join?

The scan the QR code below or follow the instruction below on how to sign up using the 'My ChurchSuite App' on your phone...





Sign up via 'My Churchsuite App'

- 1. Open the App and Log in.
- Click on the menu button -Right)



- 3. Click on 'Cell Groups'.
- 4. Click on the group you'd like to join.
- 5. Click the 'sign up' button -
- Finished.

Sign up

The Word of Wisdom: Introduction

The Word of wisdom can be defined as a supernatural sense of direction or revelation, a bit of God's wisdom made available in a particular situation. The word of wisdom can be given through an audible voice, a vocal gift of prophecy, a vision or a dream, and it could be just an inward impression of knowing what to do.

There are adverse situations we could find ourselves in or have a complex problem to solve and we don't know what to do. The word of wisdom comes from the Spirit of God to provide direction which when acted on will bring about an outcome desired providing a solution to the issue which could not have been thought of by the natural mind.

It is often included in the operation of all the other gifts.

We need wisdom from the Holy Spirit to know how to carry out what God has revealed to us. The word of wisdom reveals to us how to:

- Do something God has shown you to do
- Resolve situations
- Pray for a person
- Avoid dangers
- Speak the right words into situations

Word of wisdom is not referring to wisdom in a general sense that is available to the believer for daily living. James 1.7 says "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him"

Denest Akintaju

Ipswich, 24 January 2025

Ignorance to Insight: The Manifestation of the Spirit



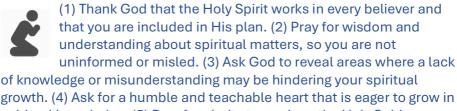
1 Corinthians 12:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ² You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*:

1. St Paul says it's important not to be unaware about spiritual things. Why do you think knowing more about these things is important?

2. What could happen if people don't understand spiritual truths? How might it lead to confusion or believing wrong ideas?

- 3. The Bible says that "to each one" the Spirit is given. What does this mean to you? Does it encourage or challenge you in any way?
- 4. How does knowing that every believer receives the Spirit help you think about your place and role in the church?



growth. (4) Ask for a humble and teachable heart that is eager to grow in spiritual knowledge. (5) Pray for clarity to see how the Holy Spirit manifests Himself in your life.

The Wisdom Behind Jericho's Fall



Joshua 6:1-20



God gave Joshua precise instructions on how to conquer the heavily fortified city of Jericho: march around the city once a day for six days, then seven times on the seventh day,

followed by blowing trumpets and shouting.



Word of wisdom in action: This unconventional battle plan was not something a military leader would devise naturally, but it led to a miraculous victory, as the walls of Jericho fell.

God instructed the Israelites to march around Jericho in a seemingly unconventional way. How do I respond when God's wisdom or instructions seem unconventional or don't make immediate sense to me?

- 2. Faith in God's Timing: The Israelites marched for seven days before seeing results. Are there areas in my life where I need to trust God's timing and remain persistent, even when I don't see immediate progress?
- 3. Unity in Obedience: The Israelites followed God's plan together as a community. How can I contribute to unity and collective faith within my family, church, or community?



Pray for a heart that fully trusts and obeys God's instructions, even when they don't make sense to me.

2. Patience in the Process: Ask God for the patience and perseverance to trust His timing and remain steadfast in faith.

- 3. Faith to Act Boldly: Pray for courage to step out in faith and follow God's lead, even when the path seems unusual or daunting.
- 4. Unity in Purpose: Ask for unity in my family, church, or community to work together toward God's purposes and support one another in faith.

Wisdom in Battle: Jehoshaphat's Story



2 Chronicles 20:1-24



Judah found itself under threat from three enemy nations—a force the Bible describes as "a great multitude." Overwhelmed and uncertain, King Jehoshaphat admitted he did not know what he turned to the Lord in prayer. In response, the word of the Lord

to do, but he turned to the Lord in prayer. In response, the word of the Lord came through a prophet, declaring, "You will not need to fight in this battle."

Taking God at His word, the people of Judah marched to the battlefront, not with weapons but with songs of praise. As they worshipped, God intervened, causing their enemies to turn against each other, resulting in a complete and miraculous victory without Judah lifting a single sword.



What is the wisdom at work? How does it unfold?

1. Seeking God First: When faced with challenges, do I seek God's guidance first, as Jehoshaphat did, or do I rely on my own

strength and understanding? (2) Faith in God's Promises: Jehoshaphat trusted in God's promise to deliver them without fighting the battle. How can I grow in trusting God's Word, even when the situation seems overwhelming? (3) Power of Worship: The people of Judah worshiped and praised God before they saw the victory. How can I practice worship and gratitude, even in the midst of uncertainty or battles in my life?



Pray for the habit of turning to God in prayer and seeking His guidance in every challenge, just as Jehoshaphat did. (2) Ask for the strength to trust in God's promises and believe that He will hattless even when I con't see the outcome. (2) Provider a boost

fight my battles, even when I can't see the outcome. (3) Pray for a heart that praises God in all circumstances, confident in His ability to bring victory.

Consider exploring other instances of the <u>word of wisdom</u> in the Old Testament with your Cell Group members:

- 1. David in the Battle of Rephaim Valley (2 Samuel 5:22-25)
- Joseph Interpreting Pharaoh's Dreams (Genesis 41:14–36)



The Word of Wisdom that Healed Naaman



2 Kings 5:1-14



When Naaman, a Syrian commander, sought healing for his leprosy, the prophet Elisha instructed him to wash seven times in the Jordan River. Though the instructions seemed deven offensive to Naaman), obeying them resulted in his

simple (and even offensive to Naaman), obeying them resulted in his miraculous healing.



This wisdom revealed a specific, Spirit-inspired action that led to a life-changing result. How do I respond when God's instructions seem simple or not what I expect? Am I willing

to humble myself to obey, even when it challenges my pride?



Pray for a heart that is humble and willing to follow God's instructions, no matter how simple or unexpected they may seem.

Consider exploring other instances of the <u>word of wisdom</u> in the Old Testament with your Cell Group members:

- Moses and the Bitter Waters of Marah (Exodus 15:22– 25)
- Solomon's Judgment Between Two Mothers (1 Kings 3:16–28)
- 3. Elisha and the Widow's Oil (2 Kings 4:1-7)

The Stone Not Thrown: A Word of Wisdom in Action



John 8:1-11



The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery to Jesus, hoping to trap Him. If He condemned her, He would violate Roman law (which prohibited Jews from carrying out executions). If He released her, He would appear to disregard the Mosaic Law.

Jesus responded with profound wisdom, saying, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." His answer convicted the accusers, and they left one by one. Jesus then forgave the woman and told her to sin no more.



Jesus perceived the Pharisees' trap and responded in a way that revealed their own hearts. How can I seek God's wisdom to discern people's true intentions or underlying issues in

challenging situations? 2. Balancing Truth and Grace: Jesus didn't excuse the woman's sin, but neither did He condemn her. How can I speak truth in love while still offering grace to others?



Seeking Divine Wisdom: Pray for the wisdom to respond to difficult situations with the same clarity and discernment Jesus demonstrated.

Consider exploring other instances of the word of wisdom in the ministry of Jesus with your Cell Group members:

- 1. Paying Taxes to Caesar (Matthew 22:15–22)
- 2. Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:1-14)
- 3. Responding to Pilate (John 18:33–37)
- 4. The Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4:4–26)
- 5. Healing the Man with the Withered Hand (Mark 3:1-6)
- 6. The Tribute Money from the Fish (Matthew 17:24–27)



The Jerusalem Council: A Case Study in Spirit-Given Wisdom



Acts 15:1-21

The Early Church faced a major conflict over whether Gentile believers needed to follow Jewish customs, such as circumcision. At the Jerusalem Council, the apostles and elders sought God's wisdom. James, inspired by the Spirit, provided a word of wisdom to guide the Church: Gentile believers would not be burdened with the law of Moses but would observe a few essential practices.

This decision maintained unity in the Church while affirming the inclusivity of the gospel.

In Acts 15:28, the council's letter speaks of the Holy Spirit's involvement in their decision. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit guiding you in decision-making or bringing clarity in difficult situations? How can you seek the Holy Spirit's guidance more intentionally?



- 1. Just as the leaders in the early church sought Your guidance through the Holy Spirit, pray for wisdom and discernment 2. Pray for unity in the Body of Christ.
- 3. Pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

Consider exploring other instances of the word of wisdom in the Early Church with your Cell Group members:

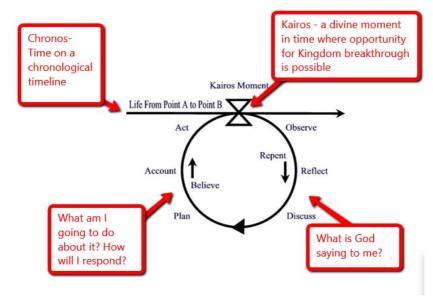
- 1. Resolving the Dispute Between Hebrew and Hellenistic Jews (Acts 6:1-7)
- 2. Stephen's Defence Before the Sanhedrin (Acts 6:8-10)
- 3. Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)
- 4. Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:1-48)
- 5. Paul's Decision to Stay During the Storm (Acts 27:21-26)

Our Declaration at IIC

We, the people, are the Church—
a battleship with every one of us
on deck, fully committed to
carrying out Christ's mission. We
are not a cruise ship where a
small crew serves and entertains a
crowd of passengers.



Pause. Reflect. Process



It's time to pause, reflect, process and act on your week's Kairos moment(s).

This week,	 	

A New Rhythm of Fasting: Mark your Calendar

In 2025, we are embracing a more consistent rhythm of fasting, both individually and as a community. We started the year with a focused seven-day fast in January and will continue with three days of fasting each month. This intentional practice is designed to help us seek God's guidance regularly and cultivate a stronger spiritual foundation throughout the year.

As we look ahead, please take note and prepare for the designated fasting days in February and March. Let's approach these times with prayerful anticipation, trusting God to move powerfully in our lives and our community.

Wed, 5-Fri, 7 February 2025

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Wed, 5 - Fri, 7 March 2025

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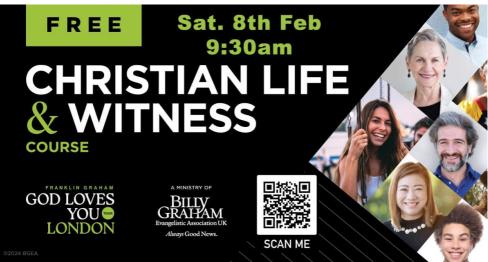


February Fasting & Prayer

Wed, 5 – Fri, 7 February 2025 Corporate prayer in the Church Building 7:30pm on Friday, 7 February

Various Cell Groups at different times Tuesday – Friday

Daily online corporate devotion 6am at iic.io/3g



WELCOME LUNCH Sunday 9th February

Have you joined IIC recently?

You are invited for food & fellowship after the service at 1pm.

An email invite has been sent out. Please respond so we know numbers. Thankyou.



Sat, 01.02.2025



By faith Sarah Received Strength

During our Friday fasting and prayer meeting in January, we reflected on Hebrews 11:11:

"By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised." [NKJV]

We focused on the phrase: Sarah received strength to conceive. This reminded us that we must develop capacity to experience God's promises.

That morning, while praying in tongues, this verse came to my mind. I am part of a group that dedicates one hour daily to praying in tongues. After sharing the verse in our forum, I was amazed to find that another member, a dear sister, had been reflecting on Sarah's story in Genesis at the same time! It was a clear sign that God was speaking.

At the prayer meeting, she led us through Sarah's faith journey:

- 1. Did she first believe, "God will keep His promise to Abram"?
- 2. Then, did she doubt, thinking, "God's promise won't happen through me—so I'll help Him" (bringing Hagar into the picture)?
- 3. Later, did she feel it was too late, laughing in disbelief?
- 4. Finally, did she reach full faith, believing, "God's promise is for me—Sarah, mother of nations."

Sarah only heard God's promise directly in **Genesis 18**, after God changed her name from Sarai to Sarah (Genesis 17). Every time Abraham called her Sarah; he was declaring God's promise over her. That could have strengthened her faith.

Our sister prophetically concluded, "What didn't happen in 24 years happened in 12 months."

As others shared their experiences from the January Fast, a common theme emerged: God is calling us to trust Him more and engage more with His Word. We sensed God leading us to:

- a. **Feed on His Word**—Read and meditate on the Bible so His promises become real in our hearts.
- b. **Embrace and Declare His promises** Declare His truth, believing that His Word will come to pass, even when circumstances seem impossible.

God is always faithful! Our part is to believe, speak, and live by His Word.

Fasting as a Lifestyle

As a community, we are committing to regular fasting for spiritual growth. The **first Wednesday to Friday of February and March** are set aside for fasting and prayer. Let's prepare our hearts and seek God together.

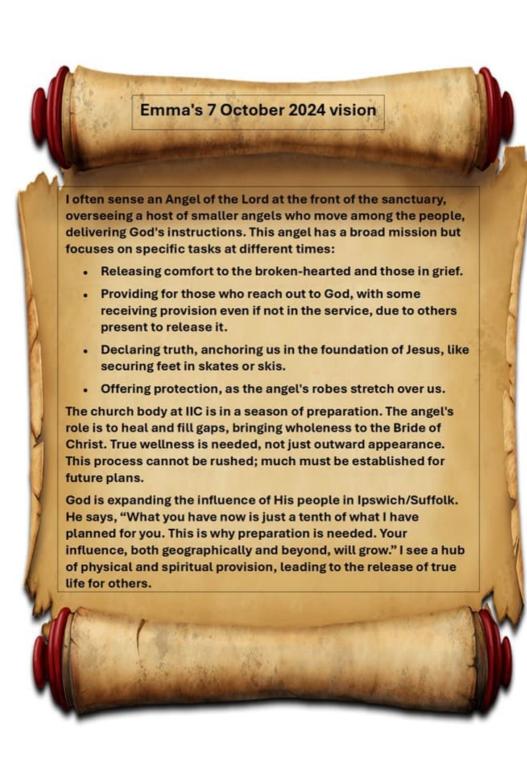
Dates to Keep in Mind

- Wed 5th Fri 7th Feb: Fasting & Prayer, ending with a prayer meeting on Fri, 7th Feb.
- Sat 8th Feb: Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Learn how to share your faith with confidence. Details to follow.
- Wed 5th Fri 7th Mar: Fasting & Prayer, concluding with a prayer meeting on Fri, 7th Mar.
- Saturday, 8th March: Prophetic Training by Ceri Harris Learn to hear and speak God's words more clearly.

Let's keep growing in faith and trusting God together. Remember, we may not have it all together but together we have it all.

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The Word of Knowledge: Introduction

The word of knowledge is a special gift from God, where the Holy Spirit tells you something you couldn't possibly know on your own. It's like God sharing a little piece of His knowledge with you—something about a past or present situation that He wants you to be aware of.

God knows everything, but He doesn't tell us everything. Instead, He gives us just the right bit of information we need at the right time. This isn't about knowing everything like God does—it's about receiving a specific "word" or detail from Him.

For example, it could be something like knowing a person's name, a problem they're facing, or an event that happened in their life. This gift isn't for showing off or being clever—it's to help people, encourage them, or show them that God cares.

It's like God whispering a secret to you, not to keep to yourself, but to share in a way that helps others and points them to Him. It's an amazing way to see how God is involved in our lives and how He loves to communicate with us!

This revelation often serves to strengthen faith, provide guidance, bring healing, expose deception, or affirm God's intimate involvement in a person's life.

The word of knowledge can come through a vision, dream, prophecy, or inward impression from the Holy Spirit and it is usually to meet a specific need.

Denest Akintaju Ipswich, 29 January 2025

God Reveals the Enemy's Moves

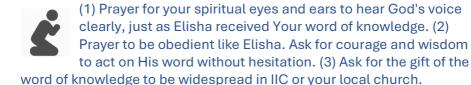


2 Kings 6:8-12, BSB

⁸ Now the king of Aram was at war against Israel. After consulting with his servants, he said, "My camp will be in such and such a place." ⁹ Then the man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Be careful passing by this place, for the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰ So the king of Israel sent word to the place the man of God had pointed out. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places. ¹¹ For this reason the king of Aram became enraged and called his servants to demand of them, "Tell me, which one of us is on the side of the king of Israel?" ¹² But one of his servants replied, "No one, my lord the king. For Elisha, the prophet in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

1. What is the "word of knowledge" demonstrated in this passage, and how does it differ from human intelligence or guesswork? 2. What can we learn from Elisha's example about listening to God and being obedient when He shares something with us? 3. What lessons can believers today

learn about spiritual gifts, particularly the word of knowledge, from this account? 4. How does the word of knowledge strengthen and protect God's people, as seen in this story?



Ahijah Knew Before She Spoke



1 Kings 14:1-6, BSB

¹ At that time Abijah son of Jeroboam became ill, ² and Jeroboam said to his wife, "Now get up, disguise yourself so they will not recognize you as my wife, and go to Shiloh. For Ahijah the prophet is there; it was he who spoke about my kingship over this people. ³ Take with you ten loaves of bread, some cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what will become of the boy." ⁴ Jeroboam's wife did as instructed; she arose and went to Shiloh and arrived at Ahijah's house. Now Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were dim because of his age. ⁵ But the LORD had said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to ask you about her son, for he is ill. You are to say such and such to her, because when she arrives, she will be disguised." ⁶ So when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet entering the door, he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam! Why are you disguised? For I have been sent to you with bad news.



- 1. How did Ahijah, despite being physically blind, know about Jeroboam's wife's disguise before she even arrived?
- 2. In what ways have you seen or experienced a *word of knowledge* in your own life or others' lives?
- 3. How can we be more open to receiving and responding to words of knowledge in our walk with God?



- 1. Lord, help us to be attentive to Your voice and open to receiving Words of Knowledge from the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Father, give us the wisdom to recognise truth from deception, just as You revealed the truth to Ahijah despite his blindness.
- 3. Lord, help us to speak and act on the knowledge You reveal to us, without fear or hesitation.
- 4. Father, teach us to walk in honesty before You, knowing that nothing is hidden from Your sight.
- 5. Lord, help us grow in understanding and using the gifts of the Spirit, including the Word of Knowledge, for the benefit of others.

A Well, a Woman, and a Word of Knowledge



John 4:7-25

- 1. What does this passage reveal about the purpose of the Word of Knowledge in ministry?
- 2. How does the Word of Knowledge Jesus demonstrated here compare to the one given to Ahijah in 1 Kings 14:1-6?
- 3. How does this passage encourage us to be more open to the Holy Spirit's guidance in our interactions with others?
- 4. How can we apply the lessons from this story to our daily lives in sharing the gospel?



- 1. Pray for spiritual sensitivity Lord, help us to hear and recognise Your voice as Jesus did at the well.
- 2. Holy Spirit, we are open and teachable to being equipped to operate in the Word of Knowledge to bring others closer to You.
- 3. Holy Spirit, let Your revelation spark a hunger for You in our communities, just as it did in Samaria.

Consider exploring other instances of the <u>word of knowledge</u> in the ministry of Jesus with your Cell Group members:

- 1. Jesus and Nathanael (John 1:47–50)
- 2. Jesus Knows His Betrayer (John 13:21–26)
- 3. The Coin in the Fish's Mouth (Matthew 17:24–27)
- 4. Jesus Knows the Thoughts of Men (Luke 5:22; Matthew 9:4)

The Holy Spirit Sees All: A Lesson from Ananias & Sapphira



Acts 5:1-11



Ananias and his wife likely believed they were dealing with Peter alone when they brought their gifts to the Church, not realising they were engaging with an all-knowing God. Should they have recognised they were influenced and led astray by Satan?

Or they were too consumed by their desire for recognition and their willingness to deceive that they failed to see the gravity of their choices?

It challenges us to examine our own hearts: Are there areas where we might be deceiving ourselves or others, and are we fully aware of the spiritual risks involved?

1. Pray for spiritual sensitivity – Lord, help us to hear and recognise Your voice as Jesus did at the well.

2. Holy Spirit, we are open and teachable to being equipped to operate in the Word of Knowledge to bring others closer to You.

3. Holy Spirit, let Your revelation spark a hunger for holiness, integrity and purity in our communities, just as it did in the Early Church.

Hearing God's Voice, Walking in Obedience



Acts 9:10-19

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Here I am, Lord," he answered. ¹¹ "Get up!" the Lord told him. "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."



1. How did Ananias know about Saul's name, location, and vision? What does this reveal about how God communicates with us?



- 2. How does this passage demonstrate that the word of knowledge can be used to guide and confirm God's plans?
- 3. What do Saul's and Ananias' visions teach us about divine alignment and confirmation?
- 4. How did Ananias overcome his initial concerns?
- 5. How did Ananias' obedience play a role in the broader mission of spreading the gospel?



2. Holy Spirit, we are open and teachable to being equipped to operate in the Word of Knowledge to bring others closer to You.

3. Let our obedience lead to transformation in the lives of those we minister to, just as Ananias' did in Saul's life.

Divine Interruptions: When God Changes Our Perspective



Acts 10:9-23



Peter receives a divine revelation through a vision, which plays a crucial role in the unfolding of God's plan to include Gentiles in the covenant community. Does Peter's rooftop vision demonstrate the word of knowledge? How does Peter's vision challenge traditional Jewish understandings of purity and holiness?

What role did the specific experience play in breaking Peter's cultural and religious barriers regarding Gentiles? What can we learn from Peter's hesitation and later obedience about discerning and responding to a word of knowledge?



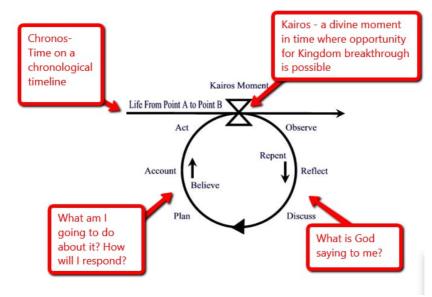
(1) Lord, open our spiritual eyes to receive and understand divine revelations just as Peter did. (2) Holy Spirit, help us discern when You are speaking, whether through visions,

dreams, or direct words. (3) Break every cultural, religious, or personal barrier that prevents us from obeying Your voice. (4) Give us the boldness to act on the words of knowledge and instructions You give us, even when they challenge our perspectives. (5) Let Your Church be sensitive to Your voice, just as Peter was, so that we may partner with You in fulfilling Your purposes.

Consider exploring other instances of the word of knowledge in the Early Church with your Cell Group members:

- 1. Peter and Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:18–23)
- 2. Paul and Elymas the Sorcerer (Acts 13:6–12)
- 3. Agabus Predicts a Famine (Acts 11:27–28)
- 4. Agabus Warns Paul About His Imprisonment (Acts 21:10-11)
- 5. Paul and the Shipwreck (Acts 27:10, 21–26)

Pause. Reflect. Process



It's time to pause, reflect, process and act on your week's Kairos moment(s).

This week,		 	 	



Our Priorities







