

SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT

“BECOMING A PERSON OF THE SPIRIT”



Produced by Pastor Ada Boland for the purpose of equipping and training the Body of Christ, to know who they are in him in relation to building the Kingdom of God in the Earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit.



The story and the journey of Pastor Ada Boland

Ada was born in St George, South West Queensland, the sixth child of the late Lindsay and Betty Boland (nee Hall). Ada's mother's clan are the Yuwaalaraay people and her father's clan are the Bigumbul people, extending from Dirranbandi into NSW.

Ada was 15 years old when God visited her in a physical manifestation and ever since that night, she has lived her life a hundred percent for Him. She gives herself fully to serve God, the Body of Christ, and the community where God places her. In 2004 Pastor Ada founded Townsville Community Church and pastored the Church for 11 years as an Ordained Minister with the Australian Christian Churches (ACC). Many people came to know God through her life during this time and the Church has become very influential in the local community and body of Christ across Australia. Ada has a passion for people to understand who they are in Christ and to be functioning purposed in the Body of Christ using their gifts, talents, and abilities.

Ada's life journey with God has taken her to many Nations like PNG, Fiji, Indonesia, India, Singapore, Western Samoa, USA, Canada and Africa to inspire and encourage others to rise and share in all that God has for them. Her other passion is to see God raise up a new generation of young 1st Nation men and women who will change generational strongholds in their families through the Power of the Holy Spirit working in and through their lives. 2015 was the beginning of the journey of a God given vision that launched "INDIGENOUS APOSTOLIC & PROPHETIC VOICE" which has taken Pastor Ada into the Aboriginal, South Sea and Torres Strait Islander communities in Australia, as well as building great partnerships with other Churches and the lives of people from many cultural backgrounds.

"A JOURNEY OF RESTORATION AND RECONCILIATION"

SESSION ONE

“KINGDOM LIVING”

INTRODUCTION

- What do we mean by “Living Kingdom?”
- Where does this terminology come from?
- How do we know the difference between Kingdom living, being a Christian and just going to Church? Is it the same? Are there differences in how we live being a person of the Kingdom, a church goer or just someone who believes in God?
- We need to ask ourselves “How did Jesus live this out in His life and what did He teach us through the Bible, the Word of God?”

In this session, we are taking this journey of learning and finding out how to become a person that is KINGDOM LIVING, to increase our ability and enlarge our capacity to “BECOMING a person of the SPIRIT.”

LUKE 17:21 The kingdom of God is within us.

MATTHEW 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 6:9-13 The Lord’s prayer and verse 33, Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 7:21-23 Living out of the place of “doing the will of the Father” to enter the Kingdom of God.

1. WHAT IS A KINGDOM?

What does it represent? It speaks of an EMPIRE, A REALM, A TERRITORY, A DOMAIN, A NATION, AN ESTATE, A DOMINION OR SOVEREIGNTY ruled and governed by LAWS, POLICIES and ORDERED SYSTEMS. We read and understand in the Old Testament the way the NATION OF ISRAEL and other nations were governed by a KING, who could be overthrown by another KING. There were always battles going on for TERRITORY/LAND to overthrow and conquer, to increase a Kingdoms’ dominance and to increase their RULERSHIP. King David for example in the battle against the Philistines with their champion Goliath **1 Samuel 17** one of the many battles in the old testament for a Kingdom.

2. A NATURAL KINGDOM

Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. Verses 8-10 – showed him the kingdoms of the world and their glory, the things of this world shall pass away: **1 John 2:15-17**.

3. A SPIRITUAL KINGDOM

Jesus spoke and taught in a language, which related to the Kingdom of God, He used what the Bible refers to as teaching in parables. There are 24 parables in the New Testament. These parables are directed by the words: **“THE KINGDOM OF GOD is LIKENED to.....so one-third of the scripture, the recorded teachings of Jesus are ANALOGIES or STORIES that give an explanation for a SPIRITUAL PRINCIPAL OR A MORAL ATTITUDE/ATTRIBUTE that refers to the KINGDOM WAY OF LIVING, to get the Church ready, to prepare herself as the BRIDE of CHRIST for His Return. For example: Matthew 13:3-8 The parable of the sower and the seed, also Matthew 13 has a few of the parables, read these scriptures and find out what Jesus is referring to within these parables.**

4. HOW DO I OUTWORK THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN MY LIFE?

- Recognise that there is a **SPIRITUAL REALM/SPIRITUAL DIMENSION** that outworks God's Kingdom: **Daniel 10:10-14**
- Recognise that there is an opposite spiritual realm/spiritual dimension that outworks the kingdom which the Bible calls our enemy, satan or the devil, **Ephesians 6:12**
- Recognise there is the natural realm - the nature of man, flesh, carnal nature called spirit of man. **1 Corinthians 2:11** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

5. HOW DID JESUS OUTWORK THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN THE EARTH?

- Jesus came into the earth through a supernatural happening orchestrated by God His Father: **John 1:1-4 and verse 13-14** Relating to a life that represents character, attitudes, attributes that were being reflected in and through His life - His walk, His talk, His speech, His thinking and how He treated people all challenging the then status quo of governmental and religious systems.
- **Romans 14:16-17**, for the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- **Challenging Mindsets:** Romans 8:5 – minds set on things of the flesh Romans 12:1-2 or be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- **Changing your words/speech:** Job 22:28 – declaring and decreeing.
- **Character development/changing lifestyles:** **Job 23:10** Lifestyle attitudes and mindsets that we have learnt and been brought up with becoming more in the likeness of Jesus. **Jeremiah 8:1-6 Jeremiah 1:9-10.**

CONCLUSION

Developing our Kingdom lifestyle and Kingdom living is a JOURNEY. It does not happen overnight. It takes time for attitudes and lifestyle habits to change to be more like Jesus, to become His sons and daughters. **Romans 8:14-17** – Heirs to the Kingdom of God. **LUKE 9:62** – Keeping our hands on the plow.

Key of David – power and authority is in our lives through what Jesus has done for us.
Revelations 3:5-8.

Revelations 19:7-10 – Jesus Spirit of prophecy



SESSION TWO

RECOGNISING THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT

1. DEFINING THE 3 IN ONE – THE TRINITY

Recognising that in the relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit, they all work together in bringing us into oneness with Him. **1 Corinthians 12:4-6**. It is not just about our gifts, but also about each of us being in the will of the Father.

2. FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

Ephesians 4:11 – Each role has a function in the Body of Christ.

- Apostle – Governs
- Prophet – Guides
- Evangelist – Gathers
- Pastor – Guards
- Teacher – Grounds

3. THREE GROUPINGS OF THE GIFTS

Proverbs 18:16 and Romans 12 - Motivational Gifts

- Do not force it
- Gift will flow naturally
- Be faithful and do not hurt people
- Ask God for a mentor who is moving in the gifts you know God has placed on your life.

REVELATION GIFTS	SPOKEN GIFTS	GIFTS OF POWER
1. Word of Wisdom	1. Prophecy	1. Healing
2. Word of Knowledge	2. Tongues	2. Miracles
3. Discerning of Spirits	3. Interpretation of Tongues	3. Faith

4. DOES GOD SPEAK TO HIS PEOPLE?

1 Corinthians 2:9-13

- My sheep hear My voice: **John 10:27**
- Hear what the Spirit says to the Church: **Revelations 2-3**
- We know each other and recognise each other voices: **John 10:3-5, 14**

5. HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO HIS PEOPLE?

- Still small voice (words or thoughts): **1 Kings 19:11-13**

- The Scriptures: **Psalm 119: 105, 130, 148, 162** and **I Timothy 3:16-17**
- Audible voice: The conversion of Saul, **Acts 9:3-5**
- People: Leaders, family, and friends
- Dreams and visions: Open visions or dreams whilst sleeping.

6. PRACTICAL KEYS FOR RECOGNISING THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT

We need to understand the character of God and how He functions which is part of His nature in doing things. **Ecclesiastes 3** – Times and seasons **Job 22:25-28** and **Job 23:8-12**

- Be patient, do not rush, take time in building your relationship of intimacy
- Learn to wait, **Isaiah 40:28-31** entwining ourselves with Him to become one
- Make intentional time with Him, in the Word and be prepared with a pen, paper and devotional book
- Weigh up what you hear by asking God for confirmation from His Word or signs that will give you the green light.
- Do not make decisions when there is restlessness or no peace. Time and season are the keys to knowing if it's the right choice – **Isaiah 55:12**
- Understand times of crossroads and times and seasons God has for our lives, the only thing that never changes is Him and the things of Eternal Purpose. **Isaiah 55:8-9**
- In everything keep your eyes on Jesus: **Amos 3:7-8, John 4:34**

ACTIVATION TIME

Personal testimonies from our participants in relation to how they have been led and guided and come to understanding and hearing the Voice of the Spirit, for direction, guidance and confirmation.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

John 15:4, 7, 15-16 John 17:20-23 Becoming one with God, the Father and Jesus the Son, this happens in our desire to be in the Will of the Father for our lives.



SESSION THREE
UNDERSTANDING THE GIFT OF PROPHECY
AND LEARNING THE
PROCESSES OF WORKING/WALKING IT IN OUR LIVES

1. WHAT IS PROPHECY?

- **Supernatural utterance** in an unknown tongue
- **God Manifests Himself** supernaturally to the spirit of man to bring a message to His Church, His bride, His people. **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**
- **One of the Gifts** that God gives to man, to His Church, His people. **Romans 12:4-8**
- **One of the Mantle/Gifts** 5-Fold Ministry, the foundation of the early Church as it was established in the New Testament. **Ephesians 4:10-13**

2. WHAT IS THE GIFT OF PROPHECY'S PURPOSES?

Paul tells us that it is important, and what its purpose is for, **1 Corinthians 14:3-5**.

- **Edification** – Improvement, enlightenment, instruction and elevation of the Church. **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**
- **Exhortation** – encouragement and counsel to advise and strong urging
- **Comfort** – Ease, relief, well-being, security, relaxation, contentment, consolation and solace from times of hardship or during difficult times in our lives.
- **To Convict and Convince** – Persuade, sway, influence, win over, talk into, convert and prove. **1 Corinthians 14:24-25**
- **Instruction and Learning** – Order, direction, teaching, coaching and training **1 Corinthians 14:31**.

ACTIVATION TIME

- Team up with someone, preferably someone you do not know very well
- Take some time to pray together and ask the Lord to show you something about the person that you are teamed up with
- Each of you write it down
- Ask the Lord for a CONFIRMATION SCRIPTURE
- Now pray with each other about the word that the Lord has given you for each other
- Then each team to present what the Lord has shown each other about your teammate

(Ask everyone to write their questions down while going through this topic, so we can ask the panel of leaders to go through with them at the end)

3. TWO FUNCTIONS THAT ARE OUTWORKED THROUGH THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

These differences are shown in the old and new Testaments:

- Old Testament prophecy is foretelling future events or present events that need directions or an answer. Functioning in this role as defined by the Kingdom rule operating in the position of King (Apostle) Priest (Pastor) and Prophet -This role is called the **OFFICE OF A PROPHET**. Prophets were called upon to meet with the King to give them an answer when they were in times of difficulties, in times of war and in times of selecting a new King. Solomon selected as King, **1 Kings 1:34**. This area of functioning is in the arena of the Governmental Realm, the area that pertains to ORDER, RULES, LAWS, INSTRUCTIONS and DIRECTION. **1 Kings 18**: The battle for the throne with Elijah (Prophet), Obadiah (Priest) and Ahab (King).
- New Testament prophecy is concerned with the **life of the Church** and not so much the world. A prophet will prophesy, but not all who prophesy are Prophets. **1 Corinthians 14:31** We all have a measure of this Gift of Prophecy in our lives as a child of God. **1 Corinthians 14:19** and **1 Timothy 4:12-16**

ACTIVATION TIME

(Question and answer time with a panel of leaders that have been asked to join us)

4. HOW IS PROPHECY REVEALED TO US?

- **Spontaneous utterances:** a word, a vision, an impression of scripture, something that is revealed by the Holy Spirit from within us.
- **Dreams and visions:** whilst in private prayer time, in Church, during reflection or meditating times of devotion with God. It's God's place and timing as to when He wants to speak to us regarding particular things going on in our lives or the lives of others. **Isaiah 6** and **Acts 9:10-12**.
- **Messengers/angels:** John was the closest friend to Jesus out of the three and he wrote the Book of Revelation which was made known to him by visitations of angels. John had all these hidden mysteries of the Kingdom disclosed to him through the five senses - hearing, sight, touch, taste and smell.
- **Songs/poetry and natural sources:** Whilst you are singing prophetic words can come, whilst out walking in God's creation He can reveal His Word to you for encouragement.

- **Performing arts and artistic gifts:** God reveals Himself to us as individuals through the Gifts that He has given us and the things that we best relate to. God uses these gifts to individually speak to us and He also uses them corporately for the Body of Christ.

5. DELIVERY AND EXPRESSION OF PROPHECY

Everyone is different, and God uses us as individuals through our different personalities. Important to respect each other in the different delivery and expression of each of us.

- Actions: **Acts 21:8-13**
- Speaking or verbalising under the unction of the Holy Spirit: **1 Cor 14:19**
- Writing or recording for present or future reference, especially for when individuals or the corporate Body of Christ needs encouragement or direction: **Jeremiah 36:10 and 17-19.**

6. PRACTICAL LESSONS

We all are people of influence and have the ability to impact the lives of people for the good or not so good. For building up the Kingdom of God these are lessons I have learnt to champion others:

1. Be yourself, who God made you to be, do not compare yourself with others. God uses us all as individuals.
2. Do not shout, learn to control your emotions and allow the word to flow naturally, not allowing your desires to take over and stay on track
3. Let the word flow, do not force it as it comes naturally to you from the throne of God
4. Be focused on God, it's His Word that He wants to release, you are His vessel, He gets the glory and we stay humble so we can be His servant and His messenger.
5. Use wisdom and know right timing: It may not be for now, maybe for another time and another meeting. Weigh it up in your spirit. **Ecclesiastes 3**
6. Be prepared to mess it up or get it wrong, we all are human and make mistakes. Do not be down on yourself (self-pity, self-focused). Jesus is who we are to reflect even in our times of mistakes.
7. Check your heart, your motives, and attitudes: Flow from a place of love and compassion. Jesus was moved with compassion for the crowd, the lost and the enemy (through the Cross)
8. Respond always with a heart that reflects, honour and glorify to Jesus when given compliments and be encouraged when others are edified, comforted, and exhorted.
9. Have a pure heart: Years of protecting and guarding your heart to be able to maintain a Spirit that Flows with and through the Holy Spirit.
10. Ask God for a scripture, for the Word He is releasing to you.

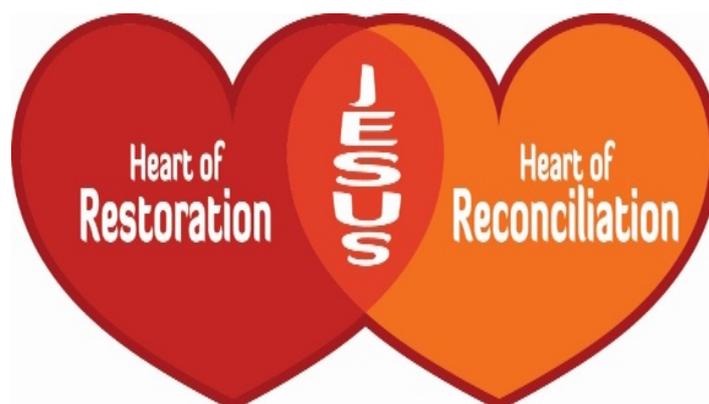
7. FINAL INSTRUCTION

Use of the Gift – **1 Thessalonians 5:14-24**

- Verse 19 – Do not quench the Spirit
- Verse 20 – Do not despise prophecies
- Verse 21 – Test all things; hold fast to what is good

CONCLUSION

- **Romans 12:6 and Joel 2:28**
- A time of worship and encouragement for those in meeting to move in the prophetic and build confidence to operate in this realm and utilise their giftings.



SESSION FOUR

INTERPRETATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF DREAMS AND VISION

1. DEFINING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DREAMS AND VISIONS

A. DREAMS:

1. Two meanings in the dictionary

- i. SERIES OF THOUGHTS, IMAGES AND SENSATIONS occurring in a person's mind during sleep.
- ii. A CHERISHED ASPIRATION, AMBITION OR IDEAL – about what you want to become or hoping to be.

2. **In Theory** dreams don't mean anything. They are just brain impulses that pull random thoughts and imagery from our memories. Freud studied dreams to understand the unconscious mind and according to Freud, your dreams reveal your repressed wishes for yourself. But we are focusing on the God given dreams that have a Spiritual meaning and depth to them.

3. Dreams tell us:

- What you really know about something
- What you are really feeling
- Point towards areas needing growth
- What you may need to be expressing
- The health of your relationships towards a person, people, place or thing.
- Fine-tune your direction and show you any unfinished business.

4. **Dream interpretations** is the process of assigning meaning to dreams. In many ancient societies, such as those of Egypt and Greece, dreaming was considered a supernatural communication or a means of divine intervention, whose message could be interpreted by people with these associated spiritual powers. For example: In the Bible days of the Old Testament we see in **Daniel 2:1-2** Magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans. It was a dream that King Nebuchadnezzar had, whilst he was asleep. We read in verses **19-48** Daniel not only tells the King the DREAM, but he also then gives its' interpretation.

5. **The Parables of the Kingdom of God:** understanding that there are principles of how Jesus revealed the things of the Kingdom through the Parables. This was a type/pattern of His speech and examples and illustrations of revealing the things of the Kingdom to a people who had no idea or understanding nor were they brought up in the ways of the Jewish/Messianic Laws and traditions. **Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20 and Luke 8:4-15.**

These Parables give us an understanding of what things represent in our dreams and visions. They also give us an insight to what God is trying to say to us. For example: **Verses 13-20** the interpretation. The SEEDS are the WORD OF GOD, the GROUND is the HEART OF A MAN, TYPES OF PEOPLE, and the state of their heart. **Verse 4** meaning is found in **Verse 15**: birds of the air are the demon spirits at work robbing the Word of God from people.

ACTIVATION TIME

Find a partner and tell them a dream you have had, and your partner is going to try to interpret it for you, (please not too long of a dream). If you haven't had a dream simply make one up and let's see what your partner comes up with. Write down the dream and interpretation of both and after activation, gather everyone back together for sharing.

B. VISIONS: Dictionary meaning - The faculty or state of “**being able to see**” or the ability “**to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom.**” Other words are- sight or eyesight, something that you imagine, a picture that you see in your mind; something that you see or vision especially as part of a supernatural experience.

There are two types of Visions:

- 1. NATURAL VISIONS:** birth direction, purpose, a plan and meaning for doing things and living life. **Proverbs 29:18** – without a VISION, the people perish.
- 2. SUPERNATURAL VISIONS:** Things that you see whilst your eyes are open. **2 Kings 6:8-18** In the midst of the battle God is at work, even when our natural eyes only see the natural, God is always at work in the supernatural realm, we don't fight our battles by ourselves. **2 Kings 2:11-12**, **Numbers 22:28-34** Balaam's donkey speaks, and Balaam's eyes are also opened.
- 3. Book of Revelation** written by the most loved and favored by our Lord Jesus the disciple of John. The things that he heard and the things that he saw by the naked eye, that revealed the things of heaven and the things that are about to happen on the earth. The present and the future. **1 Corinthians 2:9-12** These are called OPEN VISIONS, things that we see with the natural, and is revealing the things of the Spirit for present, future and things to come.
- 4. Book of Isaiah:** The Visions of Isaiah the Son of Amos, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem **Chapter 6** – Isaiah was awake, he was in the OPEN VISION realm, the Spiritual Realm of seeing with his Natural Eyes, Natural happenings seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, feeling all the 5 senses of the natural man, yet – it was all of the SPIRITUAL REALM that he was experiencing.

PRACTICAL OUTWORKING

Being aware of the importance of not being or coming across as:

- Fluffy,
- Super-spiritual,
- Controlling or manipulating for own purposes,
- Know it all, being prideful,
- Being loud and boastful,
- Not being sensitive to the needs of others.

2. RELEASING/PROCESSING

Being able to communicate to others and knowing what is acceptable in releasing/sharing of dreams and visions:

- Understanding the time and season, especially if you are waiting for your dreams to come to pass **Ecclesiastes 3**
- Motivation: The journey Joseph had to travel for God to fashion, mold and make him before he even realized he was in the place of fulfillment of his dreams. **Genesis 42:9**
- Understanding if your dreams and visions are from God. **Proverbs 18:16** it's out of the gifts that God has placed in and on our lives that we function the best and our dreams and visions are fulfilled through them on the practical level.
- Asking God if the dream or vision is just for yourself or for the Church in general or for another individual.
- Make sure you have a witness with you when you are going to share the dream or vision with the person (protection and guard your heart)
- In a Church setting you need to have a good relationship with your Pastor and Leaders, so you have an open door to release any dreams and visions.
- Know the Word of God: Confirmation is important, and most people want to align their vision or dream up with a Word from the Bible: **2 Timothy 3:16**

CONCLUSION

Spend some time in worship, waiting on the Holy Spirit to hear what He is saying. Encourage and foster confidence in gathering people to speak out and release what God is showing them either in a dream or a vision in these particular times.

