

# FROM DREAM TO DESTINY

FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE

## The Prophetic Test

- Focus** God has a dream and a destiny for every person, but we must pass some character-building tests before we can fulfill our destiny. Great character supports great destiny.
- Open** Do you have a favorite quote or saying? What is it, and why is it meaningful to you?
- Read** Psalm 105:19 says, *“Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.”* In the original language, this verse means that until the time of the spoken (prophetic) word that Joseph had received came to pass, the literal Word of God tested him. Unless your life lines up with the literal Word of God, your spoken word (destiny) will not happen. The fulfillment of our prophetic word, or destiny, is conditional upon our response to God’s Word. All words from God must be submitted to the God of the Word.
- Prophetic words must be tested (1 Thessalonians 5:19–21). If it doesn’t line up with the written Word of God, the word must be rejected. God will not contradict Himself! We can only test the prophetic word if we’re familiar with the written Word of God. Once we’ve submitted and tested the prophetic word, we’re to hold on to it (Philippians 3:12). In 1 Timothy 1:18, Paul encouraged Timothy to “wage the good warfare” using the prophecies that had been spoken over him. We can use the prophetic word of God to authoritatively do battle in the spirit when times are difficult, just as Joseph had to hold fast to the dreams God had given him when he was enslaved and imprisoned.

**Talk**

1. What are other words or phrases to describe the destiny of God for your life, besides “spoken word,” “prophetic word” or “destiny”?
2. Some words from the Lord are unconditional, while many are conditional (containing an “if” and a “then,” such as 2 Chronicles 7:14). Personal words are almost always conditional upon our response to the word.
  - a. What other unconditional prophecies or promises of God come to mind?
  - b. Why are so many spoken/prophetic words from God conditional?
3. Why must the prophetic word always be submitted to the Word? How is this different from testing a word?
4. Specifically, how do you test a word? (1 Thessalonians 5:19–21, 1 Corinthians 14:29, Deuteronomy 13:1–3)
5. Why is it important to understand that our prophetic word is only part of the picture and not the whole thing (1 Corinthians 13:9)?

**Live**

1. It’s important to allow other people to help us test or judge our words from God. Who is in your life who can or will help you with this?
2. What is a word that you believe God has given you pertaining to something you’re going through right now? How can you “hold fast” to this word?

**Pray**

Ask God to give you the ability to hear what He is saying to you. Make or renew your commitment to live according to His ways/Word that you might “lay hold” of all that He has for you. Thank Him that He has a perfect desire and destiny for your life. Ask Him to speak to your heart clearly and often.