

## Episode 026

# Prophetic Insights with Ps Denis Lu

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## Introduction

Ps Lai Ling:

Hello everyone. Thank you so much for joining us at wilsonlailing.com. Today is a podcast interview on the prophetic, and we are really pleased to have Pastor Denis Lu, all the way from Kuching, Malaysia, here with us. He is the Senior Pastor of Hope Kuching. I'm really blessed to hear what God has been doing through his life, particularly in his journey in the prophetic as well. So, Ps Denis, thank you so much for being here with us.

Ps Denis:

Yeah, thank you for having me. I'm so excited to be sitting here and being interviewed.

Ps Lai Ling:

Thank you. We would like to hear a little bit about how you got started on your journey into the prophetic. If you could share a little bit with us, that would be great.

Ps Denis:

Yes. Thanks for asking that question. I think as I was reflecting on that question, I think it went back to my university years when I was a young believer. One night I was watching ABC on TV. They were doing a documentary about Jackie Pullinger. There was a big difference between her ministry in Hong Kong before and after the baptism of the Holy Spirit. So that really put me on a journey of discovery.

Long story short, along the way I asked God for the baptism. I went to churches, but didn't receive it there. One day, I was walking home from uni, the Holy Spirit just came upon me. I was so excited and overjoyed, I started running and I discovered a foreign language that came out of my mouth. That was my introduction to the Holy Spirit.



**Ps Lai Ling:**

Wonderful, that's so exciting! Could you share with us a little bit how that led you to hear from the Lord, to receive from the Lord, and to move in the prophetic?

**Ps Denis:**

It was like one of those stories where people learn to swim in the river and have never been to a swimming pool, and without a proper coach. I think God allowed me to wade into the river and he gave me incidents and situations where I learned to hear Him. At that time, I didn't really know it was called 'the prophetic'. It was later on, when I went for some training and discovered—oh, this is what it's all about.

**Ps Lai Ling:**

That's really good. Would you be able to share a specific situation where you really heard from the Lord, received from him, how you responded, and how it impacted someone's life—or even your own?

**Ps Denis:**

Sure, I have tons of stories but I'll pick one. It happened when I was still a young leader in Hope Kuching. My grandfather fell very ill. None of us knew his days were very limited, very short. One night I went to the hospital to see him. He was lying there on the bed with all this equipment- I don't know what you call that, but it was everything, the whole works. Right there and then as I entered the room, I actually saw an angel. I seldom talk about this because I don't want to give people the wrong idea, but I saw an angel standing there. But I also heard a voice from God- I believe it was from God because it was before I had any prophetic training - saying, "Denis, your grandpa's time is near. Share the gospel."

Right there and then, I had an inner debate with God because all along, my grandpa disliked Christians. So I thought, 'God, what if I share the gospel and he gets so angry and dies even faster?' It was one of those moments. My uncle was in the room too, another skeptic. I knew I should, but I was unsure how. Lo and behold, my uncle stepped out to smoke. So the coast was clear. But I was still reluctant. But honestly to this day, I could sense a huge giant hand of love and warmth, it's like the Father gently pushing me forward - I don't know how to describe it.



But before I knew it, I was next to my bed and I asked my grandpa, “Can I pray for you, that you may know Christ and not be worried about anything and have peace?” So I prayed the gospel with him. Then I went home. Later that night, after I reached home, the landline phone rang. My mom said, “Denis, your grandpa has just passed.”

That was a watershed moment for me where I began to see that what I thought was my imagination was truly God at work. So that caused me to be more sensitive and to be more open.

**Ps Lai Ling:**

Wow. That’s an amazing testimony, to just hear how God can beckon us to respond to him, especially for the salvation of a loved one. So important, and so crucial.

I’m also wanting to know if you could also share some of the development steps you took to grow in the prophetic because I think a lot of our listeners would like to hear from you?

**Ps Denis:**

Yes. I think that first and foremost, even in my own journey I developed a love for the Word of God. I really believe the Word of God is the foundation for prophetic ministry. After all, Ephesians 6 says, “the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God.”

I’m wary when people want to move into the prophetic without desiring to know God’s Word, because that can lead to a lot of delusion and things that might not really be from God because there’s no discernment. So reading the Word of God, studying the Word of God, and memorizing scripture is big for me. Many times, I find when we read and memorise the Word, at critical moments in my life I’ve discovered, especially when I pray in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit brings to mind certain scripture or Bible images at critical moments. I then know, Okay, God, I need to move with this rhema word, and then I see things change.

**Ps Lai Ling:**

That’s true. When we begin to pray in the Spirit, God begins to interact even stronger with us. Just being sensitive to him helps us to receive his quickened word into our spirit and being able to minister into lives. That’s powerful.



Ps Denis, could you share a brief personal testimony of when God quickened His Word to you and you responded to Him and gave a prophetic word to someone and how it impacted that someone's life?

**Ps Denis:**

Yes, I'm going to share something really personal. It has to do with Hai Eng when she was pregnant with Azriel. From the time Azriel was conceived, until the last week of the scheduled date of delivery, everything was fine. But in the last week at a check-up, the doctor was taken aback because she had a medical condition called severe preeclampsia, which is really high blood pressure which can be fatal for both mother and child. So Hai Eng was admitted into hospital that night. In the hospital when Hai Eng was resting, the night before having a caesarean the next day, I felt God ask me, "Denis, what about you? You can keep the baby, but I'll bring Hai Eng home." That was really hard, talk about hearing God's voice. Sometimes you don't want to hear these questions. At that moment, I was really distressed. I could see myself holding a baby at my wife's tombstone. Thousands of thoughts just raced through my mind- how am I going to raise a child by myself, I'm not sure I can handle this. But then the rhema word came where I was reminded of the garden in Gethsemane, and how Jesus prayed, "Father, if it is not possible take this cup away from me. Yet not my will, but Yours be done."

I knew instinctively God wanted me to surrender like Jesus surrendered. I could still put my request to God. But at the end of it, "Ok God, this is my request but let your will be done." As tough as it was, I prayed that prayer. And immediately after that, I felt God gave the assurance that everything would be fine. Hai Eng will be okay, that baby will be okay. The next day Azriel came into the world, and this is the joke I always think about. Azriel was born on 8th August 1999, which in Cantonese means 'double prosperity forever'. Which really is a funny thing from God. So that is the rhema word that came forth. I hope that helps.



**Ps Lai Ling:**

That's amazing. Thank you so much for sharing a testimony so personal to you and your family. I'm really blessed hearing how God came through each step for each one of you. And we can see today that Azriel, Ps Denis and Hai Eng's son is a wonderful young man of God, full of fervour for God. God is good.

**Ps Lai Ling:**

There are many who are very interested in the prophetic. Perhaps you could give one or two little cautions for us.

**Ps Denis:**

Thank you for asking that. I think it's very important. Number one, I would say: learning to be submitted to God is crucial. Humility and submission are very big for me. Philippians 2 shows us how Jesus humbled Himself to death. Being humble means we are open to correction from other leaders, not just holding on tightly to what we believe is from God. There must be checks and balances. I've seen people I think go off the rails, insisting something is from God when it clearly isn't aligned with Scripture or wise counsel.

Another, we must be aware about pollution—anything that can pollute the prophetic flow. Please avoid watching occult movies, ghost stories, witchcraft, you don't need to watch those things. Keep clean before God. Don't allow sinful thoughts or footholds in your life, because they can interfere with hearing clearly or seeing clearly from God. I hope that makes sense.

**Ps Lai Ling:**

That's really very important. Especially about our lifestyle, that purity of heart, and humility of heart as well. The Lord lifts up those who are humble at heart. And those who are proud, He has to handle that, and that's crucial as part of the prophetic journey. A thought came to me a moment ago. Have you in any way, as you sought the Lord and all that, how has the prophetic helped in pioneering or starting something new that God initiated?



**Ps Denis:**

Yes, I do have a story to tell. So there was this church member who I had been mentoring for years. He always had lots of new ideas about serving God- new ideas about what to do. Many times he would bring up something during times of discipleship, I'd say, "Let me think about it. Let me pray about it." Because even at those times, I felt those ideas were more from the flesh than truly from God, so I would tell him. But during that period of time, I started praying and everytime God put this thought in my heart.

It happened during a Watch Night service many years ago, as I was watching the slideshow review of the year, God said to me to pay attention to the powerpoint . God spoke: "Denis, do you realise something?" I realized all the photos were group photos taken within the four walls of the church. And God said, "You need to be a church that goes beyond the four walls, into the community."

So that began a journey of praying, I wouldn't say I prayed everyday on this but quite often. So I began praying, "God, how do we become a church that touches the community?" I didn't know how. It was a period of six months to a year. One day, this same brother called me, "Pastor, I have a burden to feed the poor. I just saw people who were needy and I want to serve them by providing food supplies." As he shared, I felt God say, "This is it. Say yes." So I said yes on the spot, and he was very shocked. "This is not Ps Denis!" So we prayed and blessed him and that's how our community outreach began.

At that moment, I thought what this brother is going to do to feed the poor would take three years before I need to register a society, a proper one with accountability I thought would take three years. Lo and behold, it took less than three months! The word just spread, and people just gave. I was so shocked that the whole thing snowballed. Something that I thought would take three years was happening so quickly. People wanted to donate financially, so within those early days - the first two, three months, I insisted to our brother to not take cash. We had no system, no accountability yet. So when people want to give, ask them to provide food supplies eg. packets of rice and foodstuff and so on. And in the meantime, we had to really scramble to put together an application to the Registry of Societies (of Malaysia). Again, we saw the hand of God. At that time, we had digital applications- online.





We applied about noon time, and by 2pm, we were approved. It's amazing because later on, we talked to other bigger companies and CEO's who wanted to do something similar and they had not been able to get approval after four years. They were so shocked that we were able to get it in such a short time. But I saw it as a hand of God.

Within six months, we even won a state award. That was really out of the blue. Since then, we have never lacked food supplies. Once, we emptied a rented house in the morning, sending food onto trucks to go into the interiors. That same afternoon, it was packed with rice and other supplies again. That's one of those amazing stories.

**Ps Lai Ling:**

Wow, that's so good! Thank you for sharing. Truly, when God decides and he moves through us, we hear from Him and we act upon it, we see the breakthroughs that God brings. And it shows how the prophetic can be powerfully used by the Lord for His purposes. And in these situations, to minister to people who are doing it economically tough. And there are many areas in Sarawak, in parts of Malaysia that people do find it tough going, especially in the interior. And I'm so blessed hearing today how God has been growing Hope Place, the whole community arm of Hope Kuching to touch many many lives, beyond the four walls of the church. And that's the heart of God, he desires to have us as his instruments to see lives transformed one by one, and community to community. So that's amazing.

Thank you so much Ps Denis. I'm sure many of you have heard of precious gems and truths shared by Ps Denis. Let us all continue to grow in the prophetic, in humility, and in the Word of God—so that we may be vessels of honor for His glory.

**Ps Denis:**

Thank you, and God bless everyone.

**Ps Lai Ling:**

Amen. And thank you for joining us today. Do subscribe to us on YouTube, Apple Podcasts, and at [wilsonlailing.com](http://wilsonlailing.com). God bless you!



## Discussion Questions

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These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

- As you desire to operate more in the prophetic, what steps would you take to ensure that you are anchored in God's Word, so that you may resonate with God's heart and operate with godly discernment?
- Share a testimony of a time when you chose to obey God's voice, which resulted in blessing another person (or persons). Share and give glory to God!







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