

Episode 016

Prophetic Insights With Ps. Helen Kirby

Ps Lai Ling

Welcome to wilsonlailing.com. This is a ministry equipping website and we run podcasts on leadership, intercession and the prophetic. And today we are blessed to have Pastor Helen Kirby, who will be sharing with us about her journey in the prophetic as well. Pastor Helen hails from Adelaide. She is also the Senior Pastor of Hope Adelaide, together with Pastor Brendan Kirby, and it's such a privilege having her with us here today. We've been serving the Lord together for quite a number of years.

Ps Helen

Long time

Ps Lai Ling

... in Hope family here. And so today, Helen, I'd just like to ask of you about how it all started for you in your journey towards the prophetic.

Ps Helen

My journey's an interesting one because I didn't have - my parents weren't Christians and my grandparents - I don't have a Christian legacy. So it was quite interesting. I had to mainly learn through books and videos and maybe prophets that God brought along the way. I remember growing up, I attended a church and it was an evangelical church, so I got saved there. And in that church, they weren't operating in any gifts. They didn't believe that the spiritual gifts was for today. But then I went with my friends to a meeting and I saw people were prophesying, moving in the spiritual gifts, and I thought, 'That's what I want'. And so I started praying to God and said, "Lord, help me. I want to grow in that area. Show me what to do." And I think God heard my prayer, and so along the way he's guided me and helped me to get where I'm today.



Ps Lai Ling

Wow. Fantastic. And it's so beautiful to see how God has just been, moving through your life in the prophetic. And we've worked on a couple of projects together here and there and that's been great.

Perhaps Helen, if you could share with us how did you develop in the prophetic? Yeah. So that was like the beginning of it all and maybe one or two things that helped you develop in the prophetic.

Ps Helen

Yeah. I think it's mainly me pursuing it myself through videos and books. And I think in the early days there weren't many books on the prophetic.

Ps Lai Ling

Yes.

Ps Helen

So I read a few from Cindy Jacobs, Graham Cooke. And also just on spiritual gifts, I think Peter Wagner, he helped me a lot in those areas. And then I also spoke to some of my leaders in the later days. And that's helped me as well.

Ps Lai Ling

Wonderful. Yeah, I remember the times pouring over our books by Cindy Jacob, Graham Cooke, Will Hammond. Yes. And quite a number of authors. And then at the same time in our church, in Hope Church Brisbane, with the privilege of having Pastor John Jacks and Pastor John Tiplady that came and did some training with us and I'm devouring every part of this and so it's wonderful to hear similar journeys as well.

Ps Helen

I also read somewhere that if you want to be an expert in an area, you just study it diligently for five years, and then you can become the expert in that area. So that's what I did. I studied really hard.



Ps Lai Ling

Yes, so did I. I just studied it. One thing I did was every time I studied I said, "Lord, help me to apply it. I need to see it in real life. Guide me through it." And true enough as you and I asked of the Lord. Now in the journey in the prophetic I understand you've been to different conferences as well as ministered in different churches and even internationally in the missions field.

What would be one to two key highlights? You could share with us, especially in the area of the prophetic.

Ps Helen

I think early days when I started moving in the prophetic, there was a prophetic conference. And it was the three Johns- John Tiplady, John Jacks and John Cairns. And so I was just starting to move in the prophetic and I went out and did a little mini prophecy because I really felt prompted to.

And straight after that all three prophets came to me and really encouraged me to say, this is not just as a normal prophetic gift, there's so much more that God has for you that's going to extend beyond the local church. And so just having that, these real, experienced prophets coming to me, just affirming the gift has really helped me.

As I grew into prophetic God gave me more and more accurate words. And up to recently in 2020, Covid- when the Covid struck- God gave me a very specific word for the year in 2020, which was, we'll go above and beyond. And so that was in January, and then Covid struck in March, and I thought, did I hear accurately from God?

We were meant to have an 'Above and Beyond' year that year. And then the covid struck and I thought 'what's going on'? But God said, in Adelaide in three months, you're going to go back meeting in person, and that would be the end of June, beginning of July. And so I felt the Lord was saying, 'Renovate the church, get the church ready for a hybrid service, renovate the landscape.'



So we did that. We did that during that three months and by the end of June we actually moved into our venue for the first prayer meeting. And 1st of July we met in person and we have not stopped meeting then. And that year was definitely an Above and Beyond year because we actually bought our own building and we got a loan for it and approval from council to do all those things.

So in the history of Hope Adelaide, 2020 was a significant year for us. And that's just an example of how God will continue to give you words that are more accurate as you keep pursuing him. Keep seeking him for more and to be able to help the body of Christ.

Ps Lai Ling

Wonderful. Yeah. As you're sharing I'm just reminded of the time when it was in the year 2000 or so. Pastor John Jacks and others, they were there and I remember he just approached my husband and said, "Bring Lai Ling and Belle (Wolter) out to the front." And I was thinking, 'what are we doing in the front?' And they said, "You're gonna work with me." I said, "What?"

Ps Helen

Yeah, that's so good, isn't it?

Ps Lai Ling

Yeah. So that's good. It was, I must say a bit scary at that time because I said, "Pastor John, if you told me this, I would have fasted and prayed earlier on in the day." And he said, "It's okay. You come and flow under the anointing." And I just saw God come through.

Ps Helen

Yes. So good.

Ps Lai Ling

The downloads came and God in his graciousness, and my desperation, he just came through and then later on at the end of it, I remembered just speaking to Monnette Jackson said, "Wow. Okay. Finished for the night." And then she said to me straight in my face and very nicely and calmly, she said, "Lai Ling, there will be many more of this." And I looked at her and I said, "Okay."



Yeah so it's just the exposure. The exposure really helps. Yeah, nowadays we have lots of people pursuing the prophetic which is great to see the prophetic community arising, hearing from the Lord, receiving from the Lord. But in the course of all this, I've also seen sometimes we can get maybe sidetracked or something like that.

What would be maybe a couple, maybe one to three key areas to watch out for as we are pursuing the prophetic in the Lord. Maybe attitudes or some key pitfalls, that is important for us to watch out for. Yeah.

Ps Helen

I think when we are starting in the prophetic, it's easy to get a little bit proud. Because I noticed that even with young ones and because, we maybe pride ourselves as the ones that could hear from the Lord.

So I think as prophetic people, we just always got to remain humble. And be willing to submit to the authority above us because they're the ones that will protect us. So at any time if I feel something about maybe sometimes I get words about the future or how the church is gonna go forward. For example, in a local church, I always go to Brendan and really talk through that with him.

Or any visits or travels that I get invited to, I really talk through that with him. And if he says no, then I would really go and pray and think about it a little bit more. And also think that people know in part and they prophesy in part, and so together we need to work together as a body of Christ. Confide in one another so that we can be stronger together and that we do not get deceived. And so there are a lot of big prophecies out there in the last days. The Bible says many will get deceived. And so it's really important to be humble and accountable.

Ps Lai Ling

Yes



Ps Helen

And I think there's another thing I thought that might be important is just with the prophetic. We tend to have, as a prophetic people, we tend to have our antennas up a lot and we get very sensitive about walking into a room. We can sense the spiritual atmosphere and the spirits there sometimes working through people and we can sometimes take that personally. And so I just think we always as a prophetic people to remain, to keep our heart pure. To not allow the issues of life and the offenses in our lives to affect our heart. And scripture says very clearly that the pure will see God. So just maintaining that through our walk with him, it's just so important.

Ps Lai Ling

Yeah. Those are very key things as well. Very much to do with the internal, isn't it? What's within us, where we continue to walk closely with the Lord, allow him to speak into our lives, allow others that he has placed into our lives to also give input as well. Because we are not lone rangers, but we want to team up with others. We want to be able to work together with the leadership, the pastoral leadership of the church, so that there's going to be a real flow as well together. Because after all, it's not about us. It's about God's kingdom, God's people, God's church. And it needs to flow out with love for the people because then it really exemplifies the heart of the father towards his people as well. That's fantastic. Perhaps you could share with us what you call it a golden nugget or 'wisdom nugget' for those who are eager to grow in this area. How to really start off the whole journey.

Ps Helen

Okay. We train prophetic people in our church and think one big thing that I hear very often is I'm afraid to go out. What if I say the wrong thing, will I get judged? And I think we need to overcome the fear because perfect love will cast out all fear. And our desire to help someone to care for someone so far exceeds our fear that we will step out anyway. And as long as we keep to the biblical guidelines of what a prophetic word should be, it should be edifying, encouraging and for comfort, then I think that's okay. Yes. Just go and just do it. And God will enable you as you take that, those little steps of obedience to God.



So I just wanna share this story about giving words to non-Christians. This is something new to me. Like a word of knowledge, but sometimes you can do that when you're in supermarkets. So I just wanna share this one. This is at a conference. And we had non-Christians coming to this conference, and a couple of them came up to me and they saw me prophesying. They go, can you give us a word? I'm like, this is interesting. I've never had a non-Christian asking for a word. So I just said, all right, I'm just gonna go for it.

And then, so I prophesy over this girl. I said, "You look very friendly, but inside of you there is just anger. Anger because something has happened to you in your childhood and sometimes you mask this anger with a smile." And her eyes just got bigger and bigger and bigger. She just could not believe that someone knew about her, someone that she never spoke to before.

And just to cut this long story short, she ended up just praying a prayer and committing her life to Jesus. And I saw her coming back a couple weeks later asking for more prayer so that she can really, continuously forgive this person who has done her wrong. So I just want to encourage you. God is always looking out for people that can hear his voice and listen with clarity and then use it to really save souls, extend the body of Christ and bless his church.

So I just wanna encourage you to keep pursuing, to really overcome your fear and not allow your fear to stop you from doing what God wants you to do.





Ps Lai Ling

Wonderful. Thank you so much, Helen, for sharing with us. It's so good. You know that we receive all this input and I pray that those of you who are listening and watching that you would prayerfully come before the Lord and let God develop that within your life so that you may be a gift to the people that are around you, be a blessing to the lives of people, especially so for those who have yet to know the Lord. So thank you so much. Thank you Helen.

Ps Helen

No worries.

Ps Lai Ling

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Discussion Questions

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

1. As you watched the podcast, several tips were provided to help us grow in the prophetic in the initial stages? What is one area that has been highlighted to you by the Lord?
2. Our attitudes make a difference in moving in the prophetic. As you seek the Lord, what is one of these attitudes which you could improve upon to help you be more effective in your personal prophetic development?





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