



How to Save Time Growing Your Prophetic Gift

Doug Addison with Keith Ferrante [Episode 56]

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Hey, friends! Welcome to another [Spirit Connection Podcast](#). You know, God is speaking all the time, and most people either miss it or maybe consider it a coincidence. I call it a “God incidence.” And there really is no coincidences once you realize how God speaks. That’s why it’s good to learn to hear the voice of God. Learn to discern. Now, learning takes practice. And most people don’t realize that we need to practice the ability to hear the voice of God. We don’t have to be a prophet to hear God. There have been some misunderstandings about this.

I remember years ago—boy, way back, you know, 25 years ago—when I was growing in my prophetic gift and I wanted to go to the mall and practice. Or I was practicing, you know, hearing God for other people at my church. Like they thought I was ... They really thought I was doing something wrong. They said, “Isn’t that like fortune-telling?” And they came down on me.

And I’m like, “No, not at all. Why in the world would it be fortune-telling? Because, you know, fortune-telling is calling upon the wrong spirits.” I know that because I came out of the occult back in the 1980s, the 70s and 80s. I came out of extreme darkness, and I understand the difference between the two. It’s the source, and the source of the voice of God. God is the giver of all gifts.

I want to tell you something. Satan can’t create a thing. He was created by God and he can only counterfeit what is already God’s. So, the enemy will counterfeit the gifts of God, and that’s why we see, you know, psychics. We’d see things like that. They have actual gifts, but they’re not necessarily always hearing from the Lord.

Now, I just want to explain this to people because there’s a lot of stuff going around right now. There are a lot of different voices and things happening. This is why I am helping people. This is my whole life mission. Since I came out of the darkness way back, I have devoted my entire life mission to helping people hear the voice of God, experience the supernatural side of God—which would be angelic encounters, or dreams and visions, and understanding that side of the Lord, and also helping people discover their

destiny. They all go together. This is my life mission, and I've been in the school of the Holy Spirit for a very long time. The Lord has been teaching me.

So, I used to get excited. I wanted to learn to hear God's voice. You know, back a long time ago we didn't have the schools and the online training like we do now. Thank the Lord that we have what we have now, the internet. And we have schools of ministries, schools of the supernatural. And we're seeing a lot of people either ... You know, they might go the Bible college route. You know, there is that route or the school of the supernatural route.

I don't know if you're aware of this, but there are schools of the supernatural that teach supernatural things of the Lord. It's for people who might be called to the marketplace, the business place. They might be called to do ministry without having to go through a traditional route of Bible college. Now, there's nothing wrong with Bible college, but you want to make sure you choose one that's open to the Holy Spirit if you're going to go that route.

Knowing the Bible is amazing. But we have a lot of internet resources right now, we have a lot of things happening. And I'm developing more tools myself. I have my school, the online activation school called [Hearing the Voice of God 365](#), plus my trainings that I do all the time. I used to travel all over the world and I would speak at schools of the supernatural, or I've spoken at churches and Bible college-type of trainings. I've done things everywhere. Then the Lord told me, "You know, you can reach more people if you utilize the internet and teach the same things that you used to do when you would travel, only this time do it with the internet."

That's what I've been doing for the last, oh, 5 years or so, maybe even more. But we've been running these international schools of ministry online because people can take it anywhere, any time. These are my online training workshops. Maybe you've been part of one. You know, it's a 2-hour workshop that I would do if I went to a school of the supernatural. It's a deeper level thing. In other words, if I came to your church to speak, you wouldn't hear me talk about the deep things of God. But if you want to learn about it, boy, I tell you, this is the time. And also this is why I have the [Spirit Connection Webcast](#) and [Podcast](#), so I can go through and give you the deep things of God.

Now, most people go to my website, [DougAddison.com](#), and they, you know, look to see what I have. And most of my stuff is online training, and books and things like that. I don't have a lot of audios that I charge for because I have a lot of rich, deep, deep teachings free right now on my website. And this is the [Spirit Connection Podcast](#) that you're listening to right now. I give away a lot of it free because I want to get the Word of the Lord out there.

We are in a time right now that God wants us to learn to hear His voice. We need to learn to discern, and it's not automatic. It takes practice, and people may not realize this. They spend more time practicing their golf game or their hobby. They might spend

more time and money on practicing, you know, like an instrument or something like that. But I tell you, put your money where your mouth is, so to speak. If you want to be able to speak the word of the Lord to other people, if you want to hear God's voice, there is training for this. There are schools springing up everywhere. And I just want to encourage you to go deep. And God is inviting us into the deep end.

I have a special guest this week. He is a good friend of mine, and he actually is one of the prophetic voices who travel internationally speaking at churches, conferences, ministry schools. He is a founding director of Emerging Prophets School. This is Keith Ferrante. I met him through Lou Engle, and we did some things together and we have become friends. I realized, wow, we have a lot in common. He's a prophetic life consultant, and he works with marketplace leaders and influencers to help them get a breakthrough. He has authored several books, including *Unlocking the Abundant Mindset*, that just got released. He and his wife Heather are based out of Northern California.

Doug: Keith, welcome to the broadcast.

Keith: Thank you!

Doug: Tell us a little bit about yourself. It might be that some of our listeners don't know Keith Ferrante and his wife Heather but tell us about you and what you do.

Keith: Well, currently I reside in Vacaville, California. I've been here about 10 years, and my wife and I run a ministry called Emerging Prophets. Its purpose is to help people discover if they are a prophet, be developed as a prophet, and be deployed as a prophet. We were trained for the last 20 years by different prophets—by Kris Vallotton, Dan McCollam, Martin Scott, Wendell McGowan and a variety of others, and apostles as well.

God kind of sent us on a journey. We were good denomination people. I'm a third-generation pastor. I pastored 10 years, the same church my dad had pastored. But, you know, our hearts just started ... You know, even though we thought, "Hey, we have what our denomination says is the fullness of the Spirit," something in my heart was crying out, "There must be more."

And so, God started bringing us into the "more," and we started on this journey. And we started meeting these apostles and prophets about 1998 and just totally ... He did a rework in us. And we started taking our church that direction, trying to take our church into the prophetic and the Kingdom. The Lord started bringing us ... Like I said, prophets like Kris Vallotton, we met him in a cabin. We had a prophetic word, "You're going to meet Kris

Vallotton.” We didn’t know back then, these prophets, because we were in a “non-prophet” denomination. Ha-ha.

Doug: Well, yes.

Keith: And so, you know, we thought maybe there were a few prophets out there, but they were like, scary. And they were, you know, judgment and ... I was raised by my grandpa who had a big input in my life. He was a prophet, but I consider him a little bit more of a, just an older style, you know? Signs and wonders would follow him, prophetic would flow, you know, resurrection, deliverance, all those things. If people didn’t repent, sometimes they would die.

Doug: Wow!

Keith: And that was kind of validation ...

Doug: Wow!

Keith: ... back then of the prophet, you know? And I started ... You know, like I remember I had went after a backslidden preacher and, you know, he didn’t receive the message well. And that next day he, you know, died in a car accident. And I’m like, “Well, this is validation,” you know? And I had just met Kris Vallotton, and Kris was like, “You know, that’s not the right spirit, Keith.”

Doug: Wow, yes.

Keith: So, we started kind of getting, you know, an upgrade I think, in recognizing some things that maybe were allowed or, you know, in scripture but maybe not God’s heart ever. You know, we started getting a revelation as we got around some of these different prophets, that there was a different way to do it. And so we’ve been on that journey for 20 years. And that’s just a little bit about myself.

Doug: Yes. That’s amazing. Now, there is a change. I mean, I do remember back in the 80s, you know, I came out of darkness ... I was telling a little bit about my story at the beginning of this broadcast. But I came out of darkness about 1988 and out of the occult. And I already had some, a little bit of experience with the church, and got wounded and went away. I went back into the occult. But I was understanding back then that the gift was working in me but, you know, I was getting it from different sources and I was being trained by ...

Keith: Yes.

Doug: ... what you were just describing, kind of the old method or the old mindset.

Keith: Yes, yes. I think it was all that was maybe required at the time. I mean, there was a lot of great stuff that happened, a lot of the forerunner prophets. I mean, what we're receiving now, today, was birthed the last 40–50 years ...

Doug: Yes.

Keith: ... you know, in the prophetic. And so ... I remember even, you know, as I started kind of coming into like "the Father's good, the Father's kind," you know ... I mean, different things. I think that's what, like when, you know ... Like the Toronto movement and the Brownsville movement came out in 1994–95. It shifted something. And we've had like 20 years since then or, you know, 23–24 years, whatever, of the Father's love being poured out. So, it kind of shifted the paradigm. And it's almost like I started coming into a new grid.

But for a while there, then I was frustrated with my grandpa. And I was having a hard time connecting because these are my heroes, these kinds of guys.

Doug: Yes.

Keith: And guys like Leonard Ravenhill and David Wilkerson and, you know, some of these ... Derek Prince, and some of these guys. I mean, they were forerunners. But they were like, they were hard. I mean, they were, their messages were fierce. But we thought that's kind of "the prophet style."

I remember once, I was driving to see my grandpa, but I wasn't looking forward to it, you know, because I was ... We were going to hear a clash of our beliefs, you know, because mine were changing. And I didn't know yet how to honor the difference yet ...

Doug: Yes.

Keith: ... and honor a person even if there was a difference. The Lord told me though, He was like, "Your grandfather has done everything I've asked him to do. I am pleased with him. You go and do what I've asked you to do."

Doug: Wow!

Keith: And it kind of changed it for me. It's like, do you know what? He's walked faithfully with the revelation that he received. I mean, there was a lot of great stuff that happened. And now it's time ... I don't know how to call it, but I almost feel like there are markers, where what was the revelation then is now ... There have been some upgrades, so some stuff is like, maybe old manna.

You can't take it in there. God's not going to give you a voice now, as an upcoming prophetic voice, if you still hold some of those old value systems.

So a lot of what I do in my schools and trainings and everything, is I try to help people. You know, "This is what a new covenant prophet looks like now." It's not new stuff, but maybe it's stuff that God is bringing forth now to us, you know?

Doug: Yes. Exactly. It is new to a lot of the Church that hasn't seen this.

Keith: Yes.

Doug: You know, some of us, like, I was birthed out of the new. You know, I was birthed out of the Vineyard and the Kansas City prophets. But even the Kansas City prophets of the 80s still had that touch of, you know, the judgment stuff that was going on.

Keith: Yes.

Doug: And there definitely has been a change. So, I was really excited when I found out that you do schools with the Emerging Prophets. So, how did that come about?

Keith: Well, I mean, like I said, I have been trained for a lot of years. You know, I was trained by these guys. And I thought, "Wow, it would be great to travel with them." And that really didn't open up too much, but the Lord was doing something in me. I really, I didn't have a grid that I was a prophet. I was just like, happy that I was helping fathers and mothers speak.

At first, I was resisting a little bit. Then I was totally excited and then, and I was growing a lot, but I didn't really know ... Like God gave me a variety of prophets, not so I could be wowed by something, but so I could actually have an appreciation for diversity of prophets.

So probably about 4 or 5 years ago, Dano—Dan McCollam—said, "Keith, you know, it's time for you to start building something. You know, you've been serving a lot of different ministries and, you know, the Church, of the mission and other things, and you've been learning a lot." He said, "I think the thing that encompasses you best is prophet, and it comes as all the different things you do."

Because there's, you know, a lot of things that I've done over the years and it's like, he said, "I think you need to train prophets." At first when I heard it I'm like, "Oh, I don't know." That didn't sound exciting to me at all. I don't want to do that. I mean, it's almost like ...

I responded to that, starting building, you know, a full-time school here in Vacaville. Well, full-time for like, working folks. It meets once a week, a 9-month school. Then after I started doing it, I mean, then it became like a mandate. Then I started hearing the Lord. He started talking to me about it and then I'm like, wow! This is exciting, man. Who's doing this? I mean, there's some great schools out there that are maybe like, a week long. You know, the School of the Prophets. That a great like, core value school of Bethel.

But it was like, who is actually developing them from helping them discover if they're a prophet? And then where they are between the calling of the prophet and the office of the prophet. And even developing some of that language. and the Lord told me, "Yes, there has already been several others that have done this." So, I don't know exactly who He was talking about then, and today there are some upgrades.

So I have really enjoyed it, and I have actually been very stretched by it. I think in my own heart I knew. It's like, "Man, you're going to invite everybody that thinks they're a prophet. Maybe one isn't one, you know? The Peter-type personality, like the real, like, bowl-you-over kind of ... You're going to invite all sorts of unhealthy ... I mean, it's going to ... You're going to throw them all into one pot." I mean, and that's exactly what happened.

Doug: Wow!

Keith: I mean, we got people coming from all around the region, driving 3 hours each way, you know, each Wednesday night. Some people were flying from across the country every week because they were like, "There's nothing like this, a community of prophets." But, you know, like the first year we started at like, 50 and then we might have ended at like, 20 by the end of the 9 months because people kind of ... Once they got in it and saw it was like a coaching style ...

Like, we were there actually to get them healthy, kind of help them feel ... I mean, we just treated everyone like they were a prophet, whether they were or not. We're just like, "This is what a healthy, new covenant prophet looks like. They're in relationship with other prophets. They're not the only one. They have joy around the finished work of Jesus, you know?" And just some of those things, and just trying to get them healthy. Some people, they didn't want that. You know? They want to be released in the Word of the Lord.

Doug: Yes.

Keith: They want to be operating in their gifting, but they're hiding stuff. You know? But the Lord says, "This is like the 12 disciples." He's like ... As the group kind of got smaller, but you start finding people like, "Oh, I'm not a prophet." And that's the whole point of the school. Some people think they're not and they actually are, but they need some development and teachability or courage. Or, you know, their identity or whatever it is, or like maybe purity or something. And I'm like, "Hey, you're in the game, but let's help accelerate your journey." I think schools accelerate peoples' journey if they will be teachable.

I mean, I'm sure that's why you do what you do, Doug. It's like, you're getting it out there and if people get in a journey with you, they start fast-tracking. I think sometimes even for prophets, it takes humility to get them into a school and be teachable. But I'm just like ... I've been teachable for 20 years, and I've just made it my heart. I am a disciple first. But I always want to be growing and learning.

So we kind of, we kind of got into it, and now we've been running a school in Vacaville. We've run it 3 years. So, we have a first year program, a second year program, and a third year program. The first year is all about just discovering if you're a prophet. We take the whole year and just kind of get people free of, like, old ideas of what a prophet is. Maybe they've had people who have called them a prophet.

So, we kind of actually run them through some tests. I'm like, "Tell me, where did you hear from the Lord that you're a prophet?" We're not there to like, be there to judge or whatever. But we're just trying to help people get free of like, the things that sometimes people have in their head or someone called them a prophet. Maybe their aunt called them a prophet or their uncle or someone.

So, I'm like, "Okay, who called you a prophet?" "Oh, so and so." "Okay, tell me about that person. What was their view of a prophet?" Okay? And so, "Well, maybe that's not a valid, you know, person calling you a prophet. Let's look for another one." Or "How did you hear from the Lord that you're a prophet? Tell me about that encounter."

Then most people come up with the craziest stuff. And you're like, "I think you need to throw that one out and go back to the drawing board. I'm not saying you're not but, I'm like, you want your foundation to be healthy and not, you know, hey, about, "Hey, I'm a prophet, everybody!" And this, it needs to be like, a humble and powerful foundation. So, we kind of just help people go through that their first year. You know? We're trying to create a different grid.

It's like, we're not just looking for like, the "Elijah prophet." Which I kind of ... I use like 4 categories. I would say like the Elijah prophet, which is more like your Lou Engle, your Shawn Bolz, and your different ones that have like a name that people would know. And they have a voice, and they have a message that's needed to gather the Body of Christ. So, they have more of a corporate, larger message.

Then you have your Elisha's, which to me are like your "double portion prophets." They've been raised up by some of the prophets themselves and, you know, maybe they have a ministry. And they have a voice into different ones, and they train up prophets.

Then you have like, your "unknown prophets" which ... Like, Elisha had picked out a man from the company of the prophets, and he doesn't give him a name, or he doesn't get a name in the Bible. But he's teachable, and Elisha tells him to go to Jehu. You know, anoint Jehu king of Israel and tell him this, and this is what he's supposed to do. And this unknown prophet is another category. And that's the category that I'm like, focusing on. I'm like, "Hey, if we have Elisha's that emerge, and Elijah's, that's awesome because we need all the layers of the prophets." I think for so long it's like, we've only in the Church really had a grid for like, the Elijah prophets ...

Doug: Exactly.

Keith: ... or maybe the Elishas. Like the "no names," maybe the "double portions." Hey, yes, I was raised up by Bob Jones. Or I was trained up by, you know, whoever it is. That's awesome. But I'm like, what about all these prophets that are amongst us? Like, they used to have 50 here, 50 there, and you look in scripture and you see a number of those guys. Not just that one, but you see a number of them.

They're teachable, they have the Word of the Lord put in their mouth, they do powerful things. But for some reason, the Lord kind of keeps them on the, in the "secret place" category. So, my job is to help people kind of find out where they're at, get healthy, and realize where they're at is super powerful.

I mean, like, if you're like a Nathan prophet and your ministry is one king, King David. Like, Nathan was King David's prophet to him. That's the only person you see, that he's only ministering to and, you know, maybe King Solomon right at the beginning there. But it's like some prophets, maybe their mandate is one person.

So I'm like, helping people get settled into the fact that there could be prophets today that are not the Elijah, the Elisha, you know? And let's find out how to get healthy so we can get heard. Because we want people to be

heard, and we want what they're seeing and feeling to get out there. But I found out a lot of the unknown prophets, they're kind of unhealthy because pastors don't have a grid for them.

Maybe they've made messes with pastors and leaders, you know? And so, they're kind of either hurt, wounded, not in any, you know, the Body of Christ. They're kind of hanging out in the cave or whatever. I'm like, "You need to be in the body of Christ. You have to learn the art of kind of navigating the land mines in the Church without being offended ...

Doug: Exactly.

Keith: ... but staying sweet," you know? And so ...

Doug: This is good.

Keith: ... I'm on this journey myself ...

Doug: Yes. I love this, man.

Keith: ... of being ...

Doug: Great. I just wanted to just jump in real quick because I really love this. A lot of people listening right now, they might not understand if they're a prophet or not.

Keith: Yes.

Doug: And you might ... You know, because we do look at this. We look at the Elijahs, we look at the ones that, you know, the prophets that we see out there on Elijah List. We look at people like that. And out of that category to the Elijah, the Elisha, the unknowns, or a Nathan to one leader. That's amazing.

Keith: Yes.

Doug: I would consider myself an Elisha. I was raised up under Bob Jones, John Paul Jackson, Larry Randolph.

Keith: Come on.

Doug: But I found my own in the midst of that. You know, we didn't have this school back, I tell you, even just 10 years ago. We didn't have the school like you're doing right now. I would have gone ...

Keith: I know.

Doug: ... if it was there. We had schools of the ministry and schools of the supernatural, but there wasn't really a school to train prophets, that we knew. Now, there were some who knew how to prophesy.

Keith: Yes.

Doug: Don't get me wrong, you know, there's amazing stuff ...

Keith: Yes.

Doug: ... that's been out there, but not the new wineskin. That's what I'm hearing, "Here is the new wineskin." So, just for people who are listening, you know, maybe talk a little bit more really quickly about, "Are you a prophet? How do you know you're a prophet?" You know, "Do you have to be a prophet?"

Keith: Well, I love that. And, not only this ... maybe a side note here. I think you can move from Elisha to Elijah, to the unknown, to even the Jehu. I think Jehu may be a prophet-type. I mean, he carries the Word of the Lord whether ... He's a business guy. I'm like, you're into the different categories.

I think one of the things that helps me is like, you know, with someone out there who is like, "Am I a prophet?" or whatever. I'm like, "You go on the journey." And I treat it like if you're, you know, not a beginner in the prophetic—maybe you've been going after it for a few years, maybe you've heard some words that you're a prophet, you're highly prophetic—go on the journey of discovery. Because I think you need to have, you know, things brought out in the light.

Then there's people who are like, they'll tell me right away, "Keith, I know I'm not a prophet." I'm like, "Why is that the first words out of your mouth?" I mean, if Moses said, "I wished that all the Lord's people were prophets" ...

Doug: Yes.

Keith: ... and I'm not saying that everyone is because you have to be called. God calls you. You get some healthy apostles and prophets, and people in the Body of Christ who start confirming it, or they might even initiate it. You look at like, you know, the Lord tells Elijah to anoint Elisha the prophet. So, it sounds like Elisha doesn't know he's a prophet until Elijah tells him.

So sometimes it's like, a person might get a prophetic word from a prophet or apostle that they're a prophet. But I think then, eventually the Lord will confirm it, you know? And sometimes people get a big call from the Lord, and

sometimes they get kind of like a subtle call that over time unveils, you know, itself.

Like I had had words that I was a prophet, like from people like Martin Scott. He called me a “prophet of fire” early on, but it didn’t stick. I didn’t like, go around like, “I’m a prophet.” Because I was really in a culture like, you never call yourself a prophet.

Doug: Yes, I was in that too.

Keith: It was only ... You know, so we just ... I don’t think we knew where to categorize that, you know? But then it’s like the Lord ...

I actually was over at The Mission in Vacaville. I was on staff. I had been on staff a couple of years, and around some apostles and prophets like Graham Cooke, Dan McCollam, and David Crone, and some of these guys on staff with them. And I’m like ... I was having to declare my identity out in front of the staff. We were doing these “identity statements” and everyone was doing ...

We had to write, like four sentences from your own prophetic words of who you were. And other people on the staff were helping you come up with that. You know, like the identity statements, we might know like, “Hey, I’m a mighty warrior,” You know, “Fearless in battle.” You know, “I’m a son of God, I’m loved.” Those kinds of words.

But one of the words that was pulled out was that I was a prophet. And I’m like ... I’m getting ready. It’s my time to do it. It’s like the week that it’s my time to do my statement, and I’m like, “I am not going to declare that.” I had actually X’d it out in my identity statement, even though other guys had helped me put it in there because they saw it in the prophetic words that we had been looking over. And I’m like ... That night I had a dream, and it was actually from Martin Scott. Martin was in the dream, and he was like, “If you do not declare out that you’re a prophet, it will not release the grace for you to step into that office.”

Doug: Wow!

Keith: And so, the next day when I’m declaring my, “Yes, I’m Keith Ferrante, a warrior meant for ... and I’m a prophet.” You know, I kind of mumbled it out and just kept going. I was just like ... It was a huge deal for me. Then, of course, we were told, “Anyone who calls himself a prophet is most likely kind of a, you know, a wrong identity, and you don’t do that.”

I've changed a lot since then. I think it's super important that you know that you're a prophet, and you have an identity. We have a whole, you know, training on helping people to actually figure out their identity as a prophet. But I think it's just such a grid that ... Like, I go places and people just, they just apologize about it. They say that they're not.

Pastors say, "There are no prophets in my region." And I'm like, "No, there are. There are 5 right here in your church. But they need some training. They're "unknown-ers." They're not in the Elijah/Elisha category. Some of them are a little unhealthy. You've had a bad taste in your mouth from them but, do you know what? How are we going to get them healthy? Because we need the prophets. God does nothing without revealing it first to His prophets."

So, I still feel today that's true. And yes, we believe that the whole body can prophesy and the whole Body of Christ can hear God—but not everyone's a prophet. So, you know, let's find out how to get people healthy.

Doug: Yes.

Keith: You know, let's get them into that place.

Doug: Oh, I love this, man. Part of my prophetic training, you know, was going on staff with John Paul Jackson and, you know, the first thing that happened ...

Keith: Come on.

Doug: ... was the humility. You know, like you go from, you know, a senior pastor ... I was ... You go from having an identity down to not because the first thing that needed to go was the pride and things like that. You know, it was hard—but it was good. It was really good.

So, what I'm thankful to hear is that you guys do this with love. You do this with love and support ...

Keith: Yes.

Doug: ... you know, instead of the school of the hard knocks, you know? I'm not speaking against anyone ...

Keith: Yes.

Doug: ... but I'm just saying, those previous generations of prophetic training tended to be a little bit more harsh. And we really didn't have a nurturing community, like where you're fathering the sons and daughters. I really love this, man. It's

so powerful. I imagine that after doing this for a while like you have, you probably have written some books and gotten some messages, right?

Keith: Yes. I mean, I started ... My first book on prophets was called *Embracing the Emerging Prophets*. And I'm getting it actually revised right now with a few upgrades, but it's just throwing this concept. I just realized, I'm like ... I'm doing this school already and we started, you know ... We have another school like in Chicago, and we're starting to do some little things here and there. But I'm like, it's a hard sell in a sense because some people just can't even get around that there are, you know, prophets.

So, like I said, when I started kind of going around the region and saying, "Hey, I'm going to start a school to develop prophets ..." Of course, I have good guys who have been helping me build it. Dan McCollam, he's run the school with Kris Vallotton for 15 years, the School of the Prophets. I mean, these are premier trainers. And then David Crone and different guys blessing me in this.

But it's still like, you go to pastors and they're like, you know, "There are no prophets around here," or "How are the prophets going to be accountable?" I mean, all this stuff. And you're kind of having to go through some of these questions, you know, and go through some of this scrutiny just to shift the mindset.

So, I put out, you know, that *Embracing the Emerging Prophets* because it's an easy read and it just really, like, answers a lot of questions. My chapter titles are literally like, "There are no prophets around here, are there?" That's the title. Or "I can't be a prophet, can I?" or "What do I do with this unhealthy prophet?" So, I just try to make it like, really practical. And I go through some of my own journeys of, man, I was a prophet in training.

So, I mean, I started ... You know, after 10 years Kris Vallotton started sending me some invitations, Dano did ... I would go and speak on their behalf somewhere, and I would do prophet stuff that needed a little bit of upgrade. Like I would get the right word, but I would deliver it with the wrong heart, or deliver it the wrong way, or the wrong timing or, you know, different things like that. So, I made some messes. I talk about that in my book because I'm like, "This is the distance between the call and the office. And you can actually have some favor as a called prophet, but not really in the office."

Which I would say the office looks like, you know, like Samuel. Samuel's word came to all Israel. And like historians say, from the time that he heard the voice of the Lord for the first time at like, 12 years old or so, it says when his word comes to all Israel that's like 22 years. So even though it's just like a

couple of verses later, I mean, it's like 22 years. And you see like, the "Lord let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground." And then all Israel recognizes Samuel as a prophet.

So, I see kind of like these, sometimes these things you go through, these steps you go through ... It's like Joseph. He's a prophet but he gets this like, calling. That, hey, he's going to lead his, you know, family. Everyone is going to bow down to him. You know? He says it the wrong way, he's thrown into the pit. You know, he's insensitive. He throws it in front of his brothers, his dreams, how great he's going to be, all this kind of stuff. And then, you know, he goes on his "pit journey," which oftentimes is where a prophet goes. They have to go to the pit.

Doug: Yes.

Keith: And then they go into the Potiphar. You know, it's like his training was kind of ... I think a prophet's training is very specific to where they're going to land and their place of office. Like, you know, Joseph needed to learn how to resist Potiphar's wife. When all odds said, "Hey, everyone's rejected me. Where is God, you know? Why shouldn't I do this?" You know? But yet ... You know, I like to tell the prophets that are in training, I'm like, "It's not so much about what you see in the Spirit as it is about what you are seeing with your eyes. What you're allowing into your eye gate."

Doug: Right.

Keith: You know? And so yes, we want to see in the Spirit. We want our prophets to have a high-level gifting because it's your gift that brings you before your influencers, or whoever you're going to impact. But if Joseph gets to the top and he still has that stigma of hurt in him, and his gift opens the door ... I mean, I love the fact Joseph goes his whole life with one wife and two kids. And he brings his family in, you know, his larger family in. He goes the distance as a pure prophet. And I love that.

Doug: Yes.

Keith: And I'm like, that's why you want the training. So, you know, I got that book out that throws out a little seed about that, about getting prophets in training. Because, like you were saying Doug, it's like the old ... Maybe what was acceptable the last 50 years was like, prophets more train either on their own ... It's kind of like John the Baptist, you know? He comes out of a desert, he's ready. You know? It's like, that's how a prophet is raised, by God alone, you know?

And I think we need, we need one another to get us healthy. We need other prophets in our life. Pastors. The Body. We need to be healthy in relationships. So, I'm like, I think the grid is changing a little bit. And so, just kind of being our healthiest is powerful.

Doug: Exactly. To put it in modern day terms—and this is what I say in my schools and all my trainings—is the prophetic gift and the prophet is a function. And we need to be in the Body of Christ. And this whole thing that we're seeing out there, “Oh yeah, I'm a prophet but I'm accountable to no one except God.” That's not even, really, biblical for the New Testament. You know? It's not there.

Keith: Yes.

Doug: You don't see Agabus going out on his own. You don't see any of that happening.

Keith: Come on.

Doug: You know, it's just a time right now where God wants us to be the family, and I really love that part of your message. So, you took out, you wrote that first book on *The Emerging Prophets*. What happened after that? Did you write something else? Did something else emerge out of that?

Keith: Yes. I mean, I've just been ... It's still emerging. I wrote another. It's called *The Happy Prophet*. I love this book. I can't help it. I mean, this is really my 20-year journey into some joy. You know, it's like you start realizing that the covenant that we're a prophet from is God doing it. “The Kingdom of God is life, peace and joy.” And I'm like, man, we kind of have this grid still. I mean, it's changing. But we still think a prophet is serious and scary and intimidating. And they have “the prophet look.” It's like a very stern eagle, you know?

Doug: Exactly.

Keith: And I'm like, I have been on the journey ... I think the Lord, you know, gave me that because He's like, “Let's take this grumpy dude here, and this seriously introspective Pastor Keith, you know? And this guy who is very hard on himself and hard on others, and let's teach him some joy. If we can get it to him, we can get it to anybody.”

I think that's how, that's how prophets write books. I mean, it comes ... It's not like they're the cream of the crop that's writing it. No, they went through the hard knocks of figuring that out. I'm sure that's the books you wrote, Doug. I

mean it's like, I think the Lord does it. "If I can get it to that guy, I can get it to anybody."

So, I mean, it really is about ... I mean, I'm not the happiest guy around, but I fought for every inch of joy that I have. And I've learned, you know, to let the Lord love me and let Him ... And let myself be accepted, and forgive myself, and be gracious to myself so then I can start extending it to others. And that's where the joy comes from. So, I wrote *The Happy Prophet* book. It was fun. Beni Johnson endorsed that one and loved it as well. And I got a bunch of happy folks on there, Georgian Banov and Dano and ...

Doug: I just want to interject this. I watched you live and I, I'm a spiritual atmosphere guy. I know. Really, I can feel when the heavens are open and when they're not. The heavens were open for something different than what you were going to need to release. I watched this because the heavens were open, but not for what you were going to bring, you know? The joy. You got up, you only had 10 minutes to speak, you got up and laughed for 8 minutes or so. Really, you just laughed and laughed and shifted everything.

Keith: Wow!

Doug: Down to those last few minutes. You went over 10 minutes, I'm sure, but you took about 10 minutes to shift the spiritual atmosphere through joy.

Keith: Wow!

Doug: Then the entire group was able to receive your message because of the shift in that. So, I was like, "Wow, this guy walks with authority in joy." And that's why ... You know, how you and I met is because a guy named—he has been on our podcast actually—Mando Matthews had a dream that Doug Addison, Keith Ferrante and Lou Engle were "one prophet, one voice," the three of us.

Keith: Come on.

Doug: One from Northern, one from Central, one from Southern. you know? And the Lord saw you, and saw that you needed to be in that ...

Keith: Wow!

Doug: ... and He brought you in because of your joy and your ability to shift the spiritual atmosphere with being the happy prophet. I watched that happen. There's an anointing on your book, and there's an anointing on your message, and every time you open your mouth because you've walked this out.

Keith: Come on.

Doug: So, you walk with not just anointing, but authority. You have authority in the Spirit. So, you released that book, and that actually is doing some amazing things. Then what happened after that?

Keith: Well, I released a number of books, like workbooks to train prophets, because we wanted to start getting people on a practical journey. So, I have three workbooks. One of them is on discovering your identity as a prophet. One of them is discovering your *metron*, or your assignment as a prophet. And another one is discovering where you're at between the calling and the office, and how to accelerate that. What are the character pieces, gifting pieces and new covenant foundation pieces you need to get developed to move towards that place?

And I feel like God doesn't like ... He's not holding out on us. Like, He's not holding out on us like, "Hey, you're going to be in the back woods for 22 years." I mean, it could be seven years. Like historians say, like Elisha served Elijah seven years. You know? Like the typical number that was thrown out is that it takes about 15 years for a prophet to kind of come into the place of office. But I'm like, I think schools can accelerate that ...

Doug: Yes.

Keith: ... and I think our ability to be teachable can accelerate that. And so, it's not like it has ... I mean, I've met people who have been like, "I've been 40 years, and I'm not being heard." I'm like, "That's not on God. You're not understanding some insensitivities you're carrying and some relational dysfunctions, and you don't see it. You need to get coached." You know?

So, I do coaching for prophets. And I just like to help them kind of get, like see for themselves. Because you see in the Spirit, but you don't see the glitches sometimes, relationally. We all have blind spots.

Doug: Yes. Exactly.

Keith: Yes. I've done that.

Doug: I'm just grateful for your school. I was just thinking back on my process. Because some people look at me and go, "Oh, man, you're so lucky you got to be mentored by John Paul Jackson." And I go, "You have no idea how tough that was."

Keith: Wow!

Doug: Like, he even told me ... I remember when I went there he said, “We don’t have any jobs.” You know? “You have to come here, and you have to find a way.” And we did. We were in our early 40s, my wife and I. We sold it all and moved to New Hampshire. And it was at that point I had to become the webmaster. I had to teach myself ColdFusion programming to get a job, you know, to be able to be mentored.

Keith: Wow!

Doug: He told me, “It’s going to take you 3 to 5 years, based on what I’m seeing in you.” And I committed to everything, and he said I’m the only one he’s ever seen—and I even have this on a Fireside Chat with him saying this publicly—he said I did it in one year. Now I don’t recommend it. It’s like driving 70 miles an hour on speed bumps, you know? It was rough. But you have to humble yourself.

Keith: Wow!

Doug: Exactly what you’re saying. Right now, you have to humble yourself and be teachable, and let the Lord then raise you up. But it has taken me ... I look back, and the Lord really brought me in. I got an encounter in Heaven back in 2010 about being called into the office of a prophet. I got this confirmation, but it really has been seven years, in 2017, even though people have seen me and know me as a prophet. Really, to operate in the office, where I’m doing things, you know, to shift nations and doing things like that. It’s only in the last 2 years. And so it was about seven years for my process. I’m telling you, folks, you don’t have to suffer like this anymore.

Keith: Yes.

Doug: You could do what I did, you know, what the Lord did, about bringing what would take 3 to 5 years, you could do it in a year.

Keith: Come on.

Doug: You could do it. But, you know, some people get mad when I talk about accelerating maturity. And I say, “Well, there are some things you can’t, but there are some things you can. And that is learn the lessons.” You know, ask someone. You know, learn the lessons. That’s what I really love about your ministry and what you do.

So you just released a new book?

Keith: What did I just release? I did release the new book on *The Keys To Abundance*, and it’s all about breaking a poverty mindset. That is what you

were saying, you know, that John Paul Jackson put you through. Hey, you're going to have to find your own job. You're going to have to ...

That's what I do in all my schools. And I charge for ... I have a master class which is a weekly, you know, development for people trying to discover if they're a prophet. I would encourage you guys to get on that if that's something for you. But I'm like I, you know, I took a lot of flack. It's like, "You can't charge for that. I mean, why are you making us pay? We can't afford it." I'm like, "No. Every prophet, if you're called to be a prophet of God, you need to be able to find the provision. You need to break an orphan spirit. You need to break a poverty spirit that says, 'This is all the money that I have.'"

I remember once, I was complaining. I'm like, "Lord, you know, man, where's the money?" I owned a couple of thousand dollars of bills, and I was complaining and everything, and He's like, "Keith, you're called to deal with billions of dollars of national deficit, and you're complaining over a couple of thousand dollars of bills."

Doug: Right.

Keith: And so I think, I mean, it just ... He tries to reign us in. It's like, whenever I start like, feeling sorry for different ones, He's like, "Keith, you're going to cripple them. They need to find God for themselves."

So I send them back to the fire. Like, "Go find God. Find a job. Find a breakthrough. Do you want this?" You know? Because it's like, of course we love inheritance. And I love receiving gifts and, you know, giving gifts and all that sort of stuff. But like, we don't want to cripple people.

So that book that I just put out was really my journey out of poverty. And it's not that, you know, there's not more growth areas in my life. But it's like, I am just ... I want the Body of Christ to be fully blessed and be able to bless, and to understand their value, understand how to release their value. And like, a poverty spirit is a lack of value.

Doug: Right.

Keith: And you can never have things attracted to you. You can never have ... I mean, it's like the Lord was telling me, "Keith, I want to bless you, but you see me as a poor King. You're inhibiting My blessing."

Doug: Wow!

Keith: He took me on this whole journey of, you know ... I have to see Him differently. And then as I see Him differently, then it's going to help me see

myself differently. You know? Value attracts value. So it's like, "Man, I'm barely making it. I'm barely making it." There's a value issue there. Because God wants every one of us blessed and so ... That book, you know, just came out and I feel like it was a significant journey for me. As prophets, we feel like everything that we release is significant.

Doug: Yes.

Keith: And they are all journeys. I mean, we don't put out stuff, you know Doug, that we haven't walked through ourselves. We're not just putting out content.

Doug: Right. It's road-tested, in other words.

Keith: Yes. It's road-tested.

Doug: Wow! Yes. That's powerful. You know, the doors will open. When you're saying this, there's an anointing. Just so people know. You know, for the record, I did get a job at Streams Ministries with John Paul after I went there, after I was willing to sell it all.

Keith: Come on.

Doug: After I took, I don't know how many, it was in my first 6 months as the webmaster and, you know, just really pounding it out and doing things ...

Keith: Wow!

Doug: Then I did get a job because the door opened when John Paul went on Benny Hinn ...

Keith: Come on.

Doug: ... and it just really shifted things. So, it's not like you have to suffer the whole way. But the Lord will test you, you know, to see where your heart is ...

Keith: That's good.

Doug: ... to see if you can trust Him.

Keith: I like that.

Doug: And He's just shifting things right now. I just love what you're doing. I love the fact that you're training up prophets, that you're fathering them. You and your wife, you're a father and mother to many. I know when we talked, we had lunch and we hung out a little bit. And I was thinking to myself, "You know, I

want to do what you're doing. I want to do more of the personal fathering." I haven't been able to do that. You know, I've been working pretty much on the internet ...

Keith: Yes.

Doug: ... but we do a little bit of it. But you encouraged me. You really did. There was just a spirit of ...

Keith: Come on.

Doug: ... fatherhood on you that really encouraged me ...

Keith: Wow!

Doug: ... to take it to the next level and to see things happen. So, this has been such a powerful, powerful time talking with Keith Ferrante. I just want you just to release some activation over us. Activate this right now.

Keith: Yes. Lord, I just thank You so much, Father, that You're bringing Your prophets out of hiding, Lord. Those that have been afraid, Lord. Those that have been hurt. Those that have been in Obadiah's caves, Lord Jesus, hiding because they feel like Jezebel has been after them, or control or whatever.

I just pray right now for a release of encouragement and courage to come out of hiding, to come into the Body of Christ, to come to be trained, to come to be a part of community. Prophetic community. We need you. The Body of Christ needs you. So I call you out, and I just pray for healing for hearts that have been legitimately hurt. Whether it's real or perceived, I just pray for the healing of the Spirit of God to just unleash on the prophetic people of God. All over, Lord, every influence, Lord, wherever this podcast goes, Lord, for Doug's audience.

Lord, I bless Doug and what he's doing, Lord, and everyone that he's impacting, Lord. These powerful voices that have resonated with him, Lord, prophets that have an evangelistic heart, that have a love for the Church. People who will push outside of the boundaries, Lord. Your prophets to the homosexual community. Your prophets to the tattoo community. Your prophets to, Lord, the drug community and all the different communities, Lord Jesus. The harvest field that Doug has been sounding the prophetic gong for.

I just call for you, the prophets that are there, that are amongst this circle, to just come out. We need you. And I pray for even a connection, the right connection between you and Doug. And even a greater sense of connection

there as well in what Doug's doing, as well as the prophets, to be able to get connected wherever they're at in the world. So I bless you guys, in Jesus' Name.

Doug: Amen. Wow! I tell you, this is an amazing, amazing time. Keith Ferrante with Emerging Prophets. How do we get a hold of you? And maybe, you know, tell us a little bit about what you offer.

Keith: I have my website, EmergingProphets.com. It's an easy way to get in touch. I also have a free Facebook group called [All Things Prophetic](#) with Keith Ferrante, [All Things Prophetic](#), and that's just a weekly kind of sporadic, random, here and there. I just answer questions on the prophetic just for anybody.

Then for anybody who wants to go on this journey of, "Hey, I want to figure out if I'm a prophet," I do a master class for emerging prophets once a week. You can find that on my website EmergingProphets.com. And that is just me, you know, talking about all this healthy stuff. How do you get healthy? How do you get accelerated? What kind of a prophet are you? So we have a number of prophets from around the world, and emerging prophets from around the world, that are on there. It's super fun. You get to connect, you know, for an hour every week plus you get some pre-recorded videos as well, and that's great.

Then for those that would like to potentially run a school to develop prophets—or you want to like, maybe do a home group to develop prophets, or you just want to go through like, a high, intense curriculum to develop prophets—I just launched within the last 2 weeks my [Immersion](#) package. We're calling it Immersion because it's an immersion into the culture that we build to develop prophets.

You get 9 months of videos, and 3 videos per night. Because we do, you know, a once-a-week school so you'll get 3 videos per night. You get a playbook on how to run those videos, the questions, the group activation. You get into the master class there. You get into some private groups where you can ask questions and be coached on how to train prophets. You get all my books. You get a coaching session with me, and there is a bunch of more goodies on, like interviews. We talked to people that felt disqualified to run a prophet group, and now are running them successfully. How did they get through some of those hurdles? How did they deal with challenging pastoral issues? So, we have really created a package.

This is something I really feel excited about. Dan McCollam helped me with this and spent hundreds of hours building this. And just ... So that [Immersion](#) package, I'd love to get that out to you guys because I want to ... I don't want

the prophet training to be rare anymore. I want there to be companies of prophets all over the world that are like families, that people can just go to the next level. And then get into that prophetic, "Holy Ghost vortex" where you have prophets and minstrels, and it just shifts regions and people that come into it get changed. And I feel like that's the power of that community of prophets.

So those are a few of the things that I have to offer. I so appreciate this connection that we have growing here, Doug. And thank you so much for having me on here.

Doug: Oh man, this has been so good. And I'm really looking forward to what God's going to do, and I'm just grateful. In fact, I keep saying I wish I had met you 25 years ago. Of course, it wasn't available then but, you know, this type of training would have saved us a lot of pain and money and time, you know? And moving ...

Keith: Come on.

Doug: ... and all this stuff, where a lot of people who are being formed in the womb of the Lord with the prophet, you know? But then again, a lot of my training that I have in my school goes with, you know, "You don't necessarily have to be a prophet to hear the Lord," but ...

Keith: Yes. Totally.

Doug: I love this because there are people who are prophets, and there is some really good training to develop that. So, I'm really grateful for you ...

Keith: Thank you.

Doug: ... and I'm looking forward to seeing what's going to happen as well.

So, hey everybody, check out EmergingProphets.com. Get a hold of Keith on social media as well and follow him there. We're so excited that you came. Thanks so much, Keith.

Keith: You're welcome. Bless you guys.

Doug: All right, everybody, see you next time.

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