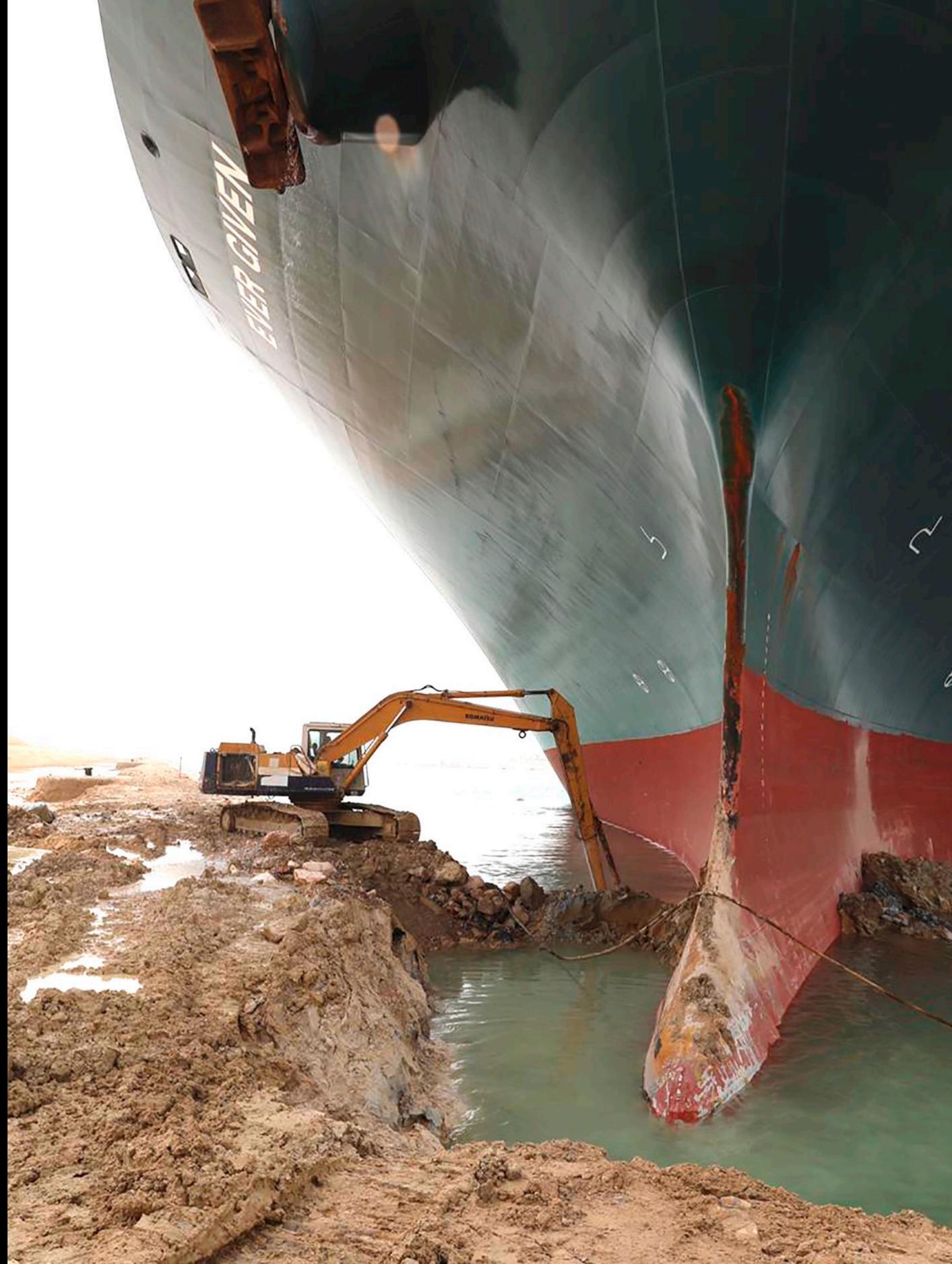


3. “The Gifts of the Spirit”









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It was this sort of funny frog hop that they were doing across the room. For me that moment of seeing this sort of awkward, ugly jumping, as opposed to this incredible levitation that I as a kid had imagined was a first moment, for me, of doubt.



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Although I devoted well over four hours a day to TM for well over a year, I did not experience anything Maharishi promised. Nor, from what I could tell, did anyone else. ... What was called levitation was a total joke. While most people think of levitation as hovering in mid-air, in the TM world it consisted of mostly younger, more athletic siddhas hopping around on



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their butts on thick, dense foam pretending they were flying through the air. ... Before long we saw that we had been lied to by TM and that the only thing achieved by 'Yogic Flying' was that you could cause damage to your knees. I eventually had a knee replacement. I left the cult. Many people were not so lucky.

1 Cor
12:7-10

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a **message of wisdom**, to another a **message of knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healing** by that one Spirit, to another **miraculous powers**, to another **prophecy**, to another **distinguishing between spirits**, to another **speaking in different kinds of tongues**, and to still another the **interpretation of tongues**.

1 Cor
13:9-10

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

1 Cor
13:11-12

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Deut
8:17-18

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

1 Cor
4:7

What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

1 Cor
14:1

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

1 Thess
5:19-20

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt

2 Tim
2:7

Reflect on what I am saying,
for the Lord will give you
insight into all this.

Prophecy is a divine revelation of truth that would otherwise be unknowable.



“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet.” (John 4:19)

But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, **as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare**. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

1 Cor
14-24-25

Acts
5:1-4

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have

Acts
5:1-4

lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

1 Cor
14:3

But the one who prophesies
speaks to people for their
strengthening, encouraging
and **comfort.**

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Acts
11:27-28

During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named **Agabus**, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)

Acts
21:10-15

After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.' "

When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.

Acts
21:10-15

Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."

After this, we started on our way up to Jerusalem.

Acts
19:33

The commander came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. Then he asked who he was and what he had done.

“And now, **compelled by the Spirit**, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

Acts
20-22-24

Acts
21:14

Luke says, "When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."



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Simply because you have great clarity in the revelation does not mean God intends to enlighten you as to its application. This is one of the most important lessons to learn in the proper exercise of prophecy in the local church. For some reason, those who are the recipient of prophetic revelation struggle to stop once the word has been shared. They feel compelled to interpret and explain and



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eventually apply the word either to an individual or to an entire group. I'm not suggesting that this should never happen. On occasion a person will receive both the revelation and the interpretation. But in the majority of instances, it will turn out that God has revealed something to a person but wishes that its interpretation and application be left to others.

1 Cor
14-29-33

Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.

SUMMARY:

We are called to earnestly seek the spiritual gifts so that we can be empowered to minister more effectively to others.