

‘Keep Digging’: The Power of a Personal Prophetic Word

“He cares about me. He knows what I am going through. He is for me, not against me. I am not alone after all. It’s not too late for me. Maybe I am significant.”

These were my thoughts the first time someone gave me a personal prophetic word.

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It was 1996. For nine months, I had been in the midst of the Brownsville Revival—quite literally. Because I was a columnist for the Remnant Newspaper and the editor of the Brownsville Revival Magazine, I had been assigned two of the best seats in the house. I was on the prayer team, so I did not have to wait in line outside for eight hours, rain or shine, with the thousands of others. My hosting job meant that I was to help the leaders, usually very high-level leaders, to first acclimate and then process what they were seeing and feeling.

One ministry leader, visiting from Germany, was particularly quiet throughout the week. He was the founding executive director of European Coalition for Israel, which provides crucial Christian perspective to members of the European Union and United Nations. After a few days he abruptly turned to me and said the Lord had shown him something he would like to share with me.

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The first scene he described gave me direction regarding my need to draw one of my children in closer to me. It was so

personal that I broke into tears; I was a single mom of three who was wholly dependent on God's help each day.

The second scene he shared illustrated past and present events. The elderly man, who had dedicated one of the ships in his fleet in Hamburg, Germany, to transport people of Jewish descent and all their belongings from Romania to Israel over the course of a year in the 1980s, said he saw me digging, by myself, in a dry desert that had very hard ground. After a long while of digging I hit water that bubbled up and spread around the world at an ankle-deep level.

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