

Are Prophetic Words Still Valid When Leaders Fall? Alwyn Uys Responds to the Shawn Bolz Controversy

In the wake of growing controversy surrounding allegations of false prophecy and sexual abuse tied to Shawn Bolz and the subsequent response issued by Bethel Church, many are asking a deeply personal question: If a prophetic leader falls, was any of it ever real?

That question was addressed head-on in a recent Charisma Media interview with prophetic teacher Alwyn Uys, whose viral video response to Bethel's statement struck a chord with Christians wrestling through disappointment, confusion and discernment.

"We do believe that God does speak. We do believe that the prophetic is real," Uys said. "But we've also seen there's abuse of that."



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Uys acknowledged the pain many feel when leaders they once trusted fall into moral failure. "Leaders do fall, unfortunately, and we're all human at the end of the day," he said. "That's not to excuse people of their actions. Actions have consequences—even if they were years before."

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For Uys, the issue is deeply personal. He openly shared that he once followed, learned from and even received accurate prophetic words from some of the very figures now under scrutiny.

“I got words from some of these people—accurate prophetic words,” Uys explained. “Things that weren’t publicly available, things that were only between me and God. I knew this was the Holy Spirit speaking through them.”