

Randy Kay Addresses Prophetic Abuse in the Church

There's something powerful that happens when a person speaks and says, "Thus says the Lord." People suddenly grow quiet, ready to hear what this message from God may be.

However, as Randy Kay warns, "For the person speaking those words, it's easy to begin believing you truly are different, more connected to God, more important to His purposes." There is a real temptation: redirect the glory to God or absorb it yourself. Too often, prophetic voices succumb to the allure of applause, platform and recognition.

Kay reflects on a troubling reality in modern ministry: being like the world rather than being in it. "We've imported the world's metrics of success, platform size, influence, wealth, media presence and sometimes forgotten that in God's kingdom, the greatest among us is the servant of all." Genuine friendships are too often replaced with strategic alliances, built for mutual benefit rather than Christlike love.



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This transactional spirit is pervasive. Leaders build platforms to gain influence, connect for advantage and elevate those with power while overlooking the marginalized. Kay points out, "It's the world's way, dressed in spiritual language."

Meanwhile, the vulnerable and powerless are often met with condemnation rather than intercession. The call of Jesus is radically countercultural: "Love your enemies. Pray for those who persecute you," not declare judgment.

He points out that conviction is mistaken for combative

aggression, and boldness becomes bravado. “We’re ready to go to battle over our reputation, but reluctant to turn the other cheek,” Kay observes. The early church in Acts thrived on radical love, humility and service, not public displays of superiority or platform politics.