

A GUIDE TO PROPHETIC MINISTRY AND INTIMACY

WITH GOD

with Luc



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INTRODUCTION

THE FOUNDATION OF ALL MINISTRY

Luc Niebergall's journey into prophetic ministry began with a dramatic encounter at age 16, when Jesus visited him in his bedroom and spoke audibly about his calling. This encounter established a foundational truth that has guided his 20+ years of ministry: **the foundation of all prophetic ministry is the Father's heart**, and authentic ministry flows from intimate friendship with God.

As Luc explains: *"The foundation of the prophetic ministry is actually the father's heart... when we get things straight where it's like, no, I'm actually going to pursue the gift through my relationship with the father of understanding his heart. Then all of a sudden, we see a purity infused in the prophetic ministry."*



PRIORITIES OVER BALANCE

KEY TEACHING: *"If you have ten balls up in the air... it's only a matter of time until one of them falls... I don't think it's as much about balance. I think it's about priorities."*

The Right Order

Luc and his wife Sophie have established clear priorities that guide every ministry decision:

- **Relationship with the Lord** - Nothing can come in place of this, ever
- **Marriage and children** - The family unit God created before ministry
- **Ministry** - Secondary to the first two priorities

"We've had so many times where we ask ourselves, okay, well, ministry is actually secondary to our marriage. So is this going to hinder our connection in our marriage? Because if it's going to hinder our connection in our marriage, I will close any door of ministry."



PRIORITIES OVER BALANCE

Action Steps:

- Evaluate your current priorities and identify where they may be out of order
- Have an honest conversation with your spouse about how ministry decisions are made
- Establish boundaries that protect your relationship with God and family first
- Practice saying “no” to ministry opportunities that would compromise your foundational relationships



THE SECRET PLACE

FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

KEY TEACHING: One of the most dangerous deceptions in Christian leadership is confusing ministry activity with intimate relationship with God. Luc draws a stark distinction: *“Ministry and intimacy are such different things. Yes, you can experience intimacy with God in ministry, but it’s very possible to minister apart from intimacy.”*

Action Steps:

- Establish non-negotiable daily time alone with God
- Practice acknowledging God’s presence throughout your day
- Set aside one day a week for extended prayer and worship
- Ask yourself: “Am I pursuing ministry or pursuing God’s heart?”
- Regularly examine whether your ministry flows from intimacy or operates independently of it



SPIRITUAL FATHERING AND MOTHERING

KEY TEACHING: *“There’s generations who are rising... and they’re crying out for fathers and mothers. Far too many people are so busy looking ahead and building their ministry that they forget to look back and build their legacy.”*

This reveals a critical need in the church today - authentic spiritual parents who can guide emerging generations into healthy prophetic ministry.

The solution isn’t avoiding spiritual family but allowing God the Father to heal our hearts so we can receive from those who’ve gone before us.



SPIRITUAL FATHERING AND MOTHERING

For Those Seeking Spiritual Fathers/Mothers:

- Look for spiritual parents in unexpected places (often in pews, not on stages)
- Address orphan-heartedness first through healing with God the Father
- Follow Joshua's example: pursue the Father's heart more than spiritual fathers
- Keep your heart soft toward older generations even when access is limited

For Those Called to be a Spiritual Father/Mother:

- Do inner work to become a safe place
- Remember: pursuit heals - actively reach out to emerging leaders
- Point mentees to God's heart, not to yourself
- Look back intentionally and build legacy, not just ministry



ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE PROPHETIC

KEY TEACHING: Healthy prophetic ministry operates within family structures, not in isolation. Biblical examples like Samuel leading schools of prophets and Elijah fathering Elisha demonstrate that prophetic gifting is meant to function within accountability relationships.

The key to prophetic accountability isn't just good teaching but having **accessible fathers and mothers** who can provide guidance, correction, and encouragement. This creates safety for both the prophetic person and those receiving ministry.

Action Steps:

- If you operate in prophetic ministry, identify who you're accountable to
- Seek out mature believers who can speak into your prophetic expressions
- If you're a leader, make yourself accessible to those with prophetic gifts
- Create structures in your church that support rather than isolate prophetic people



THE WORD AND THE PROPHETIC

KEY TEACHING: Luc expresses concern about prophetic movements that operate with “90% encounter and 10% Bible.” This creates dangerous territory where twisted doctrines can take root.

“When we divorce the spoken prophetic word of God from the written Word of God, it is such dangerous territory.”

Action Steps:

- Evaluate the balance between Bible study and prophetic experiences in your life
- Commit to regular, systematic study of Scripture
- Test prophetic impressions against the written Word of God
- If you teach or minister prophetically, model the value of Scripture in your presentations



PURSUING JESUS, NOT CALLING

KEY TEACHING: In a vision, Luc saw people frantically trying to open doors to their destinies while others simply sat at Jesus' feet. The profound truth: *"We actually don't need to chase calling. We just get to chase Jesus. And then calling unfolds all around us."*

This reframes our entire approach to ministry and purpose. Instead of striving for platforms, positions, or recognition, we pursue the person of Jesus and trust Him to open the right doors at the right time.

Action Steps:

- Stop striving for platforms, positions, or recognition
- Seat yourself at Jesus' feet daily
- Trust God to open right doors at right time
- Remember: it's one name, one person - just Jesus



ENCOURAGEMENT AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Luc reminds us that we often complicate the Gospel because we have complicated problems, thinking the answer must be equally complex. But the truth is beautifully simple: *"It's one name. It's one person... It's just Jesus."*

Whether facing marriage problems, financial challenges, or lack of vision, the answer remains the same - lean on your Beloved. Rest in Him. Live from that place of intimate connection rather than striving toward it.



PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Action Steps:

- Am I pursuing God's heart or just His gifts?
- Are my priorities in biblical order?
- Am I confusing ministry activity with intimacy?
- Who am I accountable to in my spiritual life?
- Am I chasing calling or chasing Jesus?
- What orphan areas need healing in my heart?



A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*Father, help us return to the simplicity of friendship with You. Heal our orphan hearts and teach us to live from rest rather than striving. Order our priorities according to Your heart, and help us become safe places for the next generation. May everything we do flow from intimate knowledge of who You are.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

***“The greatest position is not on a platform...
it’s to be at the feet of Jesus.”***
- Luc Niebergall



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