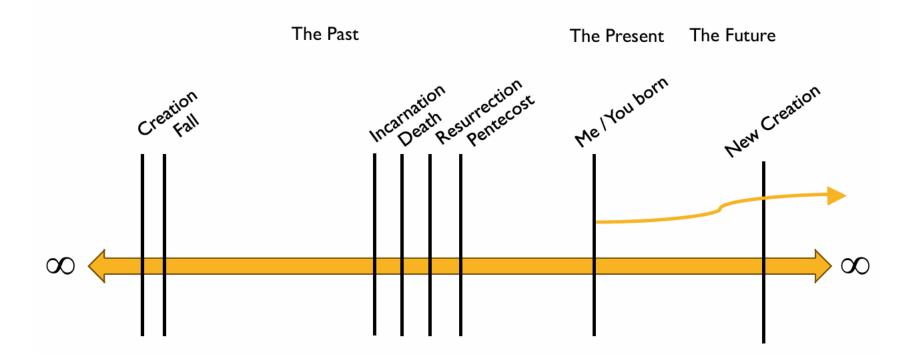


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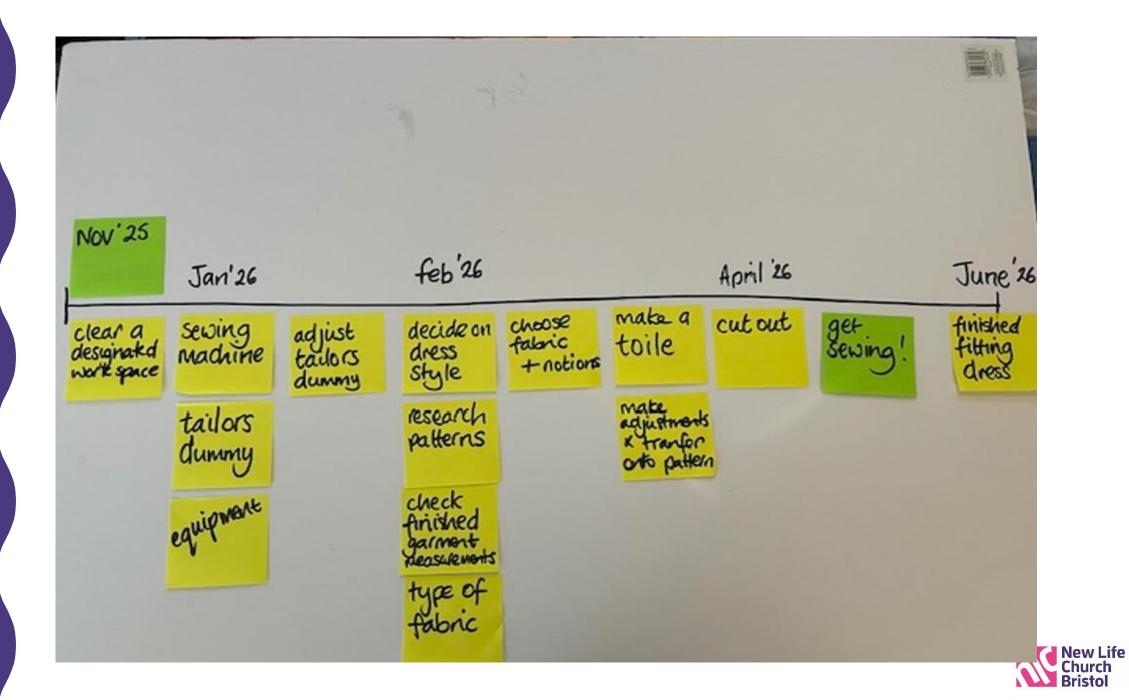
THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPHECY

HAVE AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

THE ETERNAL LANDSCAPE







Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 19:20

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.



PURPOSE OF PROPHECY



Ephesians 4v11-16

So Christ himself gave the apostles, **the prophets**, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **to equip** his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be **built up** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and **held together** by every supporting ligament, **grows and builds itself up in love**, as each part does its work.



1 Corinthians 14v39-40

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, **be eager to prophesy**, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

1 Corinthians 12v31

Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.



1 Corinthians 12v7-11

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. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.



1 Corinthians 14v1-4

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.



1 Corinthians 14:25-25

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!".



INTERACTIVE TIME

WHAT ARE THE WAYS WE CAN MOVE PROPHETICALLY?



1 Thessalonians 5v19-21

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good.

1 Corinthians 14:25-25

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