



Living in Relational Wholeness

Coalesce Podcast

Episode 008 – Prophetic Gift

Note, terms, scripture, practice



[Matthew 23](#)

[Amos 5:21-6:7](#)

[Amos 7:10-17](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:28](#)

[Ephesians 4:11](#)

[Colossians 1:16](#)

[Luke 18:11](#)

[Matthew 23:29-39](#)

[Matthew 23:24](#)

[Jeremiah 7:1-11](#)

[Mark 11:17](#)

[Deuteronomy 18:9-22](#)

[2 Samuel 12:1-7](#)

[Matthew 5:17-48](#)

[1 Corinthians 12](#)

[Galatians 3:26-29](#)

[Matthew 12:1-8](#)

[Luke 17:14](#)

[Deuteronomy 18](#)

A prophet is *one who keeps God free for people and who keeps people free for God.*

[Matthew 23:13](#)

[Matthew 3:3](#)

[Speak Truth to Power](#), The American Friends Service Committee

Practice: Speaking Truth to Power

The American Friends Service Committee published [Speak Truth to Power](#) in 1955, and their study of international conflict is still compelling and relevant for a world full of injustice and violence. Read this prophetic call to repentance—metanoia, to turn around—with an open heart and mind, or in other words, contemplatively:

The politics of eternity works not by might but by spirit; a Spirit whose redemptive power is released among people through suffering endured on behalf of the evildoer, and in obedience to the divine command to love all people. Such love is worlds apart from the expedient of loving those who love us, of doing good to those who have done good to us. It is the essence of such love that it does not require an advance guarantee that it will succeed, will prove easy or cheap, or that it will be met with swift answering love. Whether practiced by individuals or nations, it well may encounter opposition, hate, humiliation, utter defeat. In the familiar words of the epistle, such love suffers long, is always kind, never fails. This is the Spirit that overcomes the world.

To act on such a faith, the politics of eternity demand of us, first, repentance. As individuals and as a nation we must literally turn about. We must turn from our self-righteousness and arrogance and confess that we do that which is evil in the sight of the Lord. We must turn from the substitution of material for spiritual values; we must turn not only from our use of mass violence but from what is worse, our readiness to use this violence whenever it suits our purpose, regardless of the pain it inflicts on others. We must turn about.