**Discovering My Spiritual Gifts Series June 19, 2022**

**Romans 12:3—8, Ephesians 4:11-13, Psalm 150:3-5, Exodus 31:1-11**

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* Prophecy: the distinctive ability to boldly declare the truth of God, regardless of the consequences, calling people **to righteous living**
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* Illustration: Acts 17:22-39
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