

“One of them named Agabus stood up in one of the meetings and predicted by the Spirit that a great famine was coming upon the entire Roman world. (This was fulfilled during the reign of Claudius.) So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could. This they did, entrusting their gifts to Barnabas and Saul to take to the elders of the church in Jerusalem.” Acts 11:28-30 NLT

## [lectio] // ACTS 11:27-30

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

## [meditatio]

Luke just drops this amazing functions of a prophet who shares about an upcoming disaster and allowed for believers to prepare for it by sending aid ahead of time. This is what we are missing today! Our prophets voice, both proclaiming and forth-telling of what God is up. If we would listen, we might be able to get ahead of crisis and prepare/help the church instead of trying to rally afterward. This office, of prophet, only works in cases where the body is unified and in agreement. Can you imagine someone using that gift today? There is so little trust, because the prophets are not known, accountable and submissive to a body or THE body. Then there would be an all out attack on what denomination or tribe the prophet belongs to. However, it is still lacking today. Maybe it happens and the denomination leadership don't know or don't pass on the information?

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

What would it look like if YOUR church was healthy and unified? What would it look like to behave like Jesus to a country that is pretending that it needs no God, no morals? If the church could just be reflective of you, it would mean a lot more people would see that you love them. What can I do to help bring that message of hope and unity? What can I do to use my gifts to communicate that “oneness” to my brothers and sisters?

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root