

20180211 Naturally Supernatural

Introduction

Recently Kevin McNulty shared with us some of the incredible miracles he/Leslie have seen.

Amazing miracles of God healing broken/sick bodies- talk about- supernatural power of God.

Bible- filled w/stories of-miraculous power of God.

>Jesus fed thousands w/few loaves/fish (Mtt 14.15)

>Phillip was physically transported- city to city -long before- beam me up Scotty (Act 8.39)

>Peter/John healed a lame man sitting at the door of- church as they went in- prayer (Act 3.2)

>Paul raised- young boy from- dead- fell out of 3rd story window- talked to long (Act 20.9)

>Jesus rebuked- wind/waves- calmed a storm

Jesus had peace in the storm and when He spoke to the storm the storm had to yield to the peace that was in Him. Bill Johnson (Mat 8.23-26)

Jairus-
"Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she will be made well."
Lk 8

Mat10- Jesus gave- disciples authority- cast out demons/heal every kind- sickness/disease.

Later- He instructed them to heal the sick, raise-dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.

They were to give away what Jesus had so freely given to them and modeled for them.

As Kevin McNulty shared with us ...

Everything Jesus DID, He DOES

-do not just read the Bible as history

-Jesus modeled- supernatural- for us

Christianity is not what God will do

someday, it is what God will do today

The supernatural was to be a normal part of their everyday lives- as it should be of ours today.

There is a place we can come to in Christ where we know that God will not fail us.

Faith becomes more than I believe God can do something- to I expect God to do something.

Today we tend to separate- natural/supernatural- but God does not make that distinction.

The supernatural is natural to God- He lives in a naturally supernatural world- so should we.

Col 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

We are not part of the same kingdom anymore- we are part of a supernatural Kingdom.

In fact, Jesus specifically left this world to assure us that we would live supernatural lives.

John 16:7 “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

Jn 16:15 “All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

Before Jesus stepped out of heaven everything belonged to Him- the world, truth, life, power.

Jesus then forfeits everything as the Son of God, and steps out of heaven/takes on human form.

Then as- Son of Man He re-inherits everything and passes it onto us as our inheritance.

The HS takes what belonged to Jesus and transfers it from Jesus' account to our account.

The Day of Pentecost- time of God empowering God's people to be naturally supernatural.

Acts 2:17-18 (NASB95)

17‘And it shall be in the last days,’ God says, ‘That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams;

18Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy.

This seems to cover all believers, not just some with special gifting.

Pentecost came- reestablish God in human flesh. In a very real way Christ is again incarnate in us through the HS- available to- world around us. The same power that worked through Jesus is available to us today.

Before Jesus returned to the Father ...

John 7:38–39 (NASB95)

38“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’ ”

39But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive ...

We are no longer just a natural people.

The regenerating grace of God creates a new world inside of every believer.

A river of the supernatural life of God is flowing in every believer and looking for release.

The Power of an Indestructible Life

In Hebrews- says Jesus became our High Priest-

Heb 7:16 who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

There is alive in every believer a supernatural, indestructible life-God's supernatural life/power
We are called to walk in resurrection life ...

1 Cor 4:20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.

2 Cor 10:4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

2 Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;

We have been changed by a heavenly power alive in an earthly body- an indestructible life.

How do we become Naturally Supernatural?

Too often- focus on what we do not have instead of declaring who Christ created us to be.

How can we get to that place where the supernatural becomes our natural life style?

Jer 33:3 'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

Call- to cry out to- Lord in- very loud voice (football).

God wants to deposit in us- deep hunger for Him where our heart is crying out for more of God.

More comes to those who hunger for more.

**The most powerful ones in public are the most intimate ones with God in private.
Smith Wigglesworth**

Few people walk in the fulness of God's power without having a reckless pursuit of God.

God nor the world are impressed w/lukewarm.

What does spiritual passion/hunger look like?

Psa 42:1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God

-the deer panting is a natural function of life should that not be a natural part of our lives

-Corey Russell defines spiritual hunger as ...

The revelation of my need for God!

Ask God to deposit a passion for Him and His Kingdom in your heart-

that is a prayer that God can answer.

He is looking for a people who will cry out to Him and believe that the impossible is possible.

Religious Spirit

There are a number of things that can hinder the church from walking in the power of God ...

>lack of holiness- sin issues in the church

>lack of faith and confidence in God's Word

>relying on the wisdom/resources of men before turning to God

However, one of the greatest hindrances is that of a religious spirit.

A religious spirit tells us what God can/cannot do.

It empowers the devil by creating a box around us that defines our limitations rather than

empowering us for the impossible.

Do not let a religious spirit limit what God wants to do in you and through you.

Conclusion- Two Stories

Story of Saul before he became King of Israel ...

1 Sam 10:6, 9-10 Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be changed into another man.

9 ... God changed his heart; and all those signs came about on that day.

10 ... Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them.

If God can do that for Saul under- Old Covenant,
how much more for us under- New Covenant.

God has made us new men/women in Christ.

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

God can change you from whatever you are to whatever He wants you to be.

God's calling is always an upward calling.

The Story of seven Jewish Exorcists ...

Acts 19:13–16 (NASB95)

¹³But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches."

¹⁴Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

15And the evil spirit answered and said to them, “I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?”

16And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

The difference between Paul and the sons of Sceva was that Paul knew- God of the Word.

What gave Paul authority was his relationship with and pursuit of the God of the Word.

When we are fully yielded to God- Christ will be revealed in us in such a way that the devil will have no difficulty in knowing who we are.

We must reckon ourselves dead in Christ and alive to the life of God working in us.

We dethrone the old man and enthrone Christ.

1 Jn 4:4 ... greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

Do not read the Bible without letting the reading lead to experience/encounter w/God.

Allow the Word of God to not only to change the way you think but also the way you live.

In- Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus bought back for us what was lost in- Garden of Eden.

God is restoring everything- devil has taken away.

You are a naturally supernatural person!

Prophetic Word- J Dockendorf

For all who will receive, this is a time to cast doubts aside and embrace fully the depth, breadth, and width of God's great and

abundant mercies, in reverent adoration of the Holy One.

This is not a time of addition, it is a time of multiplication. Multiplication of salvations, multiplication of healings, multiplication of being Holy Spirit filled.

It is time to break out from slumber/break into joy.

Challenge

To believe God can/will use you supernaturally ...

Romans 1:11–12 (NASB95)

¹¹For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;

¹²that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

We can encourage/minister to one another with the supernatural life of God that lives inside us.

1 Pet 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

We are stewards of God's grace and get to make it available to those around us.

As Kevin challenged us ...

How big is your POSSIBLE?

God's presence is in His Word and His Word becomes Spirit/Life when we speak it.

Pray for One Another