

## Empowered Church

### God's Direction:

(Jas 1:22) <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

(Mt 10:8) <sup>8</sup>“Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

Do the Word - Pursue Supernatural Activity (broad application)

Are we? Do we want to? (consistent regional testimony)

### Mindsets (Belief) that Hinder the Supernatural (inter-related)

#### 1. Failure Focus - more concerned about failing than doing

(Jam 1:22) focus on “not do” more than doing

(Ga 5:16-17) <sup>16</sup>I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

<sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

(2Co 3:17-18) <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. <sup>18</sup>But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

We Become what we Behold

Overcome by Focusing on who we are, not who we aren't

Pursuing Supernatural Activity will help us Overcome

#### 2. Partial Repentance - not just from, but to (180 - changed mindset)

(Heb 12:1-2) <sup>1</sup>...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,

turn from our issues and sins to focus on Jesus

(Mt 4:17) <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

(Mk 1:14-15) <sup>14</sup>...Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

turn from a natural, fleshly life to a supernatural life in His Kingdom

(Ac 2:38) <sup>38</sup>Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

(Ac 3:19) <sup>19</sup>“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,”

We Repent To His Power and His Presence - Pursue this

### 3. Performance instead of Partnership - doing for instead of with

(Mt 11:28-30) <sup>28</sup>“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>“For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

ex: my visual (human nature)

He wants to work with us!

ex: pre-service prayer direction

Performance turns a gift (blessing) into a test

if it's earned, it's not a gift (1 Cor 4:7 - subtle heart of boasting)

if I'm performing, where is my focus (2 Cor 10:12)

Pursue Partnership with the Supernatural God (supernatural activity will happen)

### 4. Inability to grasp Unearned Love (Fear)

(Ep 3:17-19) <sup>17</sup>that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— <sup>19</sup>to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

(1Jn 4:18-19) <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup>We love Him because He first loved us.

We must Experience His Love, especially in our failures. (Rom 2:4, Heb 4:16)

Pursuing Supernatural Activity is rooted in Pursuing Intimacy with Him.

Jesus gave the apostles Power to heal and cast out devils (Mt 10:1)

then told them to Freely Give what they'd received for free (Mt 10:8)

What have you received?

(1Co 12:7) <sup>7</sup>But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all. will you hear and do, or deceive yourself?

vs 8-10 list isn't limiting (helps, administrations vs 28)

ex: teaching (vs 28) - supernatural component

(1Co 12:1) <sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

(1Co 14:1) <sup>1</sup>Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

An Empowered Church is just a church full of Empowered Individuals

Vision for Church (Eph 4:11-16)