

Supernatural Atmosphere

Three Components of Supernatural Activity

Mindset (Empowered Church), Atmosphere, Attitude

Experiences: Doctrine vs Learning

Rachel's Dream: Faith plugged into Feelings, Truth plugged into Experience

Believe His Word (1 Cor 5:7) – Mindset/Faith

Learn from Experiences (need both)

(Mt 22:29) Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Learn from Successes, don't Adapt to Failures

Atmosphere – conducive to Supernatural Activity

(Mk 9:1) And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

(Lk 5:17) And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Internal and External (Corporate) – affect each other

Two Components: Us - Mindset/Faith (Pr 23:7)

God – Presence

only our component is affected by circumstances

We can Create Atmosphere!

Renew our Minds

(Ro 12:2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

(2Co 10:4-5) ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Invite His Presence (Worship)

(Ps 22:3) But You are holy, enthroned (dwelling in) in the praises of Israel.

We can Carry Atmosphere!

(Lk 10:9) And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

(2Co 2:14) Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

ex: Jesus & demons, evangelists trains/factories, you at work?

Examples of Creating Atmosphere

Internal: Isa 61:3 story (praying in the Spirit)

External: Bethel healing room

Extended Atmosphere: Move of God (Revival, Awakening)

ex: renewal, historic revivals

Or think of the “Praying Revival” of the late 1850's. That revival began with a lunchtime prayer meeting in New York City. The first week, six people came. The next week, twenty turned out. Six months later, ten thousand businessmen were meeting for prayer. Similar meetings were held in more than a thousand towns and cities east of the Mississippi River. Christians who lived through that great movement of God said it was as if the Spirit of God was hovering over the Eastern seaboard. Those on ships approaching the East Coast at times felt a solemn, holy influence even hundreds of miles from land. Revival began on one ship before it reached the coast. People on board began to feel the presence of God and a sense of their own sinfulness. The Holy Spirit convicted them and they began to pray. As the ship neared the harbor, the captain signaled, “Send a minister.” Another commercial ship arrived in port with the captain, and every member of the crew converted in the last 150 miles of the journey. Ship after ship arrived in the ports of the East Coast with the same story. Passengers and crew were suddenly convicted of their sin and turned to Christ before they reached the American coast.

[Wesley Duewel, *Revival Fire* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1995)]

Presence, Power, Glory story

(Ps 63:1-2) O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.

Progression – don't stop at Presence

“look for” – available to whoever will take (Attitude)