

## Habitually Supernatural

### Digging Deeper

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I suppose if you'd asked me even a few short years ago if I believed in signs, wonders, miracles, healings and other supernatural things, I'd have said yes, no, maybe, or I don't know. Because believing in these things can be hard, especially when God uses imperfect people like us to do them. We'll get to that shortly. But first, let's talk about where supernatural power comes from, how it ends up in us, and what we need to do to tap into it and become habitually supernatural.

**Just as evil spirits flow from Satan and the world around us, the power to bring miracles and supernatural healing to the world flows out of the heavenly realm and is accessible to all of us who believe it is real (Matt. 10:7).** This power comes from the kingdom of God in the form of the Holy Spirit - the representation of Heaven on earth (Luke 24 :49). It enters us the moment we realize and accept that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

The Spirit of God takes us from talking about God to allowing His power to flow through us as we do his will (1 Cor 4:20).

It allows us to be God's witnesses as we bring His healing and miracles to the very ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

It empowers us to rebuke evil spirits in ourselves and others and drive them back to the darkness they came from (Matt. 12:28).

It is Heaven crashing into earth, washing over us like a wave that transforms our spirit of flesh into God's Holy Spirit. From that moment on, the Spirit living in us will do the things that Jesus did through us, and more ... if we believe it's real (John 14:10-12).

**But there are things we must do to tap into the power of the Holy Spirit and become habitually supernatural.**

We must confess that Jesus is our redeemer and ask the power of God's Holy Spirit to enter us.

We must yield to this power to draw closer to God and experience His presence.

We must believe that this power is accessible to us and take on risks for the kingdom, expecting God to do great things through us.

And we must keep pressing in, continually asking for God's Spirit to be present and move in a way that is meaningful to us, even if it doesn't look exactly like what Jesus did.

**There are also obstacles we must overcome to experience the supernatural power of God's Holy Spirit.**

The power of the Spirit often works in ways that are different from what we expect. It may also take longer to work than we would like. Or it may be visible to us only in retrospect.

And in our pain, impatience and frustration, we begin to doubt that it is real.

We may be disappointed God has never supernaturally healed a physical injury or illness through us, overlooking how our prayers healed someone's broken relationship and brought it back from the dead.

We may be exhausted by years of asking God to drive a demon out from a loved one trapped in addiction, not recognizing that the power of the Holy Spirit sustained us through that ordeal and in time brought about healing and freedom.

Or perhaps we see only in retrospect how the healing prayers of others helped us overcome a battle with cancer or the trauma of a difficult childhood when well meaning doctors and therapists couldn't deliver the kind of hope and healing we needed.

Disappointment, exhaustion and needing proof that miracles exist before believing in them make experiencing miracles less likely. It is the power of the Holy Spirit working through us, and not our own effort, that brings about miracles in God's time and in His way. That requires humility, openness to God's Spirit and faith on our part. If these things are lacking in us, the miracle we or someone close to us needs might not ever happen.

One thing is not in doubt. The power of the Holy Spirit working in us, through us and around us to do miraculous things is active everywhere in the world today. It continues to be available and accessible to us every single day.

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**Key Message:** The power of the Holy Spirit working in us, through us and around us to do miraculous things is active everywhere in the world today. All we have to do is take the time to look around us, be thankful, and believe.

**Key Verse:** Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father (John 14:12 NIV).

### **Question for Understanding:**

Is the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit as active in your life as you would like it to be? If not, what do you need to do, or stop doing, to put it into action?

### **Thought Provoking Question:**

It is the power of the Holy Spirit working through us, and not our own effort, that brings about supernatural things. As Jesus himself said, "Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work" (John 14:10). If we don't believe that, we end up being prideful when miraculous things happen, thinking it's all about us, or disappointed and shameful when they don't. Have you ever fallen into that trap? What can you do to keep that from happening again?

## Question for Sharing:

Have you ever witnessed or experienced a miracle, or had God's Spirit perform a miracle through you? How did it impact your faith?