# Supernatural Breakthrough

Part 1 - By My Spirit

Jesus wants us to experience "resurrected" life through His Spirit living in us. In other words, His heart is for each one of us to know life in all its fullness. If we are experiencing a downturn in our life and a sense of dissatisfaction with the spiritual climate around us, maybe it's because the Spirit of God is creating a hunger in our heart for more of the reality of God – a supernatural breakthrough.

If this thirst is filling our soul and we don't know where to go for it to be quenched, we need to begin to search for a deepening reality of the Holy Spirit's presence in our life (John 7:37-38; Zechariah 4:6).

In this series it's our prayer as a leadership that you would grow in a thirst and hunger for revival and to see the reality of God's supernatural power at work and on display through signs and wonders in and through your life (John 14:12).

# **Relationship with the Holy Spirit**

Our relationship with God is a relationship with the trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Cultivating a relationship with God must include cultivating a relationship with the person Holy Spirit.

Let your motives be one of desiring to build intimacy with God not simply a desire to see God's power at work.

There is nothing that Satan would like more than to see us pushing the power of the Holy Spirit to one side and devoting our own strength and abilities to God's service. When we fall into the trap of trying to do our best for God through our own human energies instead of simply allowing Him to live through us, we set ourselves up for failure.

## Supernatural Defined

Supernatural - (of a manifestation or event) attributed to some force beyond scientific understanding or the laws of nature.

When we look in the scriptures and the life of Jesus and His followers, these are the things that we would say are miracles.

- + Walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33)
- + Raising the dead (John 11:38-44)
- + Healing the sick (Acts 3:6-10)
- + The sun stopping (Joshua 10:12)
- + A donkey talking (Numbers 22:28)
- + Seas parting (Exodus 14)
- + Demons being cast out (Acts 8:4-8)
- + Prophecy (Acts 11:28)

These are the things that simply are not possible without the supernatural intervention of the Holy Spirit. When we pray for supernatural breakthrough, surely, we should expect things like this to be evident?

Unfortunately, many people in this world live in a state of fear. Fear of the unknown, fear of disappointment, fear of loss of control, and fear of other's opinions, has left many Christians in a lifeless and powerless predicament.

We all need to discover again the glorious liberating truth, that spiritual answers are not found in fear but in faith.

Our good God gives us His Spirit in order that we might be supernaturally equipped to live as God Himself intended that we should (2Timothy 1:7; John 16:15).

#### Seen and Unseen - Acts 2:42-47

Some supernatural works of God are unseen. There are a lot of things evident in this passage about the supernatural power of salvation and grace at work that isn't spectacular. Things like supernatural generosity, compassion, serving, giving, mercy and love. They are Spirit empowered evidence of an unseen reality.

Some supernatural works of God, however, are seen on display. They are signs of the kingdom of heaven breaking out on earth that make you wonder – signs and wonders. These things can't be explained in any other way than a miraculous breakthrough.

God is calling us to come back to Him to receive the power of a renewed spiritual life. He is drawing us back into a fresh, new and vital relationship with Him. Revival begins with a new experience of the Father's love and power. Why? Because only when this happens can He reach a lost and spiritually dead world with His consuming love and fire.

God is restoring His light and power to the church. He wants His church to shine with all the beauty and clarity and brightness of His love, holiness and power. The light of Christ shining from His church and its people has the capacity to expose and extinguish the evil deeds of darkness through supernatural breakthrough.

# **By My Spirit**

The filling of the Spirit puts you in a position to experience the supernatural breakthrough of God in your life. It's up to us to develop an increasing sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to have His uninhibited way through us. You and others will see evidence over time of this new and deepening experience of the Holy Spirit. The evidence can include all kinds of manifestations, but there is no one single experience given in Scripture which is given to all.

We should never be afraid of this experience, but excited as we enjoy greater intimacy with God for which all true believers should long. As we live in vibrant love-relationship with Jesus, our prayer life and the anointing of the Holy Spirit on our life and ministry will go to another level and we will see supernatural breakthrough.

# **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Share of a time in your life where you have experienced supernatural breakthrough.
- 2. How comfortable are you in your relationship with the Holy Spirit in comparison to the Father and the Son?
- 3. Why has the church in general been more accepting of supernatural works that are less spectacular? Should this cause us concern in desiring signs and wonders? Why or why not?
- 4. What do you need to be doing to cultivate a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit? What can you do to increase a thirst and hunger for supernatural breakthrough and revival?
- 5. Spend time in prayer and worship, asking the Holy Spirit to make His presence real in your midst.