

How to “Super” your Natural Life

How many of you really need God to “super” your natural life? You have gone as far as you can with your own skills and abilities, now you need God’s ‘supernatural power’ to click in. The key to living the **supernatural life** is effective communication with the Holy Spirit. The various methods that the Spirit of God uses to interact with us are in essence all ‘supernatural ways of communication’. It is always Spirit to spirit. Bear in mind, we are all capable of *receiving* and *perceiving* the Holy Spirit’s messages in our human spirits. Isn’t that awesome? God’s Spirit has elected to **supernaturally** communicate specific items of information to every one of us in ways that we can discern and comprehend correctly. This extraordinary form of communication enables us to operate in the supernatural realm with conviction (Holy Spirit boldness). I believe the Lord wants us to learn to communicate ‘Spirit to spirit’ more effectively. For that reason, we must allow the Holy Spirit to teach us how to hear His voice directly – in distinctive ways and in different situations. Therefore, we need to have the line open at all times! Only then will we be able to have every confidence in Him (in the supernatural realm).

With regards the Holy Spirit, I have found that He will only do this **supernatural** work in, and through, people who really want it (are hungry for it). The **supernatural realm** of God’s Spirit is for real seekers. For those who genuinely want “more of God,” and who are not afraid to enter into deeper waters with Him. If the realm of the Spirit is just too unnerving for you, or you would prefer to stay away from it at this time, the Holy Spirit will respect your thoughts and wishes. So remember, He’ll never try to push Himself or His ways on you. The Holy Spirit is a perfect gentleman.

If you desire to live the supernatural life you must be ready to witness an extraordinary and astounding move of His Spirit - at any moment! You should become very comfortable with the inexpressible and the unfathomable things of God. For many of you, understanding the **supernatural life** seems a bit mystical. You probably keep shying away from the subject. But living supernaturally is both practical and exciting. What’s more, I believe that living the **supernatural life** is the heart cry of every believer.

The moment you received Christ you became alive to another realm. You are still living in the natural world but you are now “alive” to the spiritual. The supernatural lifestyle is dependant on you learning how to walk in both. Being “spiritual” does not mean that you ignore the natural; it means you function in the natural world with “spiritual” abilities. The art of maintaining the supernatural lifestyle is in keeping a proper balance. The thrill of the supernatural life is that you are no longer limited to just your natural skills and abilities. The spiritual life is a **limitless life**, that’s why it is so attractive. *“With God, all things are possible!”*

Supernormal people are those people who live beyond their personal limitations, bearing fruit beyond their natural abilities, because they are empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Bible describes this power as ‘grace’. We were created for this power, and I believe we all hunger for it as well. *“I can do **all things** through Him who strengthens me.”* God’s intention is this that we live in a natural world with ‘spiritual power’. In fact, He desires that we live in the world with “resurrection” power! The very same power that raised Jesus from the dead! *“But if the **Spirit** of Him who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will also **quicken** your mortal bodies through His Spirit who **dwells in you**”* (Romans 8:11).

In **John 10:10** Jesus said, "...I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in **super-abundance** (to the full, till it overflows)." Super-abundance is super-natural (out of the ordinary)! "*Super*" means over and above, higher in quality. "*Natural*," if it pertains to us, means the talents and abilities that are inherent in us. The word **supernatural** is not a mystical word it is really very practical. It means to live above or beyond our natural limitations. Paul said, "**By the grace** (power) **of God I am what I am.**" He did not say, "...by my talents and natural abilities, I am what I am!" Paul was saying that by grace he became 'over and above' what he otherwise would be without God's grace.

How many of you, right now, really need God to "super" your natural? You have gone as far as you can with what you have and what you know. Now you need God to make up the difference. That is exactly what Jesus died on the cross for! Jesus is ready to add His "super" to your 'natural' and cause you to bear much fruit to God's glory. If you desire a **supernatural life**, ask for more grace! Grace to step into the things of God. Grace to experience an awesome move of His Spirit. Grace to communicate effectively - Spirit to spirit! The bottom line is, whatever the Holy Spirit does with us is totally reliant upon God's **grace**. There is nothing we can do to deserve the manifest glory of the Most High God.

Let's now look at some Bible examples of people living beyond their natural abilities - when their natural has been "super-charged!"

Exodus 35:30-35 "...Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the Lord has chosen Bezaleel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and he has **filled him with the Spirit of God**, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills, to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. He has **filled them with skill** to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers."

This principle becomes essential with regard to our place in church, and our understanding about the Holy Spirit. God gets involved by way of His Spirit **enhancing** the natural and developed skills/abilities of His people. Bezaleel and Aholiab already had skills, but what God did in order to equip them to perform a specific function for Him was to increase their natural abilities and enable them to function at a much higher level than normal. A supernatural element was added to their lives. God chose to "super" their natural!

1 Kings 19:7-8 "...The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God."

God sent the angel back again with more food from heaven with an explanation of its purpose – "...for the journey is too much for you." To paraphrase the angel's reason, he said, "You need more strength to do what is beyond your natural abilities." God often calls upon us to do more than we humanly can, but He always supplies us with the **strength** to do it. After this, Elijah understood what God wanted of him, and he made his way to Mount Sinai.

Acts 16:16-18 "...Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her."

A woman possessed by a demon begins to follow Paul, calling them "...servants of the Most High God." This distresses Paul because the Jews might conclude that he consorted with soothsayers – unlawful according to **Leviticus 19:31**. So Paul commands the demon to leave the woman in the name of Jesus Christ. However, her employers, who were making considerable profit from her fortune telling, are not pleased because her *supernatural abilities* had disappeared with the demon. Notice, in order to remove an *ability* that is controlled by an evil spirit, a greater *ability* needed to present itself. These abilities were both supernatural, but one was much greater than the other! **"Greater is He than is in me, than he that is in the world."**

The next part of this narrative also demonstrates how God (by His Spirit) can "super" the natural. **Acts 16:22-26** "...The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and **everyone's chains came loose.**"

Paul and Silas were severely beaten with rods and then thrown into the worst part of the prison. For them to start praying and singing hymns to God, something "super" must have been added to their natural abilities. What an incredible story! They were able to **praise God** in the midst of adversity, and His awesome power set everyone free. We can all expect the same! When we are downtrodden and hurting, God will "super" our natural strength and give us the ability to **praise** Him. This, in turn, will trigger the miraculous! Praise ushers in the presence of the Almighty God, and where He is, there you will find His supernatural power!

To end, let me ask you. "Are you hungry enough for the supernatural life?" I'm sure Paul and Silas had a hunger that was very evident in whatever they did, and wherever they went. The level of your hunger will determine the level of any supernatural encounter with the Spirit. The Lord created you with that in mind. To be led and directed by the Spirit of God. **Romans 8:14** "...As many as are (continually) **led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**" We should be encountering God's Spirit constantly - having close encounters of the Spirit kind!