“THE SUPERNATURAL IN OUR LIVES”

SERMON NOTES

• Acts 1:8 – And you shall receive Power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me...
• The church was not born powerless, weak, impotent or anaemic – it was born in the demonstration of power, totally dependent on the Holy Spirit.

LIVING ABOVE LIMITATIONS..

Quote: Either believe it all, or don’t believe it at all!

Every Human Being has a craving for the supernatural.

• Cast out demons in Jesus name
• Believers speak in new tongues
• Believers take up deadly serpents, demonstrating Satan’s defeat
• Believers lay hands on the sick, and they will recover
• Our God is a God of the supernatural, what He wants to do in and through your life is supernatural

Within the rules of nature, we are bound by LIMITATIONS, CONTAINMENT, CONFINEMENT, RESTRICTION.

We are restricted by rules of LOGIC, BY REALITY, BY GRAVITY, BY TIME, BY SPACE, BY FLESH AND BLOOD, BY AGE, BY TALENT, BY ABILITY, GIFT OR CAPACITY.

We Live By Rules Of Nature By Restriction, E.g.. If I jump of the platform and land in the back row, immediately rules of confinement work against that example..

Logic tells me I can’t do that..

Reality says that it is impossible..

Gravity says No Way..

Time says it’s only going to be a matter of time and pain will be the result.
Space says there is not enough room for me to land..

Flesh and Blood says that it is going to hurt..

Age says you could be a few years to late for this..

Coordination says that if anyone is going to try it, it shouldn’t be you..

Experience says it’s impossible..

WE LIVE IN A WORLD OF LIMITATION, CONTAINMENT, CONFINEMENT, RESTRICTION!

SUPERNATURAL MEANS:

A FORCE BEYOND THE LAWS OF NATURE

John 3:5,6..Noone can enter the Kingdom Of God, Born of Water/Spirit, Flesh gives birth to Flesh, Spirit gives birth to Spirit

To live supernaturally means you are living above the laws of nature

THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTS TO HELP YOU, ASSIST YOU, GUIDE YOU, LEAD YOU, TEACH YOU, STRENGTHEN YOU, ANOINT YOU, HELP YOU PRAY, BE YOUR FRIEND, COMFORT YOU..

Charles Finney spoke about what he describes as ‘waves of liquid love’

PAUL SAID IN EPHESIANS 3:20 – NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN WE ASK OR THINK OR IMAGINE ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS WITHIN US..The Lord wants to take you beyond, and that depends on the Supernatural, otherwise we are ruled by the Limitations of the natural world.

Paul said in Ephesians 3:20 – “The Lord is waiting to take you beyond, and that depends on the supernatural realm”

• The natural realm tells me I have a lot of limitations
• The Holy Spirit “Saves” (convicts, convinces, converts)
• Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and Power (Acts 10:38)
E.g. First year teaching at Bible College...Student goes out to Police Station..Boggo Road Jail.

- The Supernatural realm tells me that I commit my life to a Force/Spirit realm that can take me beyond, past the laws of nature, “EXCEEDINGLY, ABUNDANTLY ABOVE” i.e. Body is the TEMPLE, body is where I live, I’m me, this is me here, I’m not out there, I live here, not astral travelling
- But what God can do Supernaturally is taking me beyond here
- He can Lift Me Up, Elevate Me, Lift My Impact with Greater Influence, Greater Capacity, Beyond Me, and take me into the power and purposes of God.
- The Same God can do that for you, beyond the Mortal Body, Limitations, Restrictions, Your Capacity, Restrictions, Your Capacity, Your Ability, Your Gift, Your Talent. These things that are naturally yours, can even take you beyond logic, what other people think you can do, Beyond Reality, not weird
- God can take you on what is tangible into the presence of God.

**WHAT AN AWESOME GOD WE SERVE!**

- The power of the Supernatural, talking above, living above, force of nature, limitations, beyond natural capacity.
- Let the weak say “I am strong”, Let the poor say “I am rich” = LIVING BEYOND YOUR CAPACITY...
- E.g.. When Elizabeth prophesied, Zachariah was struck dumb

WE LIVE IN A WORLD OF LIMITATION, CONFINEMENT, PEOPLE ARE CONTAINED BY ALL SORTS OF THINGS, THOUGHTS, ISSUES THAT CONTAIN AND LIMIT PEOPLE.

**SOME OF THE LIMITATIONS THAT LIMIT THE SUPERNATURAL IN OUR LIVES ARE:**

1. **INHERITED LIMITATION**

   Prayer of Jabez (pain), he prayed the prayer of enlargement, because he was ruled by a sense of containment. It’s amazing the stuff people put into their kids, AIM LOW..i.e. What are you going to do when you leave school? Get a trade? As if..HUH..Need to get a real job.
Often parents put the restrictive mentality on their kids. Proverbs 22:6 – train up a child..or negative, prisoners of negativity, cynicism, alcoholism, depression..they cannot depart from the things they were trained in..

REALITY IS NOT SUPERNATURAL, REALITY IS A LIMITER!

Acts 1:8.”But you will receive Power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria unto the ends of the Earth.

Psalm 145:4 – That’s God’s will

We need to know God’s will for our lives

2. INTERNAL LIMITATION

Psalm 142:1-8..Cave!

All sorts of confinements and prisons, verse 3..Overwhelmed
verse 3..Paranoid, secretly a snare for me,
Unappreciated, verse 4..no-one acknowledges me,
Refuge failed me, verse 4..no safety, vulnerability
Feeling unloved, verse 4..no-one cares, verse 4, very low, verse 6, depressed..
Stronger than me, verse 6..

Finally..bring my soul out of prison, verse 7, all sorts of prisons are the worst internally, David knew the key to the supernatural was his soul to be brought out of prison. (INSECURITY, FEARS, NEGATIVITY, HURT, OFFENCE)
3. **EXTERNAL LIMITATION**

E.g. born on the wrong side of the tracks..
WHERE YOU ARE TODAY DOES NOT HAVE A LOT TO DO WITH WHERE YOU WILL BE TOMORROW, IT’S WHO YOU ARE TODAY THAT DECIDES WHERE YOU WILL BE TOMORROW. (You may come through marriage failure, financial failure etc) E.g..Daniel was detained in Babylon. Joseph was in prison, but was still interpreting dreams

WHERE THEY WERE DID NOT DETERMINE WHERE THEY WOULD BE IN DAYS TO COME..

4. **UNSOLICITED LIMITATIONS**

Comes your way because of envy and jealousy..

E.g. The taller the tree grows, the more the wind will blow on it, or the further your life grows, the more unsolicited adversity is going to come your way..

There are some people who hate failure; someone else’s success can bring envy, jealousy, hatred..

Psalm 112:1-10 – the horn of influence, the wicked will see it and be grieved..

The enemy will try to use it to destroy you..

ECC 9:12 – Bird Snare/Fish Net..Sadly, life is spent trying to get free rather than living free..

**SUMMARY:**

GOD IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WILL BE INSTRUMENTS IN THE HANDS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT