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ENDORSEMENTS

Becky Dvorak's love for God, for His Word and for people is bringing fresh inspiration in her newest book *Greater Than Magic*. Her passion to see other believers walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit and experience the reality of biblical supernatural power is clearly communicated within this book.

Her writing helped me to gain new insight and Bible-based revelation into the supernatural power of God. I also could feel a new burst of faith for miracles arise within my spirit as I read all the different testimonies. I appreciate Becky's intentional efforts for providing lots of scriptures, giving the reader sound doctrine and scriptural references to her message.

Becky's childlike faith and her ability to teach and communicate biblical truths help to create a thirst and hunger for those who desire to experience the truth of God's love and power within their own walk with God.

I enjoy the way she is able to provide a fresh insight and balance of biblical truth along with real, living-proof, practical examples within the pages of her book. With more than 20 years of personal experiences living in the supernatural, Becky is more than qualified to write on this topic.

This is a must-read for any minister, disciple and student of the Word who desires his or her everyday life to have a deeper walk with God. Her book also provides a biblical foundation and a practical application for

any believer to benefit from. This book is also a great read for those seeking healing for their own life as well.

This book is a precious gift to the Body of Christ and is able to transcend denominational lines, providing the reader a clear view and understanding of God's heart for reaching out and loving people, healing the broken and wounded, as well as saving the lost simply by using ordinary believers like you and me. We do represent *Him* on earth as He is in heaven.

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For a life of fruitfulness, follow Becky as she follows Christ. Her biblical insights and practical illustrations create lighted paths for discipleship.

Becky's work is powerful; it is on target, personal, biblical and helpful to those who want to grow in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ and live lives that are worthy of His call.

If you want to follow the Lord with clarity and obedience, this book is for you. A disciple who practices what she preaches, Becky Dvorak's book leads to increased intimacy and fruitfulness for His sake.

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Greater Than Magic is a book that will bless the Church of the Lord Jesus. It deals with faith and our identity in Jesus and shows us how to walk in the Spirit. This is a must-read for any minister or any child of God. In a world where many are turning to witchcraft, people need to know that the Word of God is “greater than magic”—this book shows just that. My hat is off to this woman of God.

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Everyone who wants to be used by God in the supernatural should read this book! *Greater Than Magic* offers clear teaching, answers important questions and gives faith-building examples that set the believer on an exciting journey. The simplicity and practicality resound in your heart and in your mind while protecting the uninformed by clarifying God’s ways from the deceptive paths of satan and the world. Becky is a Holy Spirit-anointed teacher giving a timely and much-needed word to a hungry world.

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Becky’s timely message reveals her calling and giftedness in the area of the “supernatural power of faith.”

It’s as if she has her hand on the pulse of the Spirit as she teaches healing and deliverance. Becky is confident and strong from her personal experience.

I consider this work equivalent to a textbook that can be used to equip believers to demonstrate His miraculous power to change the world for His glory.

I believe that if we could operate consistently in these principles, we could eradicate the demonic and cause the supernatural power of Jesus Christ to be *super* and *natural* in our midst.

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Becky Dvorak's new book, *Greater Than Magic*, brings hope and inspiration to light, displaying the true revelation of God's Word. Her book encourages faith to rise to hope and healing with a spirit of true revelation knowledge.

"But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation"
(1 Thess. 5:8).

We must look at the truth, including the revelation knowledge of the supernatural. Our weapons are mighty through God. We encourage you to read and awaken the warrior in you with faith, love and the hope of healing salvation.

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After reading Becky Dvorak's first book, *Dare to Believe*, I felt so encouraged and so challenged at the same time. It was like pouring an accelerant on a flame. This book is a primer that teaches who we are in Christ and how to walk in that knowledge according to Scripture.

Now her latest book of instruction, *Greater Than Magic*, takes that understanding deeper and compels the reader to step up to a higher caliber of faith.

It is clear to most Christians that we are living in the last days. As pastors, my husband, Tim, and I have noticed that there seems to be a slumbering spirit that overtakes believers and leads them into a dull state of nonchalance with regard to the things happening in this world.

Romans 13:11-12 is a good way to describe this:

“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.”

God has given Becky Dvorak a word that is timely, relevant and powerful to this sleeping generation as well as to the Christians who have been living beneath their spiritual inheritance.

Having experienced her ministry firsthand in our church, we were pleased to witness the ministry of a woman of God who fully and completely takes God at His Word.

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From my viewpoint, I agree with Becky's presentation of doctrinal beliefs. The real power of the book is from her personal examples. It is eye-opening, faith-provoking and uplifting for believers and challenging for skeptics. Anyone reading this book will be greatly enlightened and blessed. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to evaluate this work. I believe for it to spread mightily to the Body of Christ.

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to those who seek to launch out into the deep things of the Holy Spirit, to radiate Jesus to the lost and to manifest His kingdom on this earth through His gifts of grace.

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FOREWORD

Before Adam and Eve fell, the supernatural was the “normal” realm they walked in. They fellowshiped with God and talked with Him on a daily basis. They were His companions and were able to understand things on His level. You could say the supernatural was their “natural” realm! When they fell away from God, they fell into a realm of fear, doubt and skepticism. They could rely only on their own understanding, which left them in a position of great disadvantage. Their fall was one that destroyed their faith in their supernatural God, disconnected them from the God-realm, and confined them in a realm of the senses where reality was defined by what they could see, hear, touch, taste and smell.

Here comes Jesus on the scene—and the Bible calls Him the “Last Adam.” He shows us what it means to live a life of relying on our supernatural Father God! He is not God’s abnormal Man, but actually the pattern Man that Father has planned all along for all of us to be like. He shows us what a normal lifestyle of faith looks like, the life of faith that God has purposed for every one of us to experience!

You have in your hands a book that will help you connect and develop in your own supernatural lifestyle of faith. Becky has written this book to help you see your destiny and to equip you to fulfill

your calling. She will help you see that you are not insignificant and your life truly does matter. Jesus was not kidding when He said that each of His believers could and would do the same marvelous, life-giving works that He did! (John 14:12). He is calling each and every one of us to step up and impact those in our circle of influence with the glory of His amazing gospel! You are holding in your hands a training manual that is full of life-changing, empowering truths that are not theory but are proven to work out on the battlefields of life. Becky not only gives you a wealth of revelation knowledge here, but also fills it with testimonies that bring glory to God and shows you how to flow with Him to see lives around you radically changed, too.

I would recommend that you go through this book with a friend or with a group of three or four, and then begin to put into practice and share together what the Lord is doing in all of your lives! Many times truths are better understood and grasped in a small group; and besides that, you will want to share the regular stream of testimonies with one another as you see the Lord begin to go to work in and through your group!

I want to remind you that the book you are about to read was written for you, so as you read of the things that the Lord has done through Becky's life, say, "Lord, that's for me, too!" I can feel an excitement rising up in me for you— you were born for such a time as this! Arise and step into a new dimension of life! A supernatural lifestyle of faith is what God has called you to!

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Conflict, Confusion, and Contradiction*

PREFACE

There is a worldwide fascination for the supernatural. The supernatural is on front and center stage and has an audience of both Christians and non-Christians alike, who if not completely captivated are at least cautiously curious by its power. This intrigue is beyond a short-lived craze; it's an actual and honest hunger to truly understand. And due to the hour in which we now live, an outpouring of God-inspired revelation knowledge and understanding concerning the supernatural is coming forth.

But beware, mixed in with the amazing realm of the supernatural are alluring strands of deception, misleading many down a dark path to destruction. Without the revelation of the Word, people will be deceived.

The pages of this book are not filled with cheap hocus pocus magic tricks, but are power packed with the supernatural power of faith. Our faith will be empowered as we enter into a new depth of revelation that the true power of the supernatural power of the faith of a Christian is *greater than magic*.

INTRODUCTION

Greater Than Magic is an interactive guide about the true power of the supernatural power of faith. It's written to bring illumination about the amazing power of the Spirit that we possess by aligning our true identity with the Master of Forces, Jesus Christ. You will receive a biblical foundation to walk confidently in the miraculous as well as practical instruction, utilizing the secrets of your faith, with hands-on assignments that will unlock the supernatural realm with unlimited signs and wonders following.

CHAPTER 1

SUPERNATURAL ILLUMINATION



A display of unusual manifestations of the supernatural began to occur under a large tree in the Serengeti Plains of Northern Tanzania as I preached to a Maasai tribe about the true power in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Behind the tree was a thick protective wall of thorns. On the other side of it sat an infuriated witch doctor who was displeased by our presence and the message we brought. He stewed his spiritual pot filled with hatred and jealousy against us and hexed us with his curses and conjured up magic tricks to disrupt and stop us. We found ourselves in the midst of a supernatural battle.

The atmosphere of the meeting became chaotic. The witch doctor started to cause disorder and confusion. He messed with the elements of nature. Suddenly, the heat of the sun became so unnaturally intense I almost fainted, but by the true power of faith I stood my ground and continued to preach about God's plan of redemption.

As I spoke, I watched the people as they moved like a row of dominoes that had been pushed over. I said to the interpreter, “It looks as if a snake is in our midst.” And sure enough a long, bright, green snake moved rapidly through the crowd and slithered right past my feet. I shouted, “I rebuke you, satan!” and it vanished.

It came time for the altar call, but the people hesitated to commit their lives to Christ because they feared the witch doctor’s probable revenge. Then one woman stood up and came forward and testified of her decision to follow Jesus Christ. It just so happened that this woman was married to the witch doctor and took a bold stand of faith against witchcraft. By the power of this woman’s bold act of faith, the people came forward and many gave their lives to Jesus that day. But this also caused the witch doctor’s wrath to be loosed against us.

Next, we ministered divine healing in an open field behind our equipment. As the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit manifested and the people were healed, a sudden and very strong wind commenced to blow. It became so strong that it picked up objects and hurled them directly at us. Then the wind ripped off a metal sheet from a nearby tin roof and it almost decapitated us as we ministered over a young girl. But as the sheet of tin drew near, something unseen hit it and it sailed off in the opposite direction. I looked up at the interpreter who was a bit shaken and said, “It’s all right, keep on; the enemy is just mad at us, but God will protect us.”

I then heard the people as they shouted. I looked over to the immense tree where I had just delivered the Word. The wind tried to pull this massive tree down on top of all the people. This would have killed many, but these newborn believers exercised their newfound authority in Christ over witchcraft, prayed corporately, and the tree lifted right back up.

Clearly, it was a power-filled encounter between the Christians and the occult world, but it was obvious to all present that the supernatural power of faith that we Christians possess is indeed *greater than magic*.

STEP FORWARD

A clear understanding of the supernatural is necessary. For too long Christians of the Western world have denied its existence while the Eastern world has readily walked in the supernatural, but denied God. Why did the Christians of the Western world deny the supernatural? Why did the Eastern world deny God but accept the supernatural? Where is the truth in all this denial?

A failure to understand the true power of the supernatural results in confusion and corruption of the truth. It is this confusion and corruption that mystifies the supernatural and leads many to stray from God and into occult practices. And this same mystification of the supernatural causes some Christians to become wary and fearful and step back and turn away from it. But is this fear the correct response from Christians?

People fear what they do not understand. This fear stems from a lack of knowledge. A deficiency of knowledge, especially in God's Word, is destructive. God says through His prophet in Hosea 4:6a, "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*" He goes on to say that His people even reject it. They are unaware that everything that manifests in the physical world is an irrefutable result of spiritual occurrences around them. When it comes to partaking of the Word of God, many are malnourished. They do not have the substance to live victoriously. This insufficiency of the supernatural power of God causes great damage to the Body of Christ. It hinders God's miraculous intervention to reach His people. God wants us to understand His supernatural ways. And according to John 16:13 in the Amplified Version of the Bible, He sends His Truth-giving Spirit to guide us into all truth, including the revelation knowledge of the supernatural. Jesus shares the power source of this truth in John 8:31-32. He says, "*If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*"

I met a beautiful Christian woman at a private meeting in Chicago, Illinois, who suffered needlessly for 25 years of unbearable pain from a tethered spine because she was not taught the truth about supernatural healing. But her healing almost didn't happen because she was afraid that perhaps God would not heal her. After she heard the truth from God's Word concerning the Lord's will to heal, she was released from fear. Healing hands were laid upon her and she was instantly healed and delivered from all pain and suffering.

When we walk in the revelation of the Word, the presence of the Spirit of Truth manifests with signs and wonders through us and draws the hurting to Himself. As we allow the reality of Christ to shine through us, their spiritual eyes see beyond the deadness of religion that quenches the power of the Spirit. And as His active supernatural power works through us, it shatters the spiritual darkness that holds them in bondage and escorts them into a living relationship with the one true God.

By the supernatural power of faith a man was saved just in the nick of time. I met this Guatemalan man for the first time while he was in a coma breathing his last breaths. He was quickly slipping away from this earth. Now, religion would read him his last rites and hope he makes it into the sweet by-and-by, but there is no need to guess when the supernatural power of faith is in operation and the Gifts of the Spirit are activated. As I walked up to his hospital bed, I could see a spiritual cloud of darkness all around him. I knew by the discerning of spirits found in 1 Corinthians 12 that he was not saved. I reached out and touched him and told him to wake up. He did, and he received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

What would have happened to this man had I not known how to operate in the supernatural power of faith? What if I had been intimidated by the situation and walked away? He would have died and been lost for an eternity in hell. I thanked God I arrived just in time and that I had the courage to believe what the Bible said about the supernatural

power of faith. But how many people entered into their eternal destination without Jesus Christ because the brethren were either intimidated by the situation or did not know how to operate in the supernatural power of faith?

Dear Jesus,

As Your spiritual body, we repent for our part in the denial and rejection of the supernatural, for our lack of knowledge and for the unnecessary destruction that it causes in the lives of so many of Your people. Forgive us, for we do not realize the consequences that others suffer when we allow fear and ignorance to paralyze and override the supernatural power of our faith.

Holy Spirit, we need Your gift of discernment in these last days. Lead us and guide us into all truth that we may walk freely in the power of Your might.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

DEFINING THE SUPERNATURAL

I observe that one of the initial misunderstandings concerning the supernatural within the Church is with the term *supernatural itself*. To help bring clarity to this term we will discuss this right now.

What is the supernatural? What are the governing bodies of the supernatural?

The supernatural is an unseen spiritual force that operates like the wind in our natural world. Like the wind it transforms the atmosphere and causes change. These changes can be creative or destructive in nature depending upon the circumstance and the governing force behind the situation.

The Holy Spirit is the creative, explosive power of God and the governing force of the goodly supernatural realm. When we release His

power into the natural realm, the impossible becomes possible and miracles manifest.

I was ministering at a healing service in Hendersonville, Tennessee. I was stirring the faith of the people with great testimonies of miraculous healing. When the Spirit released me, I called the people forward to receive. I was taken back at first by the numbers that came forward. Almost three-fourths of the people, if not more, came. I silently said, "Lord, help me."

As the people came forward, I quickly started to lay hands on people and they were healed immediately. I sent the people to testify to the others of the miracles they received. This released even greater faith in the people as the Spirit hovered over us. While His power moved swiftly, the people screamed, rejoiced, jumped and ran around as their broken bones, blind eyes, deaf ears and many other ailments were instantly healed.

But in the glory of all this supernatural power, we need to be careful because there is also a deceptive and lesser force in the supernatural realm. It is called the occult and it is governed by Satan. The Bible warns us about him in 1 Peter 5:8: "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*" The roar of this lion produces fear in its victim, then this fear paralyzes its prey and makes it difficult for that prey to escape and easy to devour. We will discuss further on in this book how to protect ourselves from his deception. (See Chapter 11, Protection from Deception.)

Even though we are to be sober and vigilant and keep a watchful eye to protect ourselves from the enemy, we do not need to fear him because our Jesus is called the Lion of the tribe of Judah (see Rev. 5:5). It is He who conquered Satan at Calvary, and His Holy Spirit lives and resides within us. Jesus is very territorial and protects us, His pride, and gives to us everything we need to overcome in this world by the power of His supernatural strength.

Recently, the Spirit of Truth revealed to me in a dream what the enemy tried to do to one of my children. When I heard in the dream

the attempt to harm my son, a godly wrath rose up within my spirit. I saw myself burst through a door and into a room where the enemy was hiding from me. I marched after him with all of heaven behind me. I said, "How dare you try to attack my son!" He was terrified of the authority with which I spoke to him. He tried to find a way of escape, but there was none. He ran and hid under a desk. I bent over and put my head under it. The little, frightened, fallen creature began to shudder with fear. I did not let up. He did not know what to do, so he jumped into the nearby wastebasket. I looked inside the trash can and rebuked him in the name of Jesus. He looked up from the bottom and started to falsely accuse Jesus. Desperate for something to say, he said, "Jesus was arrested!" My spirit was enraged by this and I started to shout inside the garbage can, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus..." The power in His name literally tormented satan. He lost all control and started to bang around the can.

I share this dream with you because, in reality, we do not need to fear satan. Did you notice in my dream that satan was a little creature? When we walk in the revelation of the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit within us, satan loses his power over us. We realize that he truly is the lesser force.

ENLIGHTENMENT

Without the enlightenment from the Word, the supernatural realm of the Holy Spirit is easily misunderstood. One reason for this work is to bring clarity where there is confusion.

But first, I want to make it perfectly clear that I am not referring to what New Age and other false religions call enlightenment. Even though what they believe sounds similar, it is not because they take a biblical truth and twist it. The twisted belief appeals to the flesh, but in the end leads its followers into eternal damnation.

The enlightenment that I speak of is what the Apostle Paul prays in Ephesians 1:18: "*The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you*

may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.” To enlighten means to illuminate, to light the way. The Amplified Bible translates this verse as saying, “*By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones).*” We need the enlightenment from the Word of God concerning the supernatural power of faith to clearly understand the hope of His calling and to learn how to activate His glorious inheritance.

This enlightenment that we lack but need can be compared to the first time I entered into a Maasai hut. I felt unsure of myself. I had stepped out from the natural light that I was accustomed to and into unknown territory. I was unfamiliar with the design of the building, it appeared strange to me, and I didn't know what to expect. But as I took a few steps forward, I arrived into the main room of the hut. Once there, my eyes were drawn to a small fire in the center of the room. At first, I had to be patient and allow my physical eyes time to adjust to the light. But within a few minutes, I could see clearly as my pupils enlarged and drew in the light from the source of the fire. And as my eyes were enlightened, I realized that I had nothing to fear. What was a new experience for me was not new for my brethren. They were living in this light already.

Perhaps the supernatural way of the Holy Spirit is a new territory for you and you feel a bit intimidated, as I did the first time I walked into a Maasai hut. If so, I invite you to take a few steps forward into the sanctuary of His presence, sit for awhile and allow your spiritual eyes to draw in the light from the Word of God until you are enlightened by the spirit of wisdom and receive the revelation knowledge about His supernatural ways.

Take the first step; personalize and confess the prayer for spiritual wisdom that the Apostle Paul prays for us in Ephesians 1:17-23. Here it is from the Amplified Version of the Bible, with the pronouns changed.

[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant [me] a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, by having the eyes of [my] heart flooded with light, so that [I] can know and understand the hope to which He has called [me], and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), and [so that [I] can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come. And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself].

So, let us put fear and misunderstanding in their proper place: **b**hind us, as we step forward into the realm of revelation knowledg , with a clear biblical understanding that the true power of the supernatural power of faith is indeed “*greater than magic.*”

THE REASON FOR ILLUMINATION

No matter where we are in the world, a heightened interest in the supernatural is peaking. Both young and old, male and female, are

seeking. The supernatural is far reaching into all spectrums of life, from the rich and famous, to the middle class worker, to the lower class struggling to make ends meet and to the down-and-out living on the street. There is something to be read or said on every form of media and in both circles, secular and Christian alike. A global spotlight is shining on the supernatural.

In Acts 2:17-19 Peter declares the words of the Prophet Joel from the Book of Isaiah: *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath....”* As well as a promise, we also see a warning for these times from Matthew 24:24: *“For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”* We can see from these two portions of Scripture that signs and wonders will abound in these last days and that they will either lead people to the truth of Jesus or their misuse will deceive and lure people away from Christ.

Isaiah 60:1-5 speaks of a great contrast in the spiritual light of the people in these days. It says, *“Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.”* This portion of Scripture speaks of a deep spiritual darkness, wickedness upon the people of the earth in the last days, while at the same time the glory of the Lord shines brightly through us.

A Word from the Lord

“Wickedness is **b** coming wickeder than you have **s** en
b fore. Right will **b** come wrong and wrong will **b** come
right in the eyes of the unreg nerate soul. It will **b** wors
than in the days of Noah. Perversion will **b** wors than it
has ever **b** en. What was once inconceivable to the aver-
ag person will **b** come acceptable and normal. My Word
prophesiest hee t hings;t hey cannot **b** s topped.

“But even in the midst of great filth there is a safe haven for
My **bl** oved Bride. In My pres^{ce} nce she will find refreshing
for her weary soul. Deep in My pres^{ce} nce she will hide and
ride in safety in the midst of a terrible and frightful storm.
Even though the waves of this storm will crush and destroy,
My Bride will outride the storm.”

The earth’s clock is winding down, and just as the **g** ars in a windup
clock spin faster as the alarm is sounding **b** fore it stops, so too are
supernatural events happening on this earth **b** fore the glorious return
of Jesus Christ. For this reason the supernatural is **b** ing illuminated like
never **b** fore.

(You can read this word in its entirety in the last chapter.)

THE TRUE PURPOSE

The true purpos^{ce} for signs and wonders is to equip us to reel in the
lost. Jesus commissions us to “*go into all the world and preach and publish
openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human
race].*” (See Mark 16:15 in the Amplified Version of the Bible.) The Lord
says He will give us the nations if we will ask Him for them (**s** e Ps.
2:8). This is quite a larg^e gift to receive. How do we accept this great
inheritance? We first ask for it, then we make oursel ves available for the
Lord’s **s** rvice. In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah responds to the

Lord's bidding when he says, "*Here am I! Send me*" (Isa. 6:8). This is to be our response as well.

Here is how I ask. I take a world map with me into prayer and declare specific nations as mine. I step into oceans and claim every nation that touches those waters as my inheritance. I intercede over bags of soil from other lands that others place into my hands during healing conferences, and I ask the Father to send me to bring healing to their nations. As I step off of planes, I personalize and confess the Word of the Lord from Joshua 1:3: "Every place that the sole of my foot will tread upon the Lord has already given it to me." As the Lord opens up these nations to me, I glory.

I encourage you to ask the Lord for the nations, make yourself available for His service, become creative in the things of the Spirit and prophesy yourself into these lands.

He says there are too few workers to gather in His harvest. It will take more than the leadership of the Church to accomplish this immense task. His plan is not to have a few reapers, but a whole force. He commissions all believers to win the lost and He wants to recruit you, too.

Concerning the end-time's harvest, Jesus says that it is so great that we are to pray for more people to work the fields (see Matt. 9:37-38). Obey the Word of the Lord. Choose one nation and intercede for the people to come to know the Living Word in that part of the world. Pray for the missionaries stationed in that land that they will be strengthened in the power of His mighty Spirit. Pray that others who are filled with the Spirit would come alongside of them and truly help them to fulfill their calling. Be open to the leading of the Spirit and allow Him to use you as He wills. He may send you.

And in case you have not taken notice, people of all nations are living together in the same communities. You may not need to go any farther than your own hometown. Open up your spiritual eyes to the endless possibilities that await you. Ask the Spirit to give these people

to you as your spiritual inheritance. Be willing to **g** and declare Jesus to them.

Later in Mark 16:17b-18, Jesus promises to equip us with signs and wonders: “In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” After He rises from the dead He commands them to wait for the Promie of the Father, which is the Holy Spirit. He tells them in Acts 1:8, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you shall **b** witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Peter brings clarity to who this gift of the Holy Spirit is for in Acts 2:39: “For the promie is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” The Word of God is clear: He gives to us the power of His Spirit to work miracles to win the lost.

The Holy Spirit is intentionally seking people (see 2 Chron. 16:9a) like ourselves through whom can flow a display of His mighty, supernatural wonders to the world, so that they may know that Jesus Christ is Lord. Knowing this, we ought to make ourselves highly visible to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to move though us with miraculous signs and wonders for His glory.

He realizes the limits in our natural strength, but He never intends for us to do His bidding in our own strength. In fact, He says in Zechariah 4:6, “*Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit.*” We read in Luke 5:1-11 how Jesus teaches Simon this very lesson. In the New American Standard Bible, Jesus says to Simon in verse 4, “*Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.*” And in verse 5 we see how Simon replies to the Lord’s bidding: “*Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets.*” By the power of their natural strength their nets are empty. But this time Jesus ges with them and He instructs them to **g** out into the deep waters and cast their nets.

GREATER THAN MAGIC

In this portion of Scripture Jesus teaches us how to effectively win the lost. First, He tells us to try it again. Let's go out into the world again. And this time with Him on board we are to launch out into the deep things of the Spirit, cast our spiritual nets and activate the supernatural power of His Spirit. When we evangelize the lost His way, according to the great commission, we will supernaturally draw in an abundant catch. Our nets will be so full that they will bulge and be on the brink of breaking with souls for Jesus. Isaiah 60:5 says that the abundance of the sea will be turned to us. This is the inheritance that we are promised in Psalm 2:8, the Nations.

Time and time again, I have seen the eternal results of supernatural signs and wonders; I have seen how just one person's miracle can win countless others to the Lord Jesus Christ. I ministered divine healing to a young boy in Tanzania who could not walk, and he was miraculously delivered and healed. Because of this amazing wonder the people in his village and surrounding villages came to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They said they saw the finger of God. Moving in the power of the Holy Spirit is the smart way to evangelize. And apparently from the point of the Scriptures, it is God's way.

For the sake of the lost, the revelation of the true power of the Holy Spirit with the supernatural power of faith with signs and wonders following is being illuminated, to win them to Jesus Christ before His glorious return. This is the true purpose for signs and wonders.

In the next chapter we will study our identity in the Miracle Worker and the supernatural power that we have been given to master the forces around us.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why is he supernatural being illuminated?
2. What is the definition of the supernatural?
3. What is the main purpose of the supernatural power of faith?

REFLECTION

Do I walk in the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit? Are there any areas in my spiritual walk that are still obscure? If so, what are they? And what steps can I take to ensure enlightenment in these areas? And how and where can I take this revelation and evangelize the lost?