

## HELLO FROM ONE MISSOULA CHURCH

God has created and called you to so much more than what we settle for in our culture. Our sincere desire is to see you fulfill your design, start chasing God's calling on your life, and never look back. Along the way, our commitment to you is that we will always speak the truth as God revealed it in the Bible without sugar-coating it so you like us or distorting it to match what our dying culture thinks it should say. With that said, we will also do everything we can to help you no matter how much you know or don't know, or how many difficult questions stand in your way.

This handout is designed as a tool. The outline on the next page will help you remember the message. Following the outline are some discussion and reflection questions. You can use these for your own thinking and reflection, or to prompt conversation with other people.

Lastly, know that we have a "whatever-it-takes" mentality to seeing you and your loved ones flourish in all God made us to be. If there is anything we can do or any question we can answer, please let us know via the Connection Card, our app, by email at [info@onemissoulchurch.com](mailto:info@onemissoulchurch.com).

## SERMON ZOOM

Join Pastor Brad as he hosts a 75 minute roundtable discussion of this week's message on Zoom this Tuesday night from 8:00p to 9:15p (MST). This is good place for clarifications, questions, and challenges (as long as you have manners), Please RSVP for the invite link via the Connect Card or by emailing [info@onemissoulchurch.com](mailto:info@onemissoulchurch.com).



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# ONE + BEYOND THE FIVE

Week 1: Visions, Conversions, and Exorcism

## BEWARE YOUR BIAS! WHEN INTERPRETING STRANGE OCCURRENCES OR COINCIDENCES IN YOUR LIFE, ARE YOU MORE INCLINED TO GIVE NATURAL OR SPIRITUAL EXPLANATIONS?

### EPISODE 1: GOD SUPERNATURALLY PROHIBITS MISSIONARIES FROM EVANGELIZING PEOPLE THAT GOD LOVES

**Acts 16:6-10** - And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.<sup>7</sup> And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.<sup>8</sup> So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.<sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."<sup>10</sup> And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

**So what? Do you welcome God's intervention and redirection in your life even when you can't see the reason? If the answer is "no", do you still expect God to guide you in supernatural ways?**

### EPISODE 2: GOD'S INTERRUPTION CHANGES ETERNITY

**Acts 16:11-15** - So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,<sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.<sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.<sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.<sup>15</sup> And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

**So what? God will use your spiritual awareness and aptitude to connect you with spiritually hungry people looking for him**

### EPISODE 3: WHEN GOD MOVES SUPERNATURALLY, SUPERNATURAL EVIL KEEPS IN STEP

**Acts 16:16-18** - As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.<sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."<sup>18</sup> And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

**So what? Denial is a disadvantage**

### EPISODE 4: OPPOSITION IN THE SUPERNATURAL REALM TRANSITIONS INTO OPPOSITION IN THE NATURAL REALM

**Acts 16:19-24** - But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.<sup>20</sup> And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city."<sup>21</sup> They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice."<sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore

the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. <sup>23</sup> And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. <sup>24</sup> Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

**So what? Expect opposition! These missionaries were led by God, devoted to God, dependent on God and STILL experiencing hardship (see [John 15:19](#))**

#### **EPISODE 5: GOD IS THE ULTIMATE CHESS MASTER! GOD USES THE HARDSHIP AND OPPOSITION TO SAVE**

**Acts 16:25-34** – About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, <sup>26</sup> and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. <sup>34</sup> Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

**So what? If we want God to liberate our families, friends, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, cities, and nation with the Gospel of King Jesus, we MUST become humbly effective at hearing and submitting to God's guidance and strategies.**

**INESCAPABLE TRUTH: IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THE BIBLE, YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THE SUPERNATURAL! IF YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT THE SUPERNATURAL, YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT THE BIBLE.**

#### **SUGGESTED PRAYER TO START YOUR CONVERSATION WITH GOD:**

Father God, help my unbelief ([Mark 9:24](#)), and take away any spiritual blindness that may plague me from hostile spiritual enemies ([2 Corinthians 4:4](#)). Father, I see that the wisdom of this world which denies what You've revealed about the unseen realm has failed to deliver on its promises ([1 Corinthians 3:18-20](#)). I accept that denying what You reveal about the supernatural world puts me at a severe disadvantage for fulfilling my own calling and helping others whom You love ([2 Corinthians 2:11](#); [1 Peter 5:8](#)). Holy Spirit, because of this disadvantage, I humbly ask that You teach me all things ([John 14:26](#)) and lead me into all truth ([John 16:13](#)). King Jesus the Christ, I humble myself ([Matthew 18:4](#)) and ask You to teach me to pray ([Luke 11:1-13](#)). I ask all these things in the Name of King Jesus. ([John 14:13-14](#)) Amen.

#### **AS A RESULT OF WHAT I'VE HEARD AND READ TODAY, I WILL**

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#### **THINK IT. DO IT. CHANGE IT.**

- **What was the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?**
- **What are you going to do about what the Holy Spirit was saying to you through this message?**
- **What can we (or others) do to help you succeed in what you're going to do about what the Holy Spirit was saying to you throughout this message?**

# BEYOND THE FIVE

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