Supernatural is the Natural

- 1. Jesus is the message
- 2. People are our purpose
- 3. Worship is our posture
- 4. Prayer is our priority
- 5. Supernatural is our natural

The first two are hinged upon the following:

"Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' This is *the* first and great commandment.

And *the* second *is* like it: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

(Mat 22:36-40)

What does it mean when we say the "Supernatural is our natural"?

I guess that depends on what you mean by "supernatural".

Merriam-Webster defines it as follows:

1

: of or relating to an order of existence beyond the visible observable universe *especially* : of or relating to God or a god, demigod, spirit, or devil

We believe in a kingdom that is by nature invisible, yet it can be expressed or manifest in the visible, the natural. We call it the Kingdom of God. The Church is not the Kingdom of God but is subservient to the Kingdom of God.

2

a : departing from what is usual or normal especially so as to appear to transcend the laws of nature

We believe when the Kingdom of God is expressed or manifest in the natural, the world will call it "supernatural" or "miracle".

b : attributed to an invisible agent (such as a ghost or spirit)

We attribute this manifestation of power to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God our Savior whose name is JESUS!

In this Meeting Place, we have this expectation (some of us to a greater and some us to a lesser extent) that whenever God intervenes on earth, in the earth, no matter the degree, no matter how great, no matter how small, when heaven and earth collide, earth always bows to the supremacy of the King of kings and the Lord of Lords, Jesus the Almighty!

As we read through the bible in a year, we are reminded as we go through the plethora of testimonies that they are glimpses of a profound past reality, but they are also potential present reality, when heaven touches earth.

- 1. 7 Days of Creation
- 2. The Flood
- 3. Confounding language worldwide
- 4. The birth of a child of promise to man and woman that were 99 and 90 years of age
- 5. The destruction of a city with brimstone and fire
- 6. A woman turned into a pillar of salt
- 7. A man wrestles through the night with God
- 8. Dreams that come to pass (Joseph's own, the butler and the baker, Pharoah's)
- 9. 10 plagues of Egypt (water turning to blood, frogs, lice, flies, pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, death of the firstborn)
- 10. The blood (Passover), the water (parting the Red Sea), the Spirit (cloud by day, fire by night)
- 11. Daily Manna
- 12. Water from a Rock in the desert/wilderness
- 13. Bitter waters turned sweet by a tree
- 14. Bronze serpent lifted up and healing those bitten by snakes
- 15. Countless underdog battles won
- 16. Sun stood still

Every one of these testimonies confronts and offends our sensibilities, making us question, "Well did God really say that happened?"

These are overt accounts of what some deem "supernatural". They are expressed in grandiose ways all throughout the Old Covenant

Is this what we expect today? In a word, yes.

If He did it before, He can certainly do it again.

Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. (Mat 11:4-5)

Challenge is to now read the words of Jesus and understand or receive them naturally... but discern them spiritually.

Jesus said, "The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life."

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. (1Co 2:13-14)

Who are the blind? The lame? The lepers? The deaf? The dead? The poor? "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Mat 19:26)

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Heb 11:6)

We are the type of people that calls those things that are not, as if they already were (Rom 4:17).

As we go about exercising our faith in Jesus the Almighty, consider the following of our ancestors in the faith from Hebrews 11:

By faith God... 11:3 By faith Abel... 11:4 By faith Enoch... 11:5 By faith Noah... 11:7 By faith Abraham... 11:8 By faith Sarah... 11:11 By faith Isaac... 11:20 By faith Jacob... 11:21 By faith Joseph... 11:22 By faith Moses... 11:23

By faith Rahab... 11:31

By faith Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, Samuel, David...

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. (Heb 11:33-40)

Remember Evelyn... two seasons of work.

Who are the blind? The lame? The lepers? The deaf? The poor? The dead?

"Your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found."