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# **Supernatural Power**

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#### **Dedication**

To

The first Miracle Team that worked with me at Miracle Services:

Lady Pastors *Dr. Henrietta Orleans-Lindsay* and *Dr. Mina John*.

Thank you for believing in the healing anointing when there was nothing to see.

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# Chapter 1

# The Natural and the Supernatural

I became a born-again Christian in the Scripture Union whilst I was in secondary school. In those days, the emphasis was on the Word of God. We learnt many important things in the Scripture Union. We learnt how to have a personal "quiet time and how to study the Bible. We learnt about the importance and the integrity of the Word of God.

Because of such teachings, I have been solidly founded on the Word of God. I do not agree with or "flow" in anything not founded on the Word. I want things to be Bible-based, otherwise, it is just not good enough! I am grateful to God for this foundational background because that has kept me on the right track until today.

Of the many things I am constantly learning in the ministry, one of them is about the realm of the supernatural.

The Bible is a supernatural book. There is a supernatural dimension to Christianity. Cut out the supernatural events from the Bible and you are left with a history book and a treatise on philosophy.

It is this very attitude of sticking to the Word that has brought me to the supernatural. **You cannot avoid the supernatural if you study the Bible.** I am always surprised that there are people who do not believe in miracles and yet are committed Christians. Is it intentional blindness to what is so obvious?

The Bible directs us to a God who is a Spirit. The Bible teaches us about angels that cannot be seen in the natural. The New Testament is full of instructions concerning the Holy Spirit. In spite of this, many Christians are left out of the blessings of the supernatural.

Jacob made a very important statement:

And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

And behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, SURELY THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE; AND I KNEW IT NOT.

Genesis 28:10-16

Jacob came to a place, made himself a pillow and lay down to sleep. He had a supernatural experience during the night. When he woke up in the morning he said, "The Lord was in this place, and I knew it not."

This is the testimony of many believers. The Lord is with them and they don't even know it. Angels stand by their side and they are not even aware of it. The Holy Spirit speaks to them and they don't even know it.

It is my prayer, that by the time you finish reading this book, you will say, "The Lord was in this place and I knew it!" You will say, "The Holy Spirit was here and I felt Him."

Surprisingly, the greatest barrier to the supernatural is not demons. The greatest hindrance to receiving the supernatural is not witchcraft power.

It is a state of "naturalness", if I may use that word.

BUT THE NATURAL MAN RECEIVETH NOT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he

#### know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:14

The Bible states in very clear terms, that the natural man cannot receive the things of the Holy Spirit. This is because they appear foolish to him. What does it mean to be natural? To be natural means to be a normal human being. It speaks of thinking normally, as a human being should. It is being logical, intelligent, calculating and analytical. The word natural speaks of employing all normal human faculties. **However, it is interesting that it is this very "natural" attitude that cuts us off from supernatural things.** 

#### I Could Not Receive

Many years ago, I was desirous of receiving the Holy Spirit baptism. I wanted to be baptized and speak in tongues like everybody else. I was a bornagain Christian but I had not received the Holy Spirit and did not speak in tongues. You must realize that speaking in tongues is a very supernatural thing. The Holy Spirit and all of His gifts are very supernatural experiences.

#### **Unholy Laughter**

Once, I remember going to a meeting where people were being prayed for to receive the Holy Spirit. Instead of entering the hall, I observed from outside. All of a sudden, I began to laugh. Hearing them speaking in tongues made me laugh so much. It sounded so ridiculous. I laughed so hard that I thought I had sinned against the Holy Ghost. Later that year, I finally decided that the Holy Spirit was for me! I told a few people that I knew someone in town who could pray for us to receive the Holy Spirit.

I remember travelling all the way to town to invite the brother who had agreed to come and pray for us.

#### **How I Received**

One Saturday, this minister decided to attend our meeting and pray for us. As we gathered in the classroom, I was very hopeful and expectant. After preaching on the baptism of the Holy Spirit, this brother prayed for us. He asked those who had received the Holy Spirit to raise up their hands. After looking around the room, I realized that almost everybody had received, except me.

I couldn't believe it! I said to myself, "I organized this meeting. I brought this man from town to pray for us. Yet others who have no interest in the Holy Spirit have received Him and I have not!" I just couldn't understand it. To my left and to my right, people were speaking in tongues but I did not. I was very discouraged. The man of God encouraged us to pray in his absence and told us that God would fill the rest of us with the Holy Spirit. I prayed for several weeks, but to no avail.

One morning while lying on my bed, I routinely asked the Lord to fill me with His Holy Spirit. Before I was aware, I heard a beautiful language coming out of my spirit. I was speaking in tongues at last. I was so happy that I didn't stop praying in tongues for three hours. I was afraid that the Holy Spirit would go away if I stopped praying! I was afraid that if I stopped praying in tongues, I would not be able to start again.

The question is: "Why did it take me six weeks before I received the Holy Spirit?" The answer is in the Bible – the natural man receiveth not!

If you are very logical, calculating, critical, analytical and judgmental, you are being natural. When you are natural, you will not and cannot receive.

The Bible says that supernatural things are foolishness to people who are natural. So who can receive the supernatural? The answer is spiritual people.

The opposite of being natural is being spiritual or spiritually mature. A truly mature Christian is a spiritual person. A mature person knows God. I'm not talking about having an academic knowledge of the Bible. Academic knowledge of the Bible does not make you spiritual. As you know, there are people who study Bible Knowledge in school and yet are unbelievers.

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto CARNAL, EVEN AS UNTO BABES IN CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 3:1

Paul is saying here that he could not speak to them as spiritual people but as carnal.

**Moving Out of the Natural State** 

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age [mature], even those who by reason of use have their SENSES EXERCISED TO DISCERN both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:14

In this Scripture, the Bible declares that strong meat from the Word belongs to mature Christians. It goes on to explain that mature Christians are those who have their senses exercised to discern or distinguish good from evil.

I had always wondered what this verse meant. One of the laws of interpretation of the Bible is simply to accept the literal meaning of the words you read. This verse simply says that Christians who become mature have their senses alert. The word "senses" is derived from the Greek word, *aishtheteria* which means, "organs of perception".

God has given you organs of perception. You are expected to use these organs of perception to manoeuvre in this life. Here, the Bible is giving us an additional but very important revelation. It is telling us that these organs of perception can also be used to detect or discern spiritual things.

### What are the Organs of Perception?

What are the organs of perception? They are the eyes to see, the ears to hear, the nose to smell, the skin to feel and the tongue to taste. If we accept this scripture at face value, then it is telling us that our eyes and ears can be used, if they are spiritually alert enough, to discern good and evil things.

I told the Lord, "We need more than one scripture to form a solid basis for this revelation." The Lord took me to the book of Matthew 13.

Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

But BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES, for they see: AND YOUR EARS, for they hear.

For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Matthew 13:13-17

Jesus made many astounding statements here. He said, "Blessed are your eyes... and blessed are your ears..." What does this mean? Jesus was speaking about their organs of perception (aishstheteria).

Your eyes and ears are organs of perception. Jesus had spoken to the big crowd earlier. Now, He was speaking to the disciples. He told them that their eyes and ears (organs of perception) were different from those of the general crowd. Somehow, their eyes were seeing a little more. Somehow their ears were hearing a little more. Someone may ask, "What else is there to see? What else is there to hear?" You must know that there are issues in the supernatural realm which can be perceived by these organs of perception.

When you move out of the natural (not evil!) realm, you will begin to perceive things with those very eyes and ears you have. You will notice what other people do not.

Jesus had just finished teaching them the Word of God, yet many could not understand what he was saying. When he said "blessed are your eyes", he meant blessed are your eyes because they saw more than the natural eyes see. Such eyes can also see visions, revelations and the Supernatural. When he said "blessed are your ears", he meant that they heard a little further, the voice of the Holy Spirit and the voice of God. Some could even hear the voices of angels.

At another point in the passage, Jesus said these people had waxed gross in their heart. The word "heart" comes from the Greek word, *kardia*, meaning thoughts and feelings. Their thoughts and feelings, which were organs of perception, had become gross (dull, stupid, fat and inattentive).

In other words, God wants your thoughts and feelings to be sensitive to supernatural things. Faith people sing, "We are not moved by what we feel".

That is true. But there are real "thoughts and feelings" that come from the heart (kardia). God does not want our thoughts and feelings to grow dull.

We must feel the "move" of the Holy Spirit when He's moving. We must feel the presence of God when it is there. We must feel the healing anointing when it is there. We must feel the anointing when it is flowing. We must not allow our hearts (thoughts and feelings) to grow dull. The Holy Spirit is offended when we do not respond to His presence.

Jesus felt the anointing power of God as it flowed through Him to others.

And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned...and said, Who touched my clothes?

Mark 5:30

#### The Supernatural Moves Through Your Organs of Perception

This is the principal revelation I want to bring to your understanding. The supernatural operates through your eyes, ears, thoughts and feelings.

Some of the thoughts that flash through your mind are from God. They are the voice of God ministering direction to you. Jesus made it clear that the Holy Spirit would minister to Christians through their minds.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and BRING ALL THINGS TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE [mind], whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26

#### "God Spoke To Me..."

This Scripture is saying that the Holy Spirit brings things to your mind. Have you ever heard great men of God say, "God spoke to me"? Have you heard mighty evangelists saying, "The Spirit of God said something to me last night"? I am sure you have wondered, as I did, about how God seems to physically "live" in the houses of these men of God. God seems to speak to them all of the time, but never to me.

They always say, "God spoke to me."

My brother, Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would bring things to your mind. However, if your heart (*kardia* – thoughts and feelings) have waxed gross

(fat, stupid, dull and inattentive), you will never know when the Holy Spirit speaks to your mind. You will not know the difference between your own thoughts and those from the Holy Spirit.

#### **Supernatural or Spectacular?**

Learn something right here! The supernatural is not always sensational, dramatic or spectacular. The supernatural concerns things that are not natural. Anything that is not natural is supernatural. My experience with the supernatural is that God uses my organs of perception of feeling, thinking, seeing and hearing. He will do the same for you. It may not be spectacular or thrilling, but it certainly is supernatural.

#### **Don't Miss the Supernatural**

The supernatural is often mistaken for the natural. Because of that, the supernatural passes us by and we do not even realize it. Do you remember the call of the prophet Samuel?

One night as he slept, he heard a voice. The voice sounded so much like the voice of his senior pastor that he immediately got up and went to see Pastor Eli. The prophet Eli said, "I didn't call you, go back to bed." He heard this same supernatural voice three times and thought each time that he was hearing a human voice.

...Samuel was laid down to sleep; That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. And the Lord called yet again, Samuel...

And the Lord called Samuel again the third time...

1 Samuel 3:3-4,6,8

If the supernatural voice were not similar to a natural voice, then why would Samuel have made the same mistake three times? Why did he think the voice of God was the voice of a man? Have you ever thought about that? Could it be that the supernatural voice of God is so similar to the natural voice of man? It was the experienced prophet, Eli, who guided Samuel to receiving the supernatural.

Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came, and stood,

and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak for thy servant heareth.

1 Samuel 3:9, 10

#### The Widow Couldn't "See"

Many things you have experienced are supernatural. The supernatural is both real and biblical. In the ministry of the prophet Elijah, you see a widow who received a supernatural miracle.

And Elijah said unto her, Fear not... make me there of a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

#### 1 Kings 17:13-15

Elijah prophesied that she and her household would lack no food throughout the period of the famine. That prophecy came to pass! However, she secretly did not believe that the supernatural had occurred in her life.

However, when her child died and Elijah brought him back to life, she made a very significant statement. She said, "Now I know that you are a man of God." An analysis of her words is very revealing.

And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I KNOW THAT THOU ART A MAN OF GOD, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth

#### 1 Kings 17:23, 24

This means that all along she didn't really believe that she was experiencing the supernatural. The miracle of multiplying food did not seem supernatural to this woman. This is the mistake that many Christians make. They want the spectacular. They want things to be dramatic, otherwise they will not believe that God is moving.

It was only when Elijah raised the dead that the widow believed that God was working through him. If you have this attitude, you will miss the supernatural move of God.

#### I Had a Supernatural Call

I have been in the ministry for many years. God has used me to do many things for which I am grateful. For example, you are reading a book that I have written. That alone should tell you that God is using me to some extent. However, I did not experience the call of God with thundering and lightning and I have not seen Jesus in person.

The call of God on my life has simply been a conviction. A conviction to serve Him. A conviction to do my best. A conviction to obey the desires that He has placed on my heart. The Bible is true when it says many are called. I believe that many, many, many people are called.

# For many are called, but few are chosen.

**Matthew 22:14** 

Many people do not respect the visions they see. Many have had dreams, which they took no notice of. Paul said, "I was obedient to the heavenly vision."

One night, God spoke to me and told me, "Respect your dreams from today." I told the Lord, "But I don't have spectacular dreams!"

The Lord told me to look in the Book of Daniel. So I opened my Bible and He showed me that even King Nebuchadnezzar, an unbeliever, respected his dreams greatly. As a result, he was able to receive an instruction from the Lord. Nebuchadnezzar's dream revealed a mighty tree being cut down. If you had a dream in which you just saw a tree being cut down, would you take much notice of it? Probably not! You may take more notice of a dream in which cows were chasing you, birds were flying, and snakes were appearing all over the place!

How did Elijah experience the supernatural voice of God? What did Elijah experience? He experienced the still small voice of God. When God spoke to him, it was not through the wind, the earthquake or the fire. God spoke to him through a still small voice.

And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire A STILL SMALL VOICE.

1 Kings 19:11, 12

I believe I have a very supernatural ministry. The things I do and have been able to accomplish have been divinely and supernaturally orchestrated. But I have had very few dramatic or spectacular experiences. The supernatural is real, even if it is not spectacular.

#### You Can Feel Your Healing

When the Lord began to use me in the healing ministry, I soon realized that people were actually being healed in the service. Coming from a faith background, I used to sing the song, "I'm not moved by what I feel. I'm only moved by the Word of God." This song is true. We are only moved by the Word of God!

However, you will notice that Jesus could feel tangible healing power flowing out of his body. The Bible tells us that He knew in Himself that healing virtue had gone out of Him. How did He know that? He knew because He felt it. One version of the Bible says, "Jesus became aware that power had gone out of him." Another version says, "And Jesus perceived, that power had gone out of him."

The question that Jesus asked was "Who touched me?" Perhaps the feeling of the power was like an unusual touch. The disciples asked him, "You can see this crowd jostling you and pressing in on all sides. How can you ask who touched you?" **Jesus' organs of perception (feelings) were alive spiritually.** He could feel power flowing out of him. He could distinguish between the touch of the crowd and the release of supernatural power.

It is interesting to note that the woman also felt that she was healed. She also felt the power of God flowing into her. The Bible says,

...and SHE FELT in her body that she was healed...

In my experience, people often claim to feel the power of God when they receive healing. Some people feel an intense heat or warm sensation. Others feel a surge of electric power. Many feel the wind of the Holy Spirit, like a blowing breeze, while some do not even feel anything per se, but just sense that they are healed. Friends, the power of God is real. One common testimony is, "I can't describe what I felt, but I felt something!"

#### The Shrinking Tumor

I remember a lady who had a lump on her body. During the miracle and healing prayer time, she placed her hand on the lump and God healed her. She later testified on stage that when she placed her hand on it, she felt the lump actually shrinking beneath her palm. She was amazed and so were we! I have seen many such tumors shrink and disappear in my miracle services. Isn't it amazing to actually feel a mass reducing in size under the anointing.

# The Disappearing Gallstones

There was a lady in one of our miracle services, scheduled to undergo major surgery to remove gallstones. She was suffering greatly from cholecystitis. During the healing time, she placed her hand on her abdomen as we prayed. She felt the power of God go through her body. She later testified on stage that she felt she was healed.

The Bible commands us to, "Prove all things." After returning to the doctor, the new x-ray and scan showed that the gallstones had disappeared. The doctors had no explanation for this. There was a scan before the miracle time that showed the stones. After the miracle service, there were no stones. By the supernatural power of God, a miracle had occurred.

The significant thing about this testimony is the fact that this woman actually felt the power of God healing her of the gallstones. It was much later that medical science confirmed what the supernatural power of God had done.

And Jesus, IMMEDIATELY KNOWING in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

Mark 5:30

31 year-old Patricia Haborone, a South African woman, experienced one of the most amazing miracles I have ever seen God do.

She got married in 1991, and had her first pregnancy in 1993 that turned out to be an Ectopic pregnancy. She was operated upon and her right fallopian tube was cut off on the 1st of August, 1993. She had a second pregnancy in 1994 that was also an Ectopic pregnancy on the left side. She was operated on and part of the left tube was cut off (the doctors tried to save a part of the tube). In 1995, she had a third Ectopic pregnancy! She was operated on and the doctors still tried to save the tube. In the first week of August 1996, she had a fourth Ectopic pregnancy and this time, the rest of the left tube was taken off. Her doctor then told her that the only way she could have a child was by a test tube baby or by adoption.

A year later, during a Miracle Service I held at the Grace Bible Church—Soweto, South Africa, God did a wonderful miracle for Patricia. During the ministration, I asked all those who were sick to place their hands where their illnesses were. Patricia said later on, that she felt she was the only one being spoken to. She testified that when she placed her hand on her abdomen, she felt the power of God coming all over her. She said the sensation she felt was difficult to describe but she knew within herself at that moment, that God had touched her! The best description she could give of the healing power was a feeling of "sweet pain".

After this healing experience, she went to see her Gynaecologist (the leader of the team of doctors who operated on her), claiming that she was pregnant. She was driven away by the doctor who told her that she needed to see a Psychiatrist! This doctor told her she was developing a mental problem because he knew it was not possible for her to get pregnant. But Patricia was so sure that she was pregnant, and she went to see other doctors. It was eventually proved that the impossible had happened: she was actually pregnant!

There is no medical explanation for this because a woman cannot conceive normally if she does not have fallopian tubes.

When I returned to South Africa on the 26th of September, 1998 to hold another Miracle Service in the same church, an excited and overjoyed Patricia Haborone came up stage with her miracle baby, to give this testimony of

what God had done for her. She named the child "Odirile"; which means — "He (God) has made it"!

# **Chapter 2**

# How to Experience the Supernatural

And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Mark 5:24-34

#### Have Faith in the Existence of the Supernatural

The first step to experiencing the supernatural is to have faith in the supernatural. You must believe in the existence of supernatural things.

The natural man would have done all of his tests and analysis. As a doctor, I also believe in scientific testing, but there is a limit to what scientific tests can prove. You cannot use a scientific test to understand the origin of this world. You cannot use your mind to analyze the origin of God.

There is a point at which, sense-knowledge ceases to be useful. When you arrive at the frontier of human knowledge, step out in faith and believe in the existence of the supernatural.

### **Have Faith in Supernatural Methods**

Another thing you must believe in, are the methods of the supernatural. Being a medical doctor myself, I can understand the difficulty some people would have in the workings of the Holy Spirit. If somebody has a tumor, you operate on the person and cut it out. This is easy to appreciate. However, you must believe that with the laying on of hands, power can be transmitted which will cause sicknesses to vanish. You must believe in God's supernatural method of removing tumors.

Believe in the methods of God. Believe in the spoken word. It is funny how unbelievers sometimes believe in the methods of the supernatural more than Christians.

### The Spoken Word

In Luke chapter seven, we read the account of Jesus' encounter with the Centurion whose servant was sick. Jesus began to rush to the man's house to pray for the servant. However, Jesus was stopped "in his tracks" by the Centurion.

Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.

And when they came to Jesus, they be sought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:

For he loveth our nation and he hath built us a synagogue.

Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof:

Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but SAY IN A WORD, AND MY SERVANT SHALL BE HEALED.

For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

Luke 7:1-10

The Centurion's message was simple, "Do not bother to come to my house. I know there are supernatural methods of doing things. I believe in the spoken word. *Just stand there and say something!* Speak words into the atmosphere. My servant who is some distance away will receive his healing." That was a supernatural method! The unbeliever centurion believed in supernatural methods.

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalm 107:20

#### "Stand There and Say Something!"

In one of our miracle services there was a lady who had miscarried several times. Under the anointing, I spoke out from the platform and said, "There is a woman who has been having miscarriages." Then I said, "Receive your child now!" This lady later testified, "I felt something sharp enter into me. It was almost like an injection. So I turned around to see if anyone was there, but there was no one."

She went on and testified how from that moment she received her pregnancy and carried it through the nine months. She later carried her baby unto the stage and testified in front of the congregation about how the Lord had ministered to her. I am talking about supernatural methods. Before you can receive the supernatural, you must believe in supernatural methods.

### Laying on of Hands

A foundational method of the supernatural is the laying on of hands. Things happen when hands are laid on people. I remember a man of God laying hands on me. I felt something like waves of oil coming over me. There was a supernatural impartation of the anointing. I actually felt something happening to me.

If you believe that the contact of the man of God's hand with your body will bring about a supernatural transfer of spiritual goods, it will be done unto you according to your faith.

### The Wind of the Holy Spirit

Do you remember when Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost?"

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

John 20:22

Do you remember when the Holy Ghost came into the upper room as a mighty rushing wind? The Holy Spirit operates like a wind. Recently, at one of our miracle services, I was laying hands on all of the people who had come to the altar. One of my pastors later testified, "I had never felt what I felt on that Friday."

He went on, "As you approached me, a wind began to blow on me. It was a supernatural wind."

He marvelled, "The Holy Spirit is so real."

I believe in ministering the Holy Spirit through breathing. The Holy Ghost is real. There are times I breathe on the congregation and a whole section of the crowd falls under the power.

# **The Anointing Oil**

I also believe in the anointing oil. It is another supernatural method of ministering the supernatural power of God. In Mark chapter six, Jesus sent

his disciples out to anoint people with oil and pray for them.

And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse:

But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.

And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Mark 6:7-13

In James chapter five, the Bible calls for elders and pastors to pray for us and anoint us with oil. There must be some power available through the oil, when you believe in it.

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

**James 5:14** 

There is something in the oil for you if you can only believe in it. If there was nothing to the oil, Jesus would not have asked them to anoint people with oil.

Just a few weeks before Archbishop Benson Idahosa died, he visited my church at our headquarters in Accra. A team of other ministers accompanied him. At a point during the tour of our facility, he asked me to kneel down. He then anointed me with oil, and prayed for me.

Suddenly, I felt a burning sensation on my head, where he had anointed me with oil. Initially, I thought there was a chemical in the oil that was burning me. Later, I found out that it was just ordinary anointing oil. I actually felt

something. Blessed are you when your thoughts and feelings are not insensitive to the supernatural. The supernatural power is all around you. I pray your eyes and ears will be open to receive God's power.

I believe that the Holy Spirit was imparted to me on that day. My friend, you may not have experienced what I have, but you can if you really want to. As soon as you begin to have faith in the methods of the supernatural, they will come alive to you. But please do not misunderstand me; I am not saying that if you do not feel anything you are not experiencing the power. There are many times when the supernatural power is experienced without any feeling whatsoever. But, that also does not rule out the existence of legitimate feelings that are real.

#### **Anointed Cloth and Anointed Garments**

Do not think that things in the Bible are far-fetched. I have seen many of the things in the Bible happen right before my own eyes. Believe in the transfer of anointing through anointed garments. If you do not believe in it, it will mean nothing to you and you will not be blessed through this supernatural method.

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs [cloth] or aprons [cloth] and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 19:11,12

The Bible says that there were times when everyone wanted to touch the hem of Jesus' garments so that they would be made whole.

And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

**Matthew 14:36** 

When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

Mark 5:27,28

God's power flows through the garments of the anointed person. It is a method that is powerful, real and supernatural. Does it sound foolish to you?

If it does, then you are natural. I agree that it sounds foolish! How can a piece of cloth do anything for you? As you become more spiritual, you will be more open to receive through these supernatural methods of the Holy Spirit.

I believe in teaching. I teach all the time. I preach the Word of God, all the time. However, I cannot be greater than Jesus. He believed in teaching more than I do. The Bible records him going about teaching and preaching in all the villages:

And Jesus went about all Galilee, TEACHING in their synagogues, and PREACHING the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Matthew 4:23

Despite all of this, he also went about performing miracles. Take a pair of scissors and try cutting out the miracles in the Bible and you will only destroy the Word of God.

#### Which is the Best Method?

Someone may ask, "Which is the method that God is going to use to touch my life?" The answer is simple. The Lord will "flow" with whichever method you believe in.

### The best method for you is the method you believe in most.

I have noticed that people believe very much in the anointing oil, and it works for them. I want us to study the testimonies of three different people who were healed under the ministry of Jesus.

#### **Three Different Testimonies**

Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, received a miracle for his twelve year-old daughter. When he met Jesus, he specifically requested that Christ should come all the way to his house and lay hands on his daughter.

And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and LAY THY HANDS ON HER, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

You will notice that Jesus responded to the faith of this man. He went to the man's house with Peter, James and John, laid hands on the daughter as the man had requested, and the miracle occurred.

And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

Mark 5:41, 42

Look also at the testimony of the woman with the issue of blood. She did not bother to ask the Lord for the laying on of hands. *She did not even want to be prayed for*. Her confidence was in her ability to get near enough to touch the clothes of the Savior. God honoured her faith. As soon as she touched the hem of Jesus' garment, the power of God flowed through Jesus into her body. She was healed instantly of her plague.

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

Mark 5:28, 29

Why didn't Jesus have to pray for her or anoint her with oil? There was no need. Her belief in that method was sufficient to secure her miracle.

Look again at the testimony of the Centurion's servant. The Centurion's servant had developed a critical or terminal illness. He also needed a miracle. The Centurion contacted some elders of the Jews so that they would speak to Jesus on his behalf.

Notice something very interesting here. The faith of the Jews was in Jesus physically coming to the Centurion's home to minister healing. Jesus immediately agreed to flow with the method the Jews believed in. However, when he was a short distance from the Centurion's house he received a message from the Centurion. "Don't bother to come all the way. There is no need to waste your time. Just stand there and say something."

Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but SAY IN A WORD, AND MY SERVANT SHALL BE HEALED. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one,

Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

Luke 7:7, 8

Jesus marvelled at how this Centurion had faith in healing through a remote command. Again, he "flowed" with the request of the miracle seeker. He changed His method of ministering to the sick according to the faith of the receivers.

**Jesus will flow with whatever you desire.** I have learnt to flow with whatever people believe in. If they believe in laying on of hands, I lay hands. It is better to do that since that is where their faith will work! If they believe in the wind of the Holy Ghost, then that will work for them. God is not restricted to one method. He is a merciful father.

### Having Faith in the Man of God

I have often wondered, "Did Jesus ever pray for anyone who did not get healed?" If you are normal, you must have prayed for someone who did not receive a miracle. I have prayed for people who did not receive anything. This often made me wonder about the reality of the supernatural. It is natural to be worried about something if there are no results.

But, I have good news for you! You and I are not the only people who could not get miraculous results in certain cases. Even Jesus was restricted! He once ministered in his hometown and received very few results. Why was that?

Why was the supernatural not coming forth in Jesus' ministry? It was because they did not believe in him as an individual.

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. And HE COULD THERE DO NO MIGHTY WORK, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And HE MARVELLED BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

The Bible does not say that Jesus *did not* do great miracles. It says He *could not* do great miracles there. This is an important reality that we must understand.

Several natural questions were raised about Jesus' background. They referred to him as a carpenter. Did you know Jesus was a carpenter before he entered full-time ministry? Some people would have preferred if Jesus had had a university education. They would have preferred a medical, legal or engineering background. They called up the history of his family. They discussed his family. They discussed his background.

And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

Mark 6:2-4

These are natural questions. I want to emphasize that these are not evil questions. They are normal. They are just natural. Anyone who stands for a high office will be subject to scrutiny, discussion and analysis. This is human nature. However, such human behaviour does and can cut us off from the supernatural. The supernatural cannot flow when you receive the man of God in the wrong way. Paul said, "Henceforeth I know no man after the flesh."

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

The Bible does not say that Jesus would not do many great works. Neither does it say that Jesus had decided not to do great works in his hometown.

# And HE COULD THERE DO NO MIGHTY WORK, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

**Mark 6:5** 

Mark 6:5 says unambiguously that Jesus COULD NOT do any great works there. He was incapable of the supernatural in his hometown. The natural analysis, questioning and scrutiny of the people brought about this situation. It was also brought about by an attitude of, "Let's see if you can do it again. Let's see if it is real." They said to themselves,

...whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

Luke 4:23,24

You claim you are a miracle worker—perform a miracle and let us see! That is why men of God often get greater results when they travel around the world. I know great men of God who never attempt to minister in a certain way until they are out of their own churches. Their own people have become too familiar to receive any miracles.

#### **Have Faith That "This Is That"!**

When the Holy Spirit arrived on the day of Pentecost, there was a great uproar in the city. Some people thought that the people speaking in tongues were drunk. Others thought that the disciples were mad. I am sure there was a large group of people who just didn't know what was happening.

Apostle Peter, at the Lord's prompting, rose up in the midst of the confusion and boldly declared, "This is that!" What did he mean by "this is that"?

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

But THIS IS THAT which was spoken by the prophet Joel.

This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. One of the greatest keys to flowing in the supernatural is to believe that what you are seeing is what you have believed for. Peter could have doubted that he was seeing what the prophet Joel had spoken of. How did he know that this was that spoken of by the prophet Joel? He didn't know! He just declared boldly that he was seeing the supernatural.

The prophet Eli had to point out to Samuel this same truth. He had to tell Samuel, "This is that!" The voice you are hearing is the Holy Ghost.

When you have "This is that" faith, you will be able to accept the supernatural happenings in your life. When you hear the voice of the Spirit speaking to your mind, you will no longer say this is just a thought. You will say, "This is that".

One time while ministering, a young lady began to scream, twist and squirm. She had to be held down by four strong men. As I ministered to her, she suddenly became still and collapsed to the ground. I wondered to myself, "What has happened now?"

The Holy Spirit said to me, "This is that!" This is Acts 8:5-8 re-enacted. This is what Jesus experienced when He cast out the epileptic spirit in Mark 10:9.

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with once accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For UNCLEAN SPIRITS, CRYING WITH LOUD VOICE, CAME OUT of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:5-8

That was evil spirits coming out of people screaming and tearing them to the ground. This is what occurred after Philip ministered. This is also what occurred, after Jesus prayed for someone oppressed by an unclean spirit.

And they brought him [the child] unto him: and when he saw him, straightway THE SPIRIT TARE HIM; AND HE FELL ON THE GROUND, AND WALLOWED FOAMING.

And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him,

Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

Mark 9:20-27

After ministering to a young boy, he screamed, convulsed and fell down as though dead. What was happening? Some modern analysts would have said, "This is postictal sleep. This is a temporary relief." But Jesus said, "This is it. He is healed."

God told me, "This is that which Jesus experienced." When the lady screamed and jumped around, the Holy Spirit told me, 'This is what Jesus saw."

#### We Had Cast Out All But One

Many years ago in secondary school, I was involved in casting out thirty-six demons from a young student. For four hours, we struggled trying to deliver the girl from evil powers. Of the thirty-six demons, all had fled with the exception of one. We were left with only one to cast out! We commanded the spirit to go out but somehow, we could never bring ourselves to believe that this girl had actually been delivered.

The patron of the Scripture Union was called in. He was an older and experienced Christian. After arriving, he said to the spirit, "I command you to come out in the name of Jesus." After that he asked the girl (just as we had been doing), "What is your name?" She responded normally just as she had been responding to us. He then turned to us and said, "She is alright."

"What!" I thought, "Is that all? Is this it?"

You see, this older Christian believed that this was that! This was the deliverance! She was free. Her freedom was proved in the weeks following. After believing that this is that, you must prove all things.

#### PROVE ALL THINGS; hold fast that which is good.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Accept supernatural things but prove them. Flow with them, but test them. I like to call people and ask them, "How come you fell under the power when I prayed for you? What did you experience?"

### **Does It Only Happen to Women?**

During one miracle service, I asked a pastor, "Have you ever fallen under the power?"

"Yes!" he answered.

"Were you surprised?" I asked

"Very much!"

"Why were you surprised?"

He laughed and said, "I thought it only happened to women." He continued, "When you called me forward to pray for me, I said to myself, 'This thing will never happen to me.' I came up there with a posture of resisting any such fall. But before I could realize, I was on the floor."

The power of God hit him and he had no more defenses. He experienced for himself the reality of the anointing.

### If It's Real, It's Real!

One lady told me, "You had prayed for me many times and I had never fallen under the power. I didn't believe much in it. I saw people all around me falling under the power but it was not for me." I myself could sense that she didn't believe much in the power of God. When you lay hands on people, you can sometimes tell whether they are receiving or not. Some come up with such a natural attitude that you can see that they are cut off from the supernatural. Like Jacob, God is in the room, but they don't even know it!

When it got to this lady's turn to be prayed for, the power of God went through her and she fell to the ground.

She told me later, "I was so surprised."

I asked her to stand up again and I prayed for her a second time. She fell right to the ground like a domino. I sensed that she was surprised so I wanted her to be double sure that the power of God was real. I prayed for her the third time. She crumbled to the ground for the third time. Then I asked the ushers to lift her up again.

She narrated, "After the third time, I decided that this will never happen again! I will not allow myself to fall again! I cannot embarass myself like this in public!" I didn't know what was going on in her mind, but I decided to pray for her again. As soon as my hand touched her, she crumbled vertically to the ground. She lay on the ground as someone unconscious for several minutes. She was later assisted to her seat. I saw her staggering away, helpless under the power of God.

My friend, the supernatural is real. When you move out of natural human thinking, you will begin to receive and experience the supernatural power of God.

# **Chapter 3**

# Laws of the Supernatural

Every field of endeavour has its rules and by-laws. You must learn the rules of the supernatural if you want to operate in it. The way God does things is sometimes different from the way we do.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8, 9

Supernatural healing is different from natural healing. One of the biggest questions facing all miracle ministries is, "Why is everyone not healed?" Another question is: "Why do some people seem to have all the blessings and others have no blessings at all?"

The existence of these questions in your mind can keep you away from experiencing the supernatural. Please, remember that there were questions in the minds of the people in Jesus' hometown. They questioned his background as well as his source of power. Generally speaking, they were questioning the validity of his ministry.

#### The Law of Divine Selection

There is an interesting account of Jesus visit to a "hospital". There were many sick people there yet he healed only one patient.

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

John 5:2-9

The Bible tells us that Jesus did not attempt to have a miracle service in the hospital. Jesus singled out one man and ministered to him. The descriptions we have from the above verses tell us that there were several very ill people in the same place. My natural mind tells me that if God were to come into a hospital, where there are many ill people, he would heal everyone and discharge all of them from the hospital.

I have always thought that if God were to give me a miracle ministry, I would go into a big hospital, minister to everyone and discharge them from the hospital. However, that is not the case. **Jesus had a miracle ministry but he did not discharge everyone from the hospital.** He discharged only one person. The question is why? The answer is, "I don't know!"

The supernatural operates by the law of divine selection. Jesus spoke about this law in Luke chapter 4. He said, that there were many widows in the days of Elijah the prophet, however, only one widow received a miracle. God knows about the masses of human suffering and He cares. It seems to me that when God is ministering, He selects out of the masses and ministers to some.

But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughtout all the land;

But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

# And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saved Naaman the Syrian.

Luke 4:25-27

There were many sick and dying lepers in the days of Naaman the Syrian. Jesus again spoke about how Naaman was divinely selected for a miracle. Some people may say it is because of their faith. Others may say it is because of the anointing on the man of God. Some other Bible teachers can give us twenty-five reasons why people don't get healed. What I would simply say is that there is a law of divine selection. Some people call it the sovereignty of God. We do not understand everything. Nobody does! The Bible says that we are looking through a glass dimly. We neither see nor know everything!

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:12

As the song goes, "We will understand it better by and by." Somebody may ask the question, "Why then do pastors preach as if everyone is going to be healed?" They ask, "Why do evangelists raise our hopes when we may not get healed?"

Dear friend, there is no other way to raise up the faith of people except you stand boldly and speak in faith. Any pastor who begins his sermon by saying, "Some will not be blessed in this miracle service," is not raising up the faith of the people. Nobody gets healed when you speak like that.

If you want miracles, you have to preach faith. If you want the power of God, you have to preach about the power of God. Jesus preached about the anointing. He said, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me." He spoke about how God had anointed him. When you preach about the anointing, the anointing will flow. When you talk about healing, healing will happen. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word (Romans 10:17).

As a pastor who cares for his sheep very much, I pray for miracles and breakthroughs for my people. I once prayed for a group of ladies who had not been able to have children. Some of them became pregnant and now have their own children. Some years later I prayed again and some that had not

been able to have children still did not have any children. Some who already had children, were blessed with more supernatural pregnancies.

I would ask myself, "Oh God! Why don't you share this thing evenly? So many don't have any children at all, why don't you at least answer their prayers and give everybody at least one child?" Jesus made it very clear in his sermon. There are many sick people like Naaman, who need help. There are many more poor people like the widow of Sarepta, who need a financial miracle. But God will have His own way of ministering to them.

When it comes to the supernatural move of the Holy Spirit, you can often not tell what God will do. We do know that He will do something. But we do not always know "who" He will do it for and why He will do it.

#### The Law of Humility

When you study the testimony of the woman with the issue of blood, you will realize that she had been through many things.

And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had SUFFERED MANY THINGS of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

Mark 5:25, 26

The Bible records that she had been bleeding in this manner for twelve years. It declares that she had suffered at the hands of several doctors. She had been humiliated time and time again by different doctors. Even with modern medicine, women with gynecological problems have humiliating experiences at the hands of different doctors. I wonder what it was like two thousand years ago.

By the time this woman came to Jesus, she had no confidence in herself. She had no hope in man. She had no trust in human medicine. She had been completely softened by the experiences of life. This had made her humble and open to receive. The Bible says that God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. God gives miracles and blessings to humble people.

When you are proud, you often don't even know it. Experiences of life can calm you down and allow you to begin to trust more in the grace of God than in yourself. Don't be worried by the difficult times you are going through. Perhaps, you are on the road of humility. Perhaps, God is breaking down

your resistance and your pride. He is causing you to be ready and open to receive grace. Your day for a miracle is around the corner.

This woman did not even want to meet Jesus. All she wanted to do was to touch the tip of Jesus' trousers.

That is humility indeed! Humble yourself in the sight of God and He will raise you up!

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1 Peter 5:6

#### The Law of Repeated and Sustained Ministration

I have also thought that if God ministers to you, you should instantly recover. After all, if God Himself touches you, every problem will vanish completely. This is only common sense! This is a natural expectation. However, I have come to see that there is often a need for repeated and sustained ministration to the same person. You will see this law in operation many times in the Bible.

A common example, is when Naaman was asked to dip himself in the River Jordan seven times. He was asked to bathe seven different times in the same river. The question is why not once? Why not three times? Why not six times? The answer is, "I don't know." God wanted to bless Naaman after the seventh ministration.

And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

2 Kings 5:10, 14

Elijah prayed for rain seven times. On seven different occasions, he sent his assistant to look at the clouds.

...And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. And said to his

servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again SEVEN TIMES.

1 Kings 18:42, 43

There was no sign of rain until after the seventh prayer.

And it came to pass at the SEVENTH TIME, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand...

1 Kings 18:44

After that session, Elijah's assistant noticed a very small cloud in the form of a man's hand. I see God giving you a miracle. I see the miracle appearing after several ministrations. Do not be tired of being prayed for. Greater men had to pray seven times and were not angry with God. *Please don't be angry with God; do not develop a bitter spirit and attitude!* 

When Elijah prayed for a dead boy, he prayed three times.

And he stretched himself upon the child THREE TIMES, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

1 Kings 17:21, 22

He lay on the boy three times and prayed. Is this just a mystical ritual? No it is not! It is the law of sustained and repeated ministrations at work. Why did such an anointed man have to pray three different times? It was the law of repeated ministrations at work!

Do you remember when Joshua led the people of God around the walls of Jericho? They had the greatest breakthrough of their lives. But it came only after the seventh round of ministration.

And it came to pass at the SEVENTH time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city. So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets...that the wall fell down flat...

Joshua 6:16, 20

The walls of opposition in your life are crumbling right now in the name of Jesus! Keep up the sustained ministration. You may be anointed seven times, before your miracle will finally come. I see the walls of hindrance to your marriage crumbling before the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. Walls erected by the devil and his agents cannot keep you out of his blessings.

As you read this book, the power of God is flowing into you to bring the gates of wickedness and sickness in your life crashing down. Receive a divine blessing from the Lord right now!

Study the ministry of Jesus. He prayed for a blind man in Mark 8:24.

And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. AFTER THAT HE PUT HIS HANDS AGAIN UPON HIS EYES, and made him look up; and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

Mark 8:22-25

After the first prayer, the man saw men as trees. Even Jesus had to minister a second time before the miracle finally came through. Someone may ask, "If he was truly the Son of God, why did he have to pray twice?" But that was the law of repeated ministration at work.

If you have the time, study about the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. The disciples did not receive the Holy Spirit only once.

In John 20:22, Jesus breathed on them and said receive ye the Holy Ghost. That was their first anointing.

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST.

John 20:22

Later in Acts 2, the disciples received a baptism of the power of the Holy Spirit.

And THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In Acts 4, the Bible says that they were filled with the Holy Ghost again.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31

If the first filling was enough, then why did they have to be filled three times? This was the law of repeated ministration. I love praying for my church members – it is very biblical. One day, something will happen and their lives will never be the same again.

### The Law of Spiritual Timing

It is a known fact that we all need a blessing from the Lord. It is important to understand the law of the timing of miracles.

Why did Jesus come into the earth only two thousand years ago? The Bible says when the time was right, God sent His Son.

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law...

Galatians 4:4

Jesus was a gift of God to the Jews, but in the day of their divine blessing, they did not receive Him. It is important for you to recognize the time of your visitation. Just as you have a time when you do certain things, God has a time on His timetable when He is going to bless you with certain gifts.

#### **God's Timing is Best**

In 1988, God placed me in the office of a teacher. At another time, He placed on me the anointing to pastor. He then gave the Healing anointing to minister the power of God. Why didn't He do it all at once? God has a time for your breakthrough. As you "flow" with Him, you will come into special days for your life and you will be truly blessed. Mary and Martha called for Jesus to heal their brother Lazarus. Jesus did not come till it was "too late". But it is never too late with God. Jesus got there four days "too late". But God wrought a powerful miracle for all to see.

Do not be angry with God because He is keeping to His schedule. God may not come when you want Him to come. But He will come in time. Be a man or woman of understanding. You will have your miracle baby. You will have your healing. You will have your financial breakthrough.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and understand the time. When it is your time, walk in it and be blessed.

#### **Prophecy for Your Breakthrough**

For there shall come a time, saith the Lord, when you will not seek for miracles, but you will seek for my wholeness. When you seek after me, I will add unto you all things that are necessary.

Fear not my little flock, for I have laid a table for you in the presence of your enemies. Do not be afraid of the enemies you see all around you.

For in that day, saith the Lord, I will pour out my anointing so strong that you will taste of my goodness and my mercies. Those that despise you will stand and declare, "The Lord has done great things for them."

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