Operating IN THE Supernatural

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Introduction

I believe the supernatural is the true root of Christianity. What do I mean by this? Consider this: the virgin birth of Jesus Christ is a miracle. His strange understanding at age 12, which amazed the doctors of the law is also a miracle. His ministry of signs and wonders cannot be denied. They said He has done all things well! He has made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak. His death and resurrection is perhaps the greatest of all miracles.

Our foundation as believers is defined in Ephesians 2:20:

> And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

We are built on the foundations of the apostles, with Christ Himself being the chief corner stone! That means Christ and the apostles are our foundation in the Christian race. Therefore, whatever we see in Christ and the apostles is what is in store for us, that is God's design for us.

Note that the apostles' calls were miracle calls. Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." A miracle call was what brought him into the faith. Think of Andrew, Nathaniel, and Matthew; they all had miracle calls into the faith; they had a training in the miraculous. He sent them out, first the twelve, and later seventy, and they all returned with testimonies. He asked them, "When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing?" They said, "Nothing!" They didn't take money along, and yet they had no lack on the way.

Christ is our root in the faith; and everything about Him is a miracle. Therefore, if we as Christians disregard the place of the supernatural in our lives and walk here on earth, we will become spiritually impotent. Not only that, when we disregard the place of the supernatural, we will also become spiritually vulnerable to every wicked manoeuvring of the devil, as the supernatural is the security of our destiny in Christ.

The supernatural is very relevant to our human needs today, because we are confronted daily with spiritual forces. The Bible says we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, and against rulers of this wicked world and wicked spirit in high places. So, you must operate in the supernatural to be able to deal with them.

The supernatural is the only thing that differentiates the Christian faith from all other faiths. The supernatural is the proof of the Christian faith. This is because every need answers to a miracle, every challenge bows to a wonder, and every desire surrenders to a sign. When you take your place in God, every devil will no doubt give way to you on earth.

Note that the supernatural is not reserved for only a few, but is for all. The Bible says,

"These signs shall follow them that believe" (Mk. 16:17).

As long as you are a believer, you are expected to operate in the supernatural. It is for all. The supernatural is not the exclusive preserve of special ministers of the gospel such as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers, Archbishops, Bishops and what have you. So, I'd like you to set yourself for a baptism of the supernatural as you read this book. From henceforth, you will constantly think supernatural thoughts and take supernatural steps.

I hope to be able to initiate you into this realm of the supernatural, where your true worth as a Christian will be delivered. "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God" (Rom. 8:19). That's you! The world is waiting for your manifestations! I believe that before you get to the end of this book, you would have been fully initiated into a world of signs and wonders, because that is where you actually belong.

We will be looking purely in the word of God, and showing what the supernatural is. As you see it, you will believe it, and when you believe it, you are sure to become it.

Chapter ONE

Understanding Your Root In The Supernatural

In this chapter, we are going to be considering the questions: Who am I? Where am I from? What am I worth? These are very vital questions that must first be answered, for you to operate in the supernatural. I believe if you truly understand who you are, where you are from, and your worth in Christ, then you will cheaply command the supernatural.

The supernatural is what validates Christianity; nothing defines Christianity

as the supernatural. The future of every believer, therefore, defined by his understanding of his root. He must know who he is, where he's from, and what he's worth, otherwise he may never have a worth on earth.

They came to John and asked him, "Who art thou? Are you Elias or one of the prophets?" He said, "No", because he knew who he was. "I am the voice of the one crying in the wilderness", he said. He knew what he carried. Many don't know who they are, what they are worth, or what they carry; that's why it's so easy for them to fail.

I want to show you your root in Christ; and if you can see it, it will change your perspective, giving you your place in destiny.

You Are A Spirit Being

Jesus, answering Nicodemus' question on how to be born again, said in John 3:6:

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

At new birth, you are not born again a spiritual being; you are born again a spirit being. New birth makes you a spirit being in human flesh.

Adam was a supernatural personality in the garden. He operated in the class of God. Adam single-handedly named all the animals in the garden, all the fowls in the air, and all the fishes in the waters. God brought everything He created before Adam to name, and whatever name Adam called them, that was the name by which they were called. He was in the class of God, so he thought like Him. Adam was a supernatural being.

What made him supernatural was the spirit that was alive in him. But at the fall, his spirit-man died, and Adam was reduced to a natural being. However, when Jesus came, what died in Adam was restored back to man through salvation. So, every redeemed child of God carries in his body today whatever virtues Adam carried in the garden before the fall. That

which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit, not spiritual.

Jesus again tells us in John 4:24 that God is a Spirit.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

That means new birth enables you to share divinity with God. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit, and God is a Spirit! Adam was in the class of God when his spirit-man was yet alive. He shared divinity with God. God always came down in the cool of the day to have fellowship with him; they were in council together.

You need to understand that new birth is not merely an adjustment of lifestyle. New birth is a miracle of recreation. New birth is a regeneration, a restoration of your human dignity under God. It is restoring dominion back to mankind. If you understand this, you will throw sickness, disease, and frustrations away. You will shake them all off you, casting them into the fire.

> "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Who are you? If you are born again, then you are a spirit being inhabiting a human body. What then does this imply?

The Holy Ghost speaking through Isaiah prophesied thus:

> Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
>
> Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.
>
> - Isaiah 7:14-15

In a world of dead men and women, when you are born again, you become a sign among men. Redemption makes you a spirit being, which makes you

a living sign among men.

Who am I? You are a spirit operating in human flesh. But if you don't know this and walk in its reality, or when you disregard the supernatural, you become vulnerable to every wicked act of the devil. Jesus knew who He was so much so that He became the greatest headache of the enemy. He said to the Pharisees:

> …Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.
>
> - John 8:23

Hear what the word says, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (Jn. 3:8). When you are born of the Spirit you become a sign among men. They can't tell where you are coming from, but they can't deny your effect. That's going to be your experience from now.

You Have The Mind Of Christ

By this new spirit quickened in you at salvation, according to the word of God, you also now have the mind of Christ.

> For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.
>
> - 1 Corinthians 2:16

What does this mean? The Bible says:

> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
>
> The same was in the beginning with God.

> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
>
> - John 1:1-3

That same word is called Christ; and the Bible says you have His mind. That means you have the creative mind of Christ by reason of redemption. When the earth was without form and void, the mind of Christ came on the scene, and now we talk about the earth being the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and all that dwell therein (Ps. 24:1).

That means, therefore, that by the creative wisdom of God at work in you, your life can no longer be void. By the creative wisdom of God working in you by reason of redemption, darkness can no longer cover your life. Your life can never become empty again by reason of the creative wisdom of God deposited in you at salvation. That wisdom created the earth and the fullness thereof. Therefore, you cannot be stranded any more in life, as you will always know what to do in any given situation. Since you carry the mind of Christ, that is the Creator's mind, you will always know what to do to provoke a miracle; you will always know what steps to take to move God to act on your behalf.

I'll like you to understand that I'm not talking about intellectualism; I'm talking about spiritual intelligence, about supernatural insight. With the mind of Christ at work in you, you will be operating at God's frequency in approaching every given situation in your life, thereby commanding the supernatural at will.

By virtue of new birth you are a spirit being dwelling in a human body. Also by virtue of new birth, you have the creative mind of Christ. There was a spiritual transplant of your mind. Christ's mind replaced yours at salvation. And when the earth was without form and void, the wisdom of God created all that God desired. The same way, the wisdom of God in you should go to work to create whatever is missing in your life. See how this brother in testimony below put the creative mind of Christ in him to work, to avert shame and failure.

> *"I want to thank God for what He did in my life after last*

Sunday's impartation service. During the impartation I told God that I wanted the kind of success the Bishop has recorded.

I was called for a meeting at one of our offices at Ikoyi on Tuesday. The following day, I was told, 'We want you to go to Kaduna right away, because we have a problem at the refinery there, and you just have to solve it.' We had installed the system at the Kaduna refinery, but it suddenly stopped working. We'd sent people abroad on training on this equipment, but they just couldn't solve the problem. I wondered why I should be called to do the job. I told them I couldn't go that Wednesday, that I would go on Thursday. The truth was that I was actually shaking.

When I got to the refinery on Thursday, I was taken to meet the Manager, who said, 'We were told that you are an expert on this job, that they've sent you on several courses on this job. So, it's either you solve this problem or we write off your company.' I said, 'God can do it. Let's go to the location.' He said I would first have to tour the other bosses offices. I was taken to the offices of the Special Depot Manager, the Area Manager; in short, we went everywhere. Everywhere we went, he said, 'This is the man. If he can't do it, then we will write off their company.'

After two hours we went to the site. The boss there said, 'If you want to pray, pray, because if you can't solve this problem there is no way out.' Another man there said, 'This is Kaduna refinery, and we don't take mistakes.' He asked for my name, and commented that I was from the south. But I told myself, 'I'm from above.' We were about seven on the platform, and they said, 'Let us see how you are going to do it.'

At that instance, I remembered that I had touched the garment of the man of God during the impartation. I said to myself, 'I cannot pray now because these people are here. But when Christ wanted to feed the 5,000, He only gave thanks, because He had prayed earlier, and I have prayed before coming. Also

when He wanted to raise Lazarus from the dead, He merely said, "Lazarus, come forth!" He didn't pray, because He had prayed earlier.' So, I just laid my hands on the equipment and said, 'God, You will do it.'

There were two problems: one had been for one year, and the other for six months. I said to the people, 'Let us go to the six-months-old problem.' I said to God, 'You will solve this problem.' I instructed that they turn on the equipment. I examined it, and the problem was still there. I told them to turn it off and open the panel. When they opened the panel, I saw wires, and I was like, 'God, what do I do?' And I heard the Holy Spirit say, 'Check terminals 132 and 134.'

I picked up the meter and tested the voltage. My eyes immediately went to the setting of one of the boards, and I saw that the voltage I was getting was different from what was set, and I said, 'God, thank You' for showing me what the problem was. I turned the knob and told them to turn on the equipment. Lo and behold, it worked! We went over to the second problem, where I checked exactly the same thing I did at the first one. I corrected the setting, and on turning the equipment on, lo and behold, it worked also! Both equipment are working now."

He became a celebrity overnight by the creative mind of Christ at work in him!

The Bible says in Psalm 104:24:

> O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

So, the creative wisdom of God generates manifold works, all kinds of work. No wonder they said of Jesus, "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?" (Mk. 6:2). From henceforth, you will start generating mighty works in all facets of life.

The creative dimension of His wisdom is what establishes you in the realm of the supernatural. Jesus knew what He would do to feed five thousand people in the wilderness, and as a result, five loaves and two fishes was more than enough to feed the crowd, and they even gathered twelve baskets after all had eaten. To operate in the supernatural, you must understand that you share the creative ability of Christ; therefore, you can never be stranded anymore. You will always know what to do.

You Carry Divine Presence

Your root in the supernatural also guarantees you God's presence always. Divine presence is one of the great virtues of redemption. Jesus said to His disciples:

> …All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
>
> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
>
> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
>
> - Matthew 28:18-20

"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." That means God is with you always! Your relationship with God has been re-established by virtue of new birth. Isaiah prophesied that a virgin shall conceive and bear a child, and his name shall be called Emmanuel, that is God with us (Isa. 7:14). God that had hitherto turned His face away from us has now turned His face back to us! His name shall be called Emmanuel!

Divine presence is a principal factor in the school of the miraculous. Hear what the Bible says in Acts 10:38:

> How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and

> with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Jesus went about doing good and healing all them that were oppressed of the devil because God was with Him. So, the new birth qualifies you to have God as your companion. “I am with you always, even unto the close of the age.” And if God is with you, the miraculous becomes the order of the day in your life. Israel enjoyed divine presence throughout their journey in the wilderness, no wonder no obstacle could stand before them.

> When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
>
> Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.
>
> The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.
>
> The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.
>
> What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
>
> Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?
>
> Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;
>
> Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.
>
> - Psalm 114:1-8

Obstacles will always disappear at God’s presence.

The apostles went forth and preached everywhere, God also working with them (Mk. 16:20). God was working with them, confirming the words they spoke with signs following. God was there!

> And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:
>
> So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.
>
> - Acts 19:11-12

God, God, God! God was at work! When you are born again, you qualify to carry divine presence, which qualifies you to operate in the supernatural.

New birth makes you a spirit being, it entitles you to a mind transplant, and so you possess the creative abilities of God. New birth also entitles you to carry divine presence, which guarantees the operation of the supernatural. When God is there, things happen on their own accord. If God be for us, who or what can be against us? Instead, everything must bow to us. The consciousness of God's abiding presence with you entitles you to operate in the supernatural naturally.

You have your root in Christ as the chief corner stone, and you also have your root in the apostles. But when any branch disconnects from its root, it withers. Likewise, when a believer disconnects from the reality of the supernatural he withers away like a branch. You can't disconnect from your root and still bear fruits; you can't disconnect from your root and still produce proofs.

The Church of Jesus had a supernatural birth in the upper room. They heard them glorifying God in their respective languages when the Holy Ghost came on them. That means everyone in the body of Christ is born into a supernatural world. So, let's stop thinking natural thoughts, that's why we suffer natural limitations. We have disconnected from our roots, that's why we have stopped producing proofs. You can't produce proofs when you disconnect from your roots.

As a spirit being, you have nothing to do with sickness anymore, nothing to do with frustration and failure, nothing to do with every molestation and harassments. Every question in a man's life answers naturally to the supernatural. Martha said to Jesus concerning Lazarus in John 11:39-44,

“Oh he’s been dead four days, and he’s already smelling.” But Jesus said, “Believe me, and your brother shall live again.” He then turns and declares, “Lazarus, come forth”, and he that was dead came forth! Again, you remember how as they were carrying the only son of the widow of Nain out to be buried, Jesus stopped them, touched the coffin, and the dead man came back to life (Lk. 7:11-15)!

Every challenge that will ever face any man answers to the authority of the supernatural, and you as a believer are a supernatural personality on the earth. As a spirit being, carrying divine presence and the creative wisdom of God, you are simply a sign to your world. And the Bible says, I and the children whom God has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel (Isa. 8:18). So you are for signs, you are for wonders. From henceforth, what men will wonder at will begin to happen in your life.

Chapter TWO

Working The Supernatural

The supernatural is your birthright, if you are born again. It is what authenticates Christianity. We have also seen your root in the supernatural. The question then is: what does it take to operate in that realm that I have been born into? You are born into a supernatural world, true. But what does it take to function in that capacity?

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12:10 is the gift of the working of miracles.

> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
>
> For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

> To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
>
> To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
>
> - 1 Corinthians 12:1,8-10

So, miracles or the supernatural is not a thing you wait for; it's a thing you work at. It's not the gift of "waiting for miracles", but the gift of the working of miracles. The supernatural is worked at.

Again, the question is: what does it take to work the supernatural?

You Must Believe

To work the supernatural, you must believe that you are created for it. Faith is a sure foundation for supernatural manifestations. You must believe that you are created for signs and for wonders, because Jesus said these signs will only follow them that believe.

> And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
>
> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
>
> - Mark 16:17-18

You have to first believe that you are created to work signs and wonders before they can follow you. You can't be in command of signs and wonders except you first believe.

It's one thing to know it, but another thing to believe it. "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not

profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" (Heb. 4:2). You have to believe in the supernatural before it can produce for you.

You must believe that you are created for signs and for wonders, and that redemption makes you a sign and a wonder. "For these signs shall follow them that believe, in my name they shall cast out devils…" And they went forth believing, and God was working with them, confirming the word with signs following (Mk. 16:17-20).

Possess A Far-Above Mentality

If you are going to be a distributor of signs and wonders, you must know what it means to become a living wonder yourself. You fall too cheaply to the devil's lies, that's why many Christians look so miserable. Everything the devil tells them is more important to them than what God says.

But you need a far-above mentality to operate effectively in the supernatural. The Bible says:

> And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
>
> - Ephesians 2:6
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> Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
>
> And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.
>
> - Ephesians 1:21-22

He said you are seated together with Him in heavenly places, far above principalities and powers, rulers of this wicked world and wicked spirits in heavenly places. You are far above wicked spirits in high places, HIV and AIDS carrying spirits, cancer carrying spirits, mental blockage spirits,

spirits of confusion, suicide spirits, etc. Oh, He's made us to sit together with Him in heavenly places, far above where the devil can reach you!

Every sickness, by biblical definition, is an oppression of the devil. That was why Jesus went about healing all them that were oppressed of the devil (Acts 10:38). You have listened too much to the scientific "fact" that mosquito bit is what has given you malaria. If everybody bitten by mosquito has malaria, who then will be left in town?

You have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. The same mosquito that bit you, bit a sinner who lives in the kingdom of darkness, and he doesn't have malaria. Why is it then you that is born again, redeemed by the blood, that is suffering from malaria? That means it's an oppression. It's not mosquito that has given you malaria, but the devil that is oppressing your health, so as to make you a victim of life.

Every time science is opposed to the truth, it is falsehood, and you must declare it as such.

> O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:
>
> - 1 Timothy 6:20

The truth is that He took your infirmities; He bore you sicknesses (Matt. 8:17). That is the truth! And if science says there is an infirmity in your body that becomes falsehood. Let God be true and all devils liars. Therefore comfort ye, comfort ye my people, speak comfortably unto Zion, and say to her that her warfare is accomplished. You warfare is accomplished! Your own case is settled; now, go on behalf of Christ and begin to settle the cases for others! Say to the devil, "Satan you have no place in my life anymore. I have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. I have been translated into the kingdom of His own dear Son, far above where are you now!"

This far-above mentality is a powerful qualifier for operating effectively in the supernatural. Where you are Satan can't come. You are far above!

Many years ago, a doctor tested me and said, “Oh, your blood pressure is high.” I said, “Not mine.” He said, “Check”, but I said, “It’s not necessary.” He said, “Do you speak English?” I said, “I think I do. I’m not telling you I don’t have high blood pressure; I’m saying I cannot have it.” You wonder what the difference is? When you tell a man that he’s pregnant and he gets worried, it means he has lost his mind, because a man cannot be pregnant. The same way a redeemed soul who is conscious of the value of his redemption cannot be called sick.

I’ve never known the name of any high blood pressure medication. Since the day I had that exchange with the doctor, the thought of maybe I have high blood pressure has never crossed my mind. The devil was only looking whether I was available to be oppressed, but my understanding of the word was superior to his attempt.

Satan is looking for who to oppress, and he takes advantage of people’s ignorance to locate his victims. The moment you are ignorant of your worth as a believer, you become a victim of his oppression. But you are a far-above heavenly citizen on this earth; you are not where Satan can reach you to oppress you. Therefore, every trace of oppression in your life is cursed now, in the precious name of Jesus.

You need a far-above mentality to work the supernatural. Before we got married, Satan came to me and said, “Now that you have gone about setting other people free from barrenness, come and show me how you will have children.” I immediately said to him, “Satan, you will be surprised that I will not pray about it.” All you need is to know better than your enemy, and you will take him for a ride. I declare that you are above barrenness, you are above tuberculosis, you are above renal failure, you are above liver problems and every skin disease. You are above oppressions of nightmares, you are above moving objects in your body, and deformities. Whatever does not look like God is not God’s agenda for you.

So, go forth and begin to manifest the supernatural, for it is your birthright!

Chapter THREE

The Stirring Rod For The Supernatural

With what then do I work the signs and the wonders? Now you know it is to be worked, not to be waited for; because if you wait you will waste. You don't wait for the supernatural; you work it! But, with what do I work this works?

Let me start with this illustration. There was a pool at the sheep market in Jerusalem, called the pool of Bethesda. By this pool lay all manner of sick people, waiting for the angel of the Lord that comes in there once in a while to stir the water for a miracle. And anyone that first steps into that water after the angel has stirred it is made whole (Jn. 5:1-4).

At new birth a well of water springing up unto eternal life came alive in you. You remember the story in John 4, of the woman that met Jesus at the Samaritan well. He said to her, I will give you this water and it will become in you a well of water springing up unto eternal life. You received that pool of water at new birth, but that pool of water is impotent until it is stirred.

It is after the stirring that the forces inside the water can come alive. An angel of the Lord always came into that place to stir the water. And what are angels? They are messengers of God for us. I also know from God's word that He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions (Ps. 107:20). So, when the word of God goes in to stir that pool of water that carries the virtues of eternal life, and you act according to the dictates of that word, you are made whole of every disease in your body.

The Word Of God

The word of God is God's messenger, just as His angels. Inside you is that pool of life; but that pool of life cannot produce without being stirred up. God's word is what God uses to stir up that water, to provoke the supernatural. So, when God's word comes, the miracle power inside that

water comes alive in you.

When God inaugurated the ministry of signs and wonders, He did that by the hand of His servant Moses. By a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with signs and wonders He brought Israel out of Egypt.

> And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.
>
> - Exodus 4:17

God placed the instrument for the working of miracles in the hands of Moses. But what is this rod?

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

> And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
>
> And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD…
>
> - Isaiah 11:1-3

This prophecy in Isaiah 11 is a messianic prophecy that points to the earthly ministry of Christ. It referred to Him as the rod. He was also the rock in the wilderness that gave them water for a refreshing. Jesus was the rod in the hand of Moses. What does this connote? Do I then go to a carpenter and ask that he makes me a rod?

> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
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> The same was in the beginning with God.
>
> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

> In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
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> And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
>
> - John 1:1-5

That rod is Christ in prophecy. It means He is the living word of God, the light emitting and the life-transforming word. In that word is light, and that light is the life of men. Inside that word is what gives life to dying men.

Going back to Exodus 4:17, we can therefore interpret it this way: "And thou shall take this word in thy hand wherewith thou shall do signs." So, we work the word to produce the wonders. It is the working of the word of God that produces the wonders you desire. It is the word of God in your hand that produces the wonders of your life. "And thou shall take this word in thy hand wherewith thou shall do signs."

In the first miracle that Jesus did, it was the rod He used. In John chapter 2, they wanted wine. Wine had finished at the wedding, and imminent shame was looming. But Mary said to them when they consulted her, "Whatever He tells you to do, do it." When you do what the rod commands, the miraculous is inevitable. When you do what the word commands, wonders are brought to bear on the situation. Whatever He tells you to do, do it.

Whatever He tells you to do, do it, because in the doing of the word lies the wonders that you desire. Whatever He tells you to do, do it; not religiously, but do it believing that faithful is He who has spoken it and who is up to performing it. Do it in faith! Whatever He tells you to do, do it!

There is nothing magical about the miraculous. Miracles are no accidents; they are the deliberate acts of God provoked by the desperate faith of men in the living word of God. When your faith comes alive on every scriptural demand, and you respond to them positively, you birth signs and wonders at will.

There is no "abracadabra" about the supernatural. The supernatural draws

essentially on your obedience of faith to the demands of scriptures. When you do whatever He tells you to do you have committed Him to perform His word; you commit Him to confirm His word. And signs and wonders are essentially divine confirmations of your obedience of faith to the word of God.

God was working with him, confirming the word with signs following (Mk. 16:20). That means when you put the word of God to work in faith, God is committed to confirming it, and His confirmation is what results in the release of signs and wonders.

What you do with the word of God is what determines the wonders you experience and command. Your obedience of faith to His word is what puts you in command of the supernatural. Paul said, "I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16).

Some of the things He tells you to do may not appeal to your common sense, but you can't operate in the supernatural with your common sense; you need supernatural sense to operate effectively in the supernatural. The Bible says a natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he know them, because they can only be discerned spiritually (1 Cor. 2:14). He may be an intellectual or even a professor of knowledge, but he can't comprehend the things of the Spirit with his natural mind. He has no capacity to grasp the reality of the truth. It can only be done with the help of the Spirit, for the Spirit of God searches all things, ye the deep, deep things of God.

The word of God is the rod for doing signs; it's the rod for doing the supernatural! When you work the word, you birth wonders. When the word becomes your way of life, you become a living wonder among men. Everything they tell you, you agree with them; that's why you become like what they say. Do you want to work in the realm of signs and wonders? Do you want to work the supernatural? Then heed Mary's advice: "Whatever He tells you to do, do it," no matter how unreasonable it may appear. This is the mystery behind operating in the supernatural.

There is obvious economic depression in this nation for instance, but why are we not affected? We disregarded it! The revelation of the word is more

important to us than the situation in town. Until you disregard what the devil is planning to place on your life, you may die a victim. That sickness is not in your body; the devil is only seeking to find out if there is vacancy. When an evil spirit comes to town he goes everywhere, seeking a place to rest. So when the doctor says you have cancer, they are only announcing to you cancer is looking for where to stay, are you available? Jesus said when an evil spirit is gone out of a man he goes through the desert places seeking a place of rest.

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

> Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.
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> - Matthew 12:43-44

Surely, there are many devils in town, devils of sickness and diseases, seeking a place of rest, seeking where to abide, seeking a place to stay, and the Bible says, "Give no place to the devil" (Eph. 4:27). It also says, resist the devil, and he will flee from you (Jms. 4:7). The Bible says you should resist him steadfastly in the faith (1 Pet. 5:9).

It is working the word that makes a believer a living wonder. Every discovery in the book that is mixed with faith in your heart becomes an instrument for signs and wonders. The word of God is God's instrument for the working of signs and wonders. Never mind the mockers; focus on the proofs, for only fools doubt proofs.

Faith In The Word

It is true that you are a member of God's supernatural family, and that you live in heavenly places. But to maximize your life in this new kingdom, faith is a principal requirement. Faith is a requirement for working the supernatural.

Faith is your license for living a profitable life. Everything about God and

heaven is supernatural. It's clear that God has designed that everything about you and I be supernatural too. But how do we actualize it?

The Bible says these signs shall follow them that believe. You cannot actualize the supernatural life style that God has ordained for you without faith. Faith is the only way to live in the reality of the supernatural world. How does faith get the job done?

The Bible says when faith is in place, the word of God is converted to the power of God.

> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth…
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> - Romans 1:16

It is faith in the word that converts it into power.

In the story of the woman with the issue of blood, when she touched Jesus' garment, He said somebody touched me, virtue is gone out of me (Lk. 8:40-48). At the end of all that transpired, Jesus said to her, "Thy faith has made thee whole." Through her faith in Jesus (the word), she tapped into virtue for her healing. When faith in the word of God comes alive in you, you tap into the virtue that the word carries, causing you to become what the word says.

We're also told that through faith they obtained a good report. So, faith is a means through which every evil report is converted to good report.

> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
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> For by it the elders obtained a good report.
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> - Hebrews 11:1-2

Every evil report is converted to a good report at the instance of faith. No matter the evil report you are faced with right now, faith in the word of God will convert it into a good report.

A young man named Michael came down from Germany. His doctor had given him only six more days to live because he had leukemia. He decided to take the risk to come down here to Nigeria. Unfortunately, I wasn't available until after the third day. By then he had only three more days to live. On that Sunday morning, he sat in our church service, where the word of God came alive in him. He met me at the end of that service, and I prayed with him and anointed him, and he returned back to Germany. He got back having just one more day to live, according to the medical prediction.

After the first week of arriving back in Germany, when his doctor saw him, he questioned, "Are you still alive?" The second week passed, the third and the fourth weeks also. All comprehensive tests carried out showed that leukemia was no longer traceable in his blood! Michael is still alive today. He and his family were all at Shiloh 2003, six months after his supernatural healing. Faith in the word of God converted the evil report he had been given to good report! Faith is God's grand design for maximizing your supernatural status in the kingdom. Faith is all it takes!

Another man from the United States of America heard on the internet that the following Sunday was our Covenant Day of Healing, and decided to travel down with his child who had an acute case of sickle cell anaemia. This child was on medication every two hours. As a result, both husband and wife could not afford to work at the same time. They took turns working, one must be in while the other is working, so they could dispense their child's medication. This man brought his child to our church in Lagos, and sat through a Sunday service. God's power came down via His word. At the end of the service, they met me and I prayed for the child, and they returned to New York. The child was set free from then. It was a terminal case, but Jesus cleaned him out through and through!

Every evil report is convertible via faith. How does faith get the work done? The Bible says in Ephesians 6:16:

> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

> That you are in heavenly places does not mean the devil will not attempt to attack you. Remember he fought in heaven, so he can fight anyone, anywhere (Rev. 12:7-11). But with the shield of faith (in God's word), you can quench all the fiery darts of the devil.

So faith delivers the promises, faith quenches all the fiery darts of the opposition, and faith converts every negative report into good reports. Faith converts the word of God into the power of God, and faith enables you and I to tap into the virtue that brings the word of God into effect in our lives. It takes faith to operate in the supernatural, which is your birthright as a covenant child of God.

The Bible says He came unto His own, and His own received Him not; but as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to as many as believe in His word (John 1:11-12). You are empowered to become what the word says through faith. Faith enables you to manifest your sonship in the midst of conflicts.

Be Grateful

Working the word is what makes a believer a living wonder. To operate in the supernatural, therefore, it pays to do all that the word says. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, the Bible says:

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

God is saying here, "If you want to see Me at work, then in everything give thanks." The Bible says this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Don't complain, don't murmur, don't explain; but in everything give thanks! Why? It is the will of God! And what does that do for you?

> For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

- Hebrews 10:36

When you give thanks in truth and in deed, you are doing the will of God concerning that situation, thereby moving God to confirm His word by a sign. It is then that you obtain the promise.

When faced with the challenge of feeding the multitude in the wilderness, Jesus had only five loaves and two fishes to work with. His disciples said, "What are these among so many?" But Jesus simply gave thanks and began distributing the meal. Because He had done the will of God, God opened the heavens, and there was more than enough food to feed five thousand men, minus the women and children!

Thanksgiving is a covenant switch for the miraculous. Thanksgiving turns God on, while ingratitude puts Him off. Do you want to walk in the supernatural, then make your choice! Thanksgiving turns God on, but murmuring and complaining puts Him off. And you know, whatever He tells you to do, do it! So, give thanks always!

It may not make sense, but do what the word says. When Jesus gave thanks, the heavens opened, the bread multiplied, the fish multiplied, and they had over and above what they needed. God is launching you into your seasons of over and above through the mystery of thanksgiving.

Jesus gave thanks at the tomb of Lazarus.

> …Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
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> And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.
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> … Lazarus, come forth.
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> - John 11:41-43

When thanksgiving becomes your way of life, you start causing waves in your journey on earth. The supernatural becomes your natural habitat. I

have said to God, “Even if You don’t answer prayers anymore, the ones You have answered before have made me indebted to You till I die.” As a result, I enjoy the supernatural. The moment you assume this position, God won’t wait for you to ask Him for anything, He just begins to act faster than you can ever imagine. God does not owe me anything; rather, it is me that owes Him everything. There is nothing He ought to have done that He has not done. Whatever He has not done, I am the one hindering Him from doing it.

The word (the stirring rod for the miraculous) says, “Whatever He tells you to do, do it.” It also says, “In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” It concludes by telling you that having done the will of God, you are entitled to the confirmation of the promise. So, signs and wonders are naturally triggered off by a lifestyle of gratitude. An attitude of gratitude creates the conducive atmosphere for the supernatural.

“Thou shall take this rod in thy hand wherewith thou shall do signs.” The word of God is the instrument for the working of miracles. Every discovery in the book (the Bible) that is mixed with faith in your heart becomes an instrument for signs and wonders in your life. It is the instrument for a life in the supernatural!

Chapter FOUR

The Name Of Jesus

The supernatural is the natural habitat of every born again child of God. It is your birthright if you are redeemed. The supernatural is the only Biblical factor that lends credibility to Christianity. Minus the supernatural, Christianity will be another heap of frustrated human religion. Christianity is the direct importation of the life of God into our human vessel, so we can operate in His class here on earth. And I believe God to place in your hand all it takes to flow naturally in the supernatural.

In this chapter, I want to discuss another key instrument for working the supernatural. It is the name of Jesus. While departing from the earth, Jesus said something in Mark 16:17-18:

> And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
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> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Jesus said the believer will do the supernatural in His name. "In my name…" Signs follow at the command of His name. His name is a divine signal for the provocation of signs and wonders on earth. His name is a carrier of signs, wonders, and miracles, just as mosquitoes carry malaria parasites. Every time the name of Jesus is invoked in faith, signs and wonders erupt on the earth.

Jesus was expatiating on the parable of the sower in Matthew chapter 13. He said that which fell on the good ground are those with a good and honest heart, who received the word and understood it. Therefore, they brought forth fruits, some a hundred fold, some sixty, and some others thirty fold. They all had a good heart and an honest heart. The only variable there was their understanding; and that was what determined the level to which they brought forth fruit.

It, therefore, means that every word from God delivers only to the level of your understanding. So when I say, "In the name of Jesus", it delivers according to the depth of my understanding of what that name carries. When I say, "In Jesus name" and a demon possessed person is loosed immediately, some others may have to say it five times, and it may still not produce. Why? Our understanding of what the name carries differs.

The truth produces to the level of your understanding. So, understanding is what determines the level to which the word of God delivers in a man's life. You may have a good and an honest heart, but understanding is the variable factor that makes some get a hundred fold response, and others thirty fold. Some others may not even get any result. So I pray God that the

spirit of wisdom and understanding will be poured out upon you in a way that you will never recover from, causing you to operate in the supernatural all the days of your life.

You can't miss your place on the earth if you know what the name of Jesus carries. You'll take command over the affairs of life. The name is our staff of authority in the kingdom. Just understanding what it carries makes it work. Believe in the power in the name, and it will work for you; you cheaply become a commander.

The name of Jesus is one of our greatest treasures in the Christian journey. In the school of faith, the name of Jesus remains a highly treasured asset.

What is in that name?

It Is Full Of Wonders

Jesus' birth was prophesied in Isaiah 9:6, and this was what was said about Him:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

> "His name shall be called Wonderful"! That means His name shall be full of wonders! Wonderful simply means to be full of wonder. The name of Jesus is not merely an identification; it is for the manifestation of the sons of God. That name is the mystery behind the manifestations of the sons of God!

"And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever." The name is not just a name for the identification of the Messiah; it is a name given for the manifestation of the

sons of God. There is something in that name, and I pray you see it.

It is impossible to function effectively in the supernatural without a full grasp of what the name of Jesus represents. I want your understanding to open up, as this is what makes Christianity different from all intellectual exercise in an attempt to mold man's destiny.

It Is A Gift

There is nothing God gives you that the enemy will not contend with. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 16:9:

> For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.
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> There are always adversaries contending the great doors God is opening for you. But I also heard the word of God say in Philippians 2:5-10:
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> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
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> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
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> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
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> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
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> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
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> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
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> He gave Him a name above every name that at the name of Jesus

> every knee must bow, of things on earth, of the battles fighting you from under the earth, and of the ones fighting you from the air. At the name of Jesus, every knee must bow!

The name of Jesus is a gift of the Father God to His Son, Jesus. The supremacy of that name is a gift. And we are told in Romans 11:29 that the gifts and callings of God are without repentance. That means whatever God has given, He has given. The gift of God upon Elisha was still functional even in his grave, how much more the gift of God upon the ever living Son of the most High, Jesus Christ the Righteous? The wonders in that name is a gift of the Father God to the Church, to operate in the supernatural.

God said to Abraham, your name will no longer be Abram, your name shall be called Abraham, for a father of nations have I made you. So, whatever God calls a thing or person answers to the name it is called. So, when the Holy Ghost said His name shall be called Wonderful, that means His name shall be full of wonders. It is the gift of God upon His Son, and forever that gift is in place.

So when you call that name, call it with the understanding that it is the irrevocable gift of God to you, and the power and supremacy in that name shall come to bear on the situation. When you say, "In the name of Jesus", you are invoking the integrity of the giver - God. Every time you say, "In Jesus name", you are saying to the Father, "Prove that this name is Your gift, and that it is without repentance; that what this name is loaded with by Your gifting, this name still carries." "This signs shall follow them that believe, in my name that is full of wonders, they shall be commanding signs." From henceforth, whenever you invoke that name, heaven will respond.

God has placed that staff of authority in your hand. The same way the Father gave Jesus that name, has He given you and me the name. He said, "This sign shall follow them that believe, in my name… I'm giving you my name so as to make you a commander of signs."

While on a crusade in 1990, robbers invaded the hotel we were staying in the night. I was already in my Pyjamas when I heard the noise outside. I came out and saw three hefty gun-carrying men. With my hands on my

waist, I said, “In the name of Jesus…” and they fled! Three hefty men fleeing before a man just waking from sleep, because of the power in the name of Jesus! You have been given that name. Begin to use it with the full understanding of what it carries, and there will be no more molestation on your way, in Jesus’ name.

Some robbers invaded a home in Lagos, where they were playing one of our teaching tapes in which I was teaching. The robbers had raided the other flats in the building, and had brought all they had carted away down to this flat. But the head of the gang was arrested by my message on the tape. He removed his mask, and asked the people he had earlier told to lie down, “Can I have that tape?” He collected the tape and told the other robbers not to take anything from the flat. As if that was not enough, the following day, the head of the robbery gang came back as a normal human being and introduced himself, saying, “I am the head of last night’s robbery gang; can I have more of the tapes?”

That is power! It’s the supernatural at work! The gang leader asked, “Who is speaking?” and they said, “Bishop Oyedepo.” Then he said, “Can I have the tape?” The ordinary name of an ordinary boy like me could arrest robbers, can you then imagine the mention of the name of the Almighty – Jesus - the name that is above all names! No more molestation for you. Anyone that dares you from today goes down for your sake, in the name of Jesus Christ!

The supernatural answers to the power and authority the name carries.

A Strong Tower

> The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
>
> - Proverbs 18:10

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; you can take cover in it. When the arrows of the enemy are coming, you can take cover in the name. You

simply say, “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth”, and you are safe.

Once I was traveling with my wife, and our vehicle was involved in an accident that was intended to be fatal. It was like the forces of darkness were hovering around us. When our driver hit whatever object he hit, and I said, “In the name of Jesus.” I said it just once. My wife said, “In Jesus name, in Jesus name.” I turned to her and said humorously, “Once is enough.” When I mention the name once, it answers to me instantly.

As soon as I declared, “In Jesus name”, I knew that the end had been decided, that the vehicle was not going to crash, that I would not have a scratch on my body or on the body of anyone that was traveling with me. While the accident was still in progress, I said to my wife, “We will not hit that concrete pavement.” And just about six inches to the pavement, the car stopped. I decree peace to every storm that has been raging in your life, family, business, and mind, in Jesus’ name.

Whatever has a name has no choice but bows to the name of Jesus. Therefore, whatever has a name and is upsetting your life, I command it to bow, in the name of Jesus!

It Is Anointed

Christ is called the anointed One. The name Christ means the anointed One. So when you say, “In the name of Jesus”, you are invoking the anointing upon the anointed One into operation. When you say, “In Jesus name”, you are in other words saying, “My anointing may not be able to carry this, but I invoke the anointing upon the anointed One into this situation by invoking His name.”

> Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.
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> - Songs Of Solomon 1:3

The name of the Bridegroom is as the ointment poured forth, therefore do

the virgins love thee. Every time you invoke the name of Jesus in faith, you are bringing the anointing of the anointed One to bear on the situation. And you know that God gave Him the Holy Ghost without measure. So, when you use that name, you are operating under an immeasurable anointing. Your cup overflows as you engage the name in battle. The anointing on Christ comes on the scene, because His name is like pouring out the anointing that is upon Him. His name is as ointment poured forth.

> For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:
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> That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.
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> - John 5:22-23

That means only what will refuse God, will refuse the name of Jesus when you call it. Whatever cannot resist God cannot resist the name of Jesus. It was the name that brought Goliath down. David said, "You come to me with a spear and a sword, but I come to you in the name of the Lord God of Host." I want you to use the name of Jesus against whatever represents a Goliath in your life. You will say, "I come against you Goliath in the name of Jesus Christ. Today I'm bringing down your head for the fowls of the air. I'm getting free from every entanglement and embarrassment, in the name of Jesus!"

So, the name of Jesus is not a mere conjunction in prayer; it is a rod of authority in the school of signs and wonders. It is your staff of authority. So, when you to pray, you breathe faith in, and bring the worth of that name to bear on the situation. When you invoke the name, the gift of God that challenges the integrity of the giver goes into action, and God cannot deny Himself. Also, the anointing of Christ the anointed One is on it, so whatever cannot withstand Him, cannot stand the authority in His name. You then see yourself as Christ standing in human form, and you see Christ reaching out through you to bring out the captives. You breathe faith in, and breathe the name out. "In the name of Jesus!" With that depth of understanding, signs and wonders erupt, oppositions fall apart, and liberty

and freedom is established. I decree that this staff of authority will never drop off your hands again.

In Acts chapter 3, we see Peter use that name to heal a lame man.

> Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
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> And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.
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> And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.
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> And all the people saw him walking and praising God:
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> - Acts 3:6-9

Peter said, "Such as I have", not "Such as I know." The use of the name of Jesus is your privileged right as a child of God. It is your covenant inheritance. You have His mandate to use His name, because you are a believer. "Such as I have!" Walking, and leaping, the lame man entered the temple, praising God. And when they challenged Peter and John, asking, "What is this that you have done?" Peter said it is the name at work! That will be your testimony from now on.

He said it is the name at work. We didn't work it; the name did. "And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all" (Acts 3:16). Hear what Peter also said in Acts 4:9-10:

> If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;
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> Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom

> God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Peter said, “We want you to know that the name made it to happen. Faith in the name is the mystery behind this miracle.” The name took control of the early Church; the name is regaining control now. The council met and said you must not teach or speak in this name again. The name was a problem to the kingdom of darkness.

Thank God for the freedom of worship we have today, so use the name. Use it every day; use it everywhere. Use it against every opposition, and people will begin to see what the name is working in your life. Every time you are in a vehicle, and it is trying to misbehave, heading for an accident, put it back on course with the name. “In the name of Jesus, peace be still.” Every time sickness threatens your home, arrest it with the name, because whatever has a name answers to the name of Jesus.

The name is a wonder working force. That name is full of wonders. And when the name is invoked in faith, wonders flow like a river. Thank Him for the gift of the name. “Lord, thank You for the gift of Your name. Thank You for the staff of authority You have placed in my hand.”

Chapter FIVE

Return To Your Supernatural Roots!

I’d like you to know that living a supernatural life is the only way to recapture the glory that was lost in the first Adam. Adam was a supernatural being in the garden until sin came, and he descended to the natural realm. But the glory of God is only guaranteed in the supernatural.

When Jesus was coming into the world, the Bible said concerning Him in prophecy:

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

> Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.
>
> - Isaiah 7:14-15

Jesus was born a sign. Among the signs that was listed that He would manifest is that butter and honey shall He eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. That means He will not suffer any lack; He will be in command. And hear what Jesus said about you: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (Jn. 20:21).

Friend, you are here as a sign! You are in this world as a sign. New birth qualifies you as a sign. You are a sign to your world. That means you are not designed to live a natural life. The ministry I am privileged to run is not a natural ministry, and everybody knows it, as it is not operating in the natural sphere.

The Church of Christ is a supernatural body of believers. When you become conscious of your supernatural status, you gain command of the affairs of life, and you enjoy God's glory. "The Lord Himself shall give you a sign." You are given as a sign to your world; therefore, things must not happen to you the same way it happens to natural men.

Know Who You Are!

Your consciousness of who you are – a supernatural being - is what puts you in command of situations and circumstances around you. You are no longer just a human being after you got born again; you have become a spirit being inside a human vehicle, for that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Just as Adam still had a body before the fall, as it was his spirit which died that brought him down to the natural realm, so you have a body like

Adam's before the fall; but inside you now is a living spirit, which is what makes you a supernatural being. But because we live in a natural environment, most of us have lost the consciousness of our true status, which is the supernatural. But it's time to return to our supernatural status in Christ! It's time to recapture our lost glory of the supernatural, so we can regain command in all areas we had lost it.

> They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
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> I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.
>
> But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.
>
> - Psalm 82:5-7

Why would they die like men and fall like one of the princes? Because they know not, neither do they understand who they are, so they lose control and suffer what natural men suffer. But no more, because you are returning to your supernatural roots!

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world" (Jn. 8:23). He had a supernatural mentality, He was conscious of His source. He said, "I am from above, you are from beneath, that's why I am different. I know where I come from; I am not in doubt of my roots. I know I am connected to the Source above, that's why My life on earth isn't like yours."

I'd like you to understand that you are from above on a mission here below, therefore, you have the immunity of the place you come from, just as ambassadors do. You are not like everybody here on earth; there is something unique about you. That is why the Bible says you are a peculiar people, you are a royal priesthood, and you are a holy nation. You have been chosen to show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. New birth qualifies you to live a marvelous life, a live that makes men marvel at you.

Do you want to start living that marvelous life? Then get back to your supernatural roots! You have been set apart to live a marvelous life, don't disappoint destiny. You are to show forth God's praises; that is, people will praise Him as they see you, because of the marvels around you, just as it happened to the sister in this testimony.

> *"I am from Living Faith Church, Ado-Ekiti. I am a businesswoman; I sell gari (cassava meal). Last Friday, I traveled to Oyo State from Ado Ekiti to buy gari as usual. I sat in the front seat with the driver, who had initially objected to my sitting there. He had ordered me to the back seat, but I refused, telling him that my God is not a backbencher.*
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> *On getting to a town called Fiditi, the brake of our vehicle failed. I was fast asleep then. The vehicle kept swerving on the road, in the driver's bid to gain control. The panic from other passengers was what woke me up. In fact, one of them tugged at me, wondering how I could still be asleep in such a situation.*
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> *There were two trailers behind us and two others in front. There was no way of escape; every passenger in the vehicle was in panic. I woke up and declared that the God I am serving has never failed me, and will not fail me now. I had my mantle (prayer cloth) from Shiloh 2002. I told God to prove Himself as He did for me before at Ekiti, when He delivered me from an accident. I struck the steering wheel, the gear and driver with the mantle, and declared that the vehicle should stop, and it stopped at gear two. The power of God upon the mantle stopped the vehicle.*
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> *The people were amazed at what had happened. They began looking at me with awe, supposing that I had strange powers. They wanted to know how I got the power to do that, and I told them I was a member of the Winners Chapel. They all immediately said, 'Bishop Oyedepo, no wonder.'"*

She knew who she has been made, she knew her God, and therefore took

charge. I see every pity around you converted to marvels, in Jesus name.

You are a peculiar people! I want you to know how peculiar you are, because your understanding of your peculiarity is what enhances your command of the supernatural. You have been chosen to show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. You know life and light are interchangeably used in the New Testament. "In Him was life, and that life is the light of men, and that light shines in darkness and darkness comprehended it not" (Jn. 1:4-5). So, you have been chosen to live a marvelous life. Therefore, every ridicule in your life is converted to marvels, and every pity to envy, in Jesus' name.

The Bible says, "They know not, neither will they understand. I have said ye are not like other men; ye are gods in the likeness of men." God is a Spirit. The Bible also says in John 3:6,8: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." If God is a Spirit and you are a spirit also, then it means new birth brings you into God's realm!

You cannot command His glory of the supernatural as a natural being. Rather, your understanding and consciousness of your supernatural status is what puts you in command of His glory. I don't have a natural perspective to issues. I am too conscious of my supernatural status in Christ. My understanding, mentality, and reasoning is clothe in the supernatural.

Unfortunately, because we live in the natural system, we have lost our supernatural identity unconsciously. Even when we are told who we are, we see it as one of those religious talks and thoughts. We wonder, "How true can that be?" But if you walk through Canaan Land (our church property), you will see how true it is. Management of top banks in Nigeria have come to the Covenant University and are amazed at how such a place can be built debt-free, and especially within such a short time. That can only be the supernatural! Our resources are supernaturally supplied, because no one in our church is levied, nor do we complain about finances. It just keeps coming because of the supernatural perspective that we engage! We are addicted to the reality of supernatural supplies, so it

answers.

It's time to return! You have been expecting the move of God through a natural channel, that's why you are stranded, that's why you are not operating in the supernatural!

God is a Spirit, and I am a spirit too, so Satan keep quiet! Satan shut up, and get lost! I am from above, I am not guessing it. I am not only from above, I'm also seated in heavenly places, far above where you can function. I am not in your realm, so you can't harass me. You need this mentality to be in command of the supernatural.

One major reason we are not operating in the supernatural is because we have limited it to our understanding of only what God can do. But that's not the whole truth. Your understanding of what God has done in you to make you peculiar, to make you supernatural is actually what puts you in command of the supernatural, because command requires inner strength and confidence in who you are in Him, not just in who God is.

Your consciousness of who you are in Him is what actually determines what you can handle. Your knowledge of who you are in Him is what determines how much command over affairs on earth you will have, because being in command demands that you be strong and of a good courage. That is the only way you can possess every inch of the ground where the sole of your feet has trodden, for it is those who do know their God, who know who their God is and what their God has made of them, that shall be strong and shall do exploits.

We have come to stay with only what God can do, that's why many things remain undone! Is it not to you He said, "If you shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed…?" He expects you to say it, not Him! But what will make you speak to the mountain is the consciousness of who you are; that is what strengthens you to speak to the mountain.

Listen, you are no more an ordinary being! New birth has turned you into an extraordinary being, and that extraordinary status is simply defined in supernatural terms. You are a supernatural being packaged to live a supernatural life that stirs up marvels among men! So stop expecting

natural sequence in your pursuit! I see you breaking forth on the right and on the left. I see every limitation taken off your life. I see you walking in a completely new realm from henceforth!

Only Believe!

Jesus said, “These signs shall follow them that believe, in my name...” So, faith is what puts you in command of the supernatural. Jesus also said, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” That means whatever is written in the Bible is possible in your life, if you can only believe!

But how shall they believe on Him whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and who shall preach except he be sent? I’m glad to let you know that I’m one of those sent. I’m sent to open up the destinies of the sons of men, to help them appreciate what Christ has wrought to make them live a marvelous life. That is why I have written this book.

In Mark 9:23, Jesus said all things are possible to him that believeth. In Mark 10:27, He also said: “With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.” What does this mean? It means that faith in the word of God brings you into the same realm with God!

“With men it is impossible.” This means you are no longer classified as men when you are operating in this supernatural faith. “If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” It means faith takes you off the natural realm into the supernatural realm. When faith is at work in you, you no longer operate within the natural limits; you operate in the supernatural realm, where you are in command.

You are on this earth as a sign. New birth makes you a spirit because God is also a Spirit. You can now operate in the same realm as God (the supernatural) by reason of what He has done for you through Jesus. You have been positioned here on earth as a supernatural being to take charge, and to enjoy God’s glory. You are from above. You are created for signs

and wonders, not for pity and regrets. So, know it, understand it, and walk in the consciousness of this truth, and you will be in command perpetually.