

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, September 3, 2018
A Supernatural Church
8: Supernatural, Inspired Prayer

TEXT: Ephesians 3:10 NLT God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Psalm 103:7 / Colossians 4:2

Contend for the supernatural: raise up and release a supernatural people, the supernatural church God intends us to be. So far: God wants to use the Church, and He has created us to be connected in order to fulfill our purpose. The supernatural church is an "us" thing, not a "me" thing. We moved past the gateway of being filled with the Spirit. A supernatural church does church supernaturally!

Church has 5 basic functions: Worship - Pray – Make Disciples - Fellowship – Do Ministry (service). How do we do them supernaturally? We are discussing supernatural prayer. We looked at praying like Elijah, and praying in tongues. Now we move a little deeper.

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We need to understand the ways of the Lord in order to enjoy the fullness of His works and make those works available to many. He is looking for yielded vessels through whom He can influence lives.

- 1) Inspiration, not recitation.
 - a) Much of our prayer is simply repeating what we heard someone else do. We need to learn to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Matt.6:7
 - b) I Cor 5:5- These people had something we have lost. They had to meet together and get in agreement in order to let the devil attack one of them. What does this imply about their prayer life? Note Acts 12
 - c) Colossians 4:2 What is "watch" in prayer? Watch what? There is a prayer which enables us to perceive the Spirit realm.
 - d) Ezekiel 22:24-31 God actively searches for people to pray when crisis arises. Learn to listen for the call.
 - e) How do we get from here to there?
- 2) Prompted to pray
 - a) Through the command of His Word: I Tim 2:1-5 / Col. 4:2-4.
 - b) Through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Romans 8: 26--the Holy Spirit can alert us. We must be **sensitive to the subtleties**

of the Spirit. If you believe the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then be **sensitive to what goes on inside you.** We are often so self-centered that we assume there is something wrong in our own lives when it is probably the Holy Ghost trying to get us to pray.

- i) Burdens:
 - (1) Rom. 9:1-2 Paul had a heaviness in his heart concerning the Jews
 - (2) The Word of the Lord to the prophets was often referred to as a burden of the Lord Ex. Zech 9:1
 - ii) Compassion: Matt. 9:35-36 Jesus experienced a supernatural love for the lost sheep of Israel, and commanded His disciples to pray. Who moves you to compassion?
 - iii) An uneasiness or "fear" in the spirit. II Cor. 11:1-3; 12:20 Don't ignore that sense of uneasiness. Pray it through.
 - iv) Acts 17:16- A stirring in the spirit when confronted with evil. This may be a call from the Lord to pray, not gripe.
- c) Be prepared to speak what the Spirit gives you. Prophecy to those bones. Ezekiel 37:4-7
- 3) Dial it up through Symphonic Prayer
 - a) Acts 4:31-33 Earth-shaking power and powerful witness
 - b) The principle in scripture is not addition, it is multiplication. There is multiplied power in corporate prayer. Deut. 32:30
 - c) Matt 18:19 2 are more powerful than one.
 - i) *Sumphoneo*- agree. to be harmonious, sound together
 - ii) The power comes when we are all in harmony. We can pray symphonically only when we begin to follow the Conductor
 - iii) The symphony is heard by the ear of the Hearer who hears equally from all places at once. If we are obedient to the Conductor and play the notes in our heart at the right time, the symphony He hears will be marvelous.

"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance.
It is far deeper than that –
it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth."
Charles Spurgeon