



## **The Norms and Exceptions in Supernatural Ministry** **Sunday November 25, 2007**

We desire to be a supernatural church – **a church where the power of God in manifestation is the norm and where every believer is manifesting the glory of God.** I want to see a church where the supernatural power of God is not only manifested in our services when we gather together but **where supernatural signs and wonders accompany every believer every day of the week, every where** – at home, at school, at college, in the work-place, on the sports field, in malls, in restaurants – and every where else we go!

### Review

Preparing for the supernatural  
Manifesting His glory  
Mandate for Miracles

## **The Norms and Exceptions in Supernatural Ministry**

Psalm 103:7 God makes His ways known to us.

The Norms teach us how God normally works and what He has taught us to pursue

We must learn the normal way by which God works, develop ourselves in it and grow to see more of God working through the ways in which He said He works.

However we must be careful not to allow the norm to **limit** us and restrict us from allowing God to work beyond what we do know.

We work with what we do know. However, we must always keep in mind, that God is bigger than our understanding and bigger than our present knowledge of Him and bigger than all our cumulative knowledge – so there will always be situations where God surprises us! We call these Exceptions! Each miracle can teach us something more about God and the ways in which He works.

The Exceptions tell us that God is bigger than the Norm.

However we must not allow the Exceptions to cause us to become spiritually lazy and just wait for things to happen.

Matthew 11:12

Matthew 9:17 new wine is put in new bottles.

Don't lower God's Word to the level of our experience. Let's set the same standard set for us in the Word and let people's experience rise to the level of the Word.

### Five Areas

1. The exercise of faith
2. The flow of compassion



3. The anointing of the Holy Spirit
4. The consecrated vessel
5. Dealing with sin in the recipient

### **1. THE EXERCISE OF FAITH**

Faith and compassion are possibly the two most important principles in supernatural ministry.

Where there is more faith, there is more healings and miracles.

When people came to Jesus in faith they received their miracle (e.g. were healed)  
Jesus required faith in those who came to him

- Matthew 8:10 The Roman Centurion (Luke 7:9)
- Matthew 9:2 The paralytic (Mark 2:5, Luke 5:20)
- Matthew 9:22 The woman with an issue of blood (Mark 5:34, Luke 8:48)
- Matthew 9:29 Two blind men
- Matthew 15:28 The woman from Canaan
- Matthew 17:20 The demon possessed boy
- Mark 10:46-52 Blind Bartimaeus (Luke 18:42)
- Luke 17:19 One of the 10 lepers

Jesus directed people to act their faith.

Unbelief stopped the flow of God's power  
Matthew 13:58 / Mark 6:5,6     Matthew 17:20

#### Exceptions:

- The man at the pool of Bethesda John 5:5-9
- The man with a demon possessed boy Mark 9:17-29
- There are times when God moves supernaturally through the gifts of healings or the workings of miracles where either the recipient or the minister or some times both, are not in any great level of faith.

#### Application:

- We minister and receive healing with faith in our hearts Acts 3:16
- We must develop faith through a disciplined diet of the Word of God Romans 10:17
- However, remember there are times when all you have is a mustard seed size of faith (or sometimes very little faith). Start with that and God will honor that faith.

### **2. THE FLOW OF COMPASSION**

Matthew 9:36 compassion on the multitudes  
Matthew 14:14 Healed people out of compassion  
Matthew 15:32 Mark 8:2 The feeding of the multitudes  
Matthew 20:34 Blind men  
Mark 1:41 The Leper  
Mark 5:19 The demoniac who was delivered  
Mark 6:34 Taught the people out of compassion  
Mark 9:22 The demon possessed boy  
Luke 7:13 The widow at Nain  
John 11:33-36 Jesus was emotionally charged standing before Lazarus' tomb



The greater the compassion we have for people in need, the deeper we can reach down into our spirit to draw out of the power of God to minister to the individual(s).

We must learn to be constantly moved and motivated by compassion.

Compassion is more than a feeling of empathy. Compassion leads us to action. It is compassion that will lead you to fast and pray for a stranger. It is compassion that will lead to spend hours in prayer to see God's power released. It is compassion that will lead you to press in, until the miracle is done.

We must increase in compassion.

There is emotional suffering involved in the healing/miracle ministry.

Exceptions:

- There will be times when you as a minister have no deep feeling of compassion – and yet God because He is compassionate – uses you to bring healing to some one.
- So do not let the lack of feeling of compassion hold you back from ministering
- Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus and His disciples did not appear very compassionate here, and yet this woman received healing for her daughter.
- Matthew 21:12-14 Jesus had just demonstrated righteous anger. And immediately after that we see Him healing people!

Application:

- We must increase in compassion.
- We must be willing to endure emotional suffering on behalf of those in need.
- There will be times when you as a minister have no deep feeling of compassion – and yet God because He is compassionate – uses you to bring healing to some one.
- So do not let the lack of feeling of compassion hold you back from ministering

### **3. THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Jesus ministered by the power of the Holy Spirit Luke 4:14,17-18,36 Acts 10:38

The power of the Holy Spirit flowed through Him Mark 5: 30 Luke 6:19, 8:46

The power of the Holy Spirit enveloped the meeting place Luke 5:17

Exceptions:

There are times God can and will use people whom we may not consider as "anointed" as channels of His healing power.

Application:

The anointed person : God anoints people to bring healing to the sick and oppressed. We need to pray for more power, more compassion and more humility. We must come into a place of greater anointing so that we can see greater healings and deliverances. "God, I need more anointing." Would you be willing to pay the price and bear the stigma of what it would cost to have more of the anointing?



Feeling the anointing : There are times when we can have a tangible feeling of the anointing and there are times we don't feel anything. Whether there is feeling or no feeling, we minister by faith.

#### **4. THE CONSECRATED VESSEL**

Jesus was totally consecrated to the Father Hebrews 1:8,9

God wants us to walk even as He walked 1 John 2:6

God desires consecrated vessels 2 Timothy 2:19-21

Every purging/cleansing/consecration you go through will lead you to greater anointing resulting in greater fruitfulness John 15:2

##### Exceptions

There are times when God uses some one whom we may not consider very consecrated. There are times when some one has previously walked in power, but may presently be living in sin, and yet God uses them, because the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable Romans 11:29

##### Application

- We must constant pursue increasing levels of cleansing (purging) and consecration so that we can continually move to new levels of anointing resulting in greater fruitfulness.
- However, do not let the current level you are at, make you feel unworthy to be used by God.

#### **5. DEALING WITH SIN IN THE RECIPIENT**

The crippled man Mark 2:1-12

The sin of unbelief Mark 6:5,6

##### Exception:

- We should not attribute every sickness to some sin The blind man John 9:1-7
- There are times when God heals even before sin has been dealt with. The man beside the pool of Bethesda John 5:1-14

##### Application:

- Whenever possible, as Jesus did, deal with the sin first, but don't make it mandatory.
- If God heals before the sin has been dealt with, warn the person to stay away from sin as Jesus did.



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