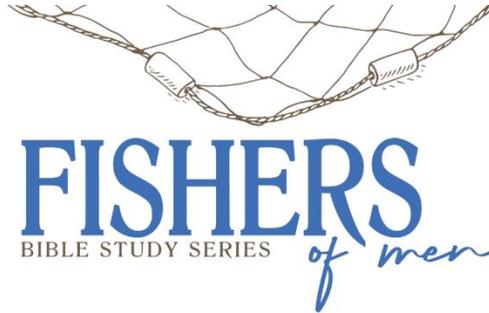


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The Supernatural

Luke 5:1 *And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,*

The beauty of Gennesaret

“It is the Gate of Paradise.” Josephus says, “It is a district where Nature seems to have constrained herself to create an eternal spring, and to gather into one spot the products of every one.” To the present day the date-palm, citrons, pomegranate, indigo, rice, sugar-cane, grow there; cotton, balsams, vines, thrive; the purple grapes are as big as plums, and the bunches weigh twelve pounds. Here also the fig-tree yields her fruit throughout the year, ripening every month. (S. Baring-Gould, M. A.)

Along its banks a wondrous vegetation spread, and full of especially beautiful birds and flowers and fruits. What a scene it must have presented--fishermen by hundreds on the Lake; in hamlets around the numerous shipbuilders; There was no other spot which would so instantly have been a conductor to the words of our Lord. There is a Divine providence in even the very spot itself. (E. Paxton Hood.)

In this setting of natural beauty and workmanship of God, Jesus displayed the beauty of the supernatural power of God.

The beauty and attractiveness of the Supernatural

God’s love poured out upon the one called and the intended harvest through the supernatural.

- The tired are given rest.
- The thirsty/hungry are filled.
- Captives set free.
- Those that toiled found fulfillment.

The calling/consecration of these men to their purpose is an extraordinary supernatural work of God’s Spirit.

The world will never believe in a religion in which there is no power. (Samuel Chadwick)

Three things demonstrated the growth of their ministry:

1. It is marked by progressive growth
Jesus sent out His disciples to grow
2. It is marked by progressive growth/effectiveness
Matthew 17:21 *Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*
3. It is marked by undeterred determination when facing resistance

The Drought of the Deep

The nets have been washed, the preparation for the next night of toil has been completed. Perhaps the next night of toil would be prosperous. What would keep us from just another night of toil?

The difference is that the vessel now belongs to the command of the Master. Not just to the preparations of the flesh or wisdom of man. The vessel belongs to the supernatural command to seek the realm of harvest from the deep.

Our calling is not a shallow form of empowerment.

Naturally a man will take his works to darkness and there find justification through deception. It takes the supernatural to discover deep things out of the darkness.

Daniel 2:22 *He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.*

Job 12:22 *He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.*

He discovereth deep thirsts out of darkness - That is, God discloses truths which are wholly beyond the power of man to discover - truths that seem to be hidden in profound night.
(Albert Barnes)

Hidden things are brought to light in a man/woman that could not be seen without the supernatural working of God.

There is a deep hunger and thirst in the soul of a man.

Isaiah 29:15 *Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?*

Supernatural Deliverance/Transformation

Forget not the miraculous deliverance of the Red Sea parting

I Corinthians 10:1 *Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;*

Water/Spirit baptism supernaturally separates from sin and bondage

I Corinthians 10:2 *And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;*

Spiritual hunger satisfied supernaturally by the Word of Christ

I Corinthians 10:3 *And did all eat the same spiritual meat;*
Matthew 6:11 *Give us this day our daily bread.*

Spiritual thirst satisfied supernaturally by the Spirit of Christ

I Corinthians 10:4 *And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*

The Supernatural produces transformation not available through the flesh

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

John 1:4 *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh was spiritual/supernatural life and spiritual/supernatural light.

John 1:5 *And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

John 1:9 *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

This is the true light that pierces the darkness.

John 1:11 *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

Those that receive the Word, which is the light of all men, have the power of supernatural transformation.

- Out of the depths of darkness they receive power to become the sons of God.
- The initial evidence is speaking in other tongues.
- The transformational evidence is the fruit of the Spirit.

They demonstrated a life transformed by the Supernatural power of God.

Fruit is a natural product of the transformation. It happens by flow from the transformation that has taken place.

Galatians 5:16 *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

Galatians 5:17 *For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

Galatians 5:18 *But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

Galatians 5:19 *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*

Galatians 5:20 *Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*

Galatians 5:21 *Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

We need complete supernatural transformation from works of the flesh to fruit of the spirit.

The men with God's 'go' in them have these three characteristics—a saving experience, the evidence of supernatural power at work, and the spiritual efficacy of success in prayer. (Oswald Chambers)

The Abandonment of All to Follow

Luke 5:11 *And when they had brought their ships to land, **they forsook all, and followed him.***

The astonishment at the supernatural work which was from Christ alone is enough to abandon all else.

Luke 5:8 *When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.*

Luke 5:9 *For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:*

If you will abandon all to receive Him, there is a power.

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