

Embracing the Supernatural

CONSECRATION 2015

I saw something interesting one morning as I was driving to the office. I was in the right lane driving at about the posted speed limit and there was another car who was in front of me in the left lane going a little bit slower. Another car came up from behind me on the left and quickly was up on the car that was going much slower. He could not pass the car because of me, so he got really close behind him as if he or she was saying, Move over! The problem was that the car in front of him refused to move. Within a few seconds we were all passing 2 patrolmen! So the guy that was really in a hurry began to slow down and hit his breaks in a hurry. From my perspective, the one that was driving slower saved the impatient one from getting a ticket because he forced him to slow down.



Sometimes that is what the Holy Spirit does with us. He will get in front of us and force us to slow down even though we don't want to and may not like it. After a period of time goes by, we can see that He saved us from a disaster by causing us to move slower than we wanted to.

Sometimes, it is difficult to follow especially when we think that we know where we are supposed to be or what we are supposed to do. When we think that we know what is best for us, there is usually no convincing us that we should not go down that path at the pace that we think we should go. We, too, get impatient like the car on the

highway if we don't get instructions when we want or think we need them.

In my years of following God, I have learned that He does not always give instructions when I want them and how I want them.

Like it was with Elijah, he had to wait for the still small voice. God told us in the Word to "be still and know that I am God". There are times when He will speak to us in the stillness of the moment and we have to wait on Him. You cannot rush it up. He refuses to be rushed.

I trust that you will learn something during this time of consecration that will last you the rest of your life. There are times when you have to be still and quiet in order to hear the instructions that God is giving you.

When I am doing that which pleases the flesh, it is easy to mistake it for God's instructions. It seems very much like God wants me to do it. I have seen a lot of well-meaning Christians who were misled by the flesh when they thought they were being led by the Spirit.

There is an unholy trio that will always agree: the flesh, the world, and the devil. The carnal mind is the offspring of the devil. It was birthed when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. This is one of the reasons why God says that the carnal mind is not subject to what He has established and it cannot be.

WEEK 3 PRAYER OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Pray for the salvation of loved ones and people coming to know Christ.
- ▶ Pray for the church to grow up, to mature and to walk in love.
- ▶ Pray that God will grant a greater understanding of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Pray for a renewed mind.
- ▶ Pray for the restoration of the children that we have lost to the world.

We are adding pork to the list of items that we are refraining from eating during our evening meal after 6PM. For some of you, you should not be eating it anyway due to your health. It is not true that a little bit won't hurt you. If you are taking prescription medication, continue to do so. When God heals you, both you and your doctor will know that. Until then, take your medications.

For those of you who are married, don't forget what the Bible says about fasting: "Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency" (1 Cor 7:5). Let the weekends be a time for coming together.

If you like, you may have 16 ounces of 100% fruit juice or 100% vegetable juice at your lunch hour.

For those of you who can, please meet me in prayer on our regular prayer night at 7PM and during our special time of prayer during January on Fridays at 7:30 PM.



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