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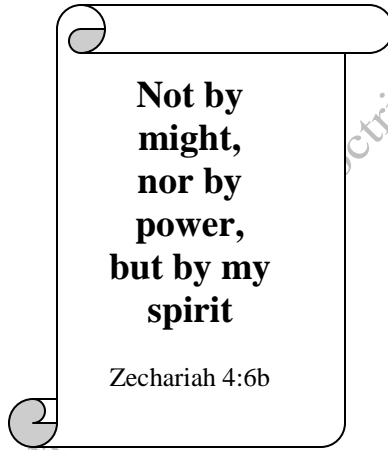
“Minister Joan-Lisa Shinault has written a compelling book on faith and living supernaturally in a scripturally sound manner. Her transparency through her own personal testimony is both inspiring and instructional. This book is a must read for anyone who really wants to be used by God in these last days.” - Evangelist Lori G. Billingsley, First Lady, Worship Center International Church, Tucker GA

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Why Supernatural Living Today?

Why Supernatural Living Today? Well, quite frankly much of this book was developed through personal experience, testimony, and the application of the Word of God in my life, whereby God had to chastise me and open my eyes to gain a better understanding of this way of living. Therefore, the book is part and parcel of a personal testimony and teaching from the Word of God.

The experience was so personal and painful, yet it was purposeful for my life. When it happened, God let me know that it was something to be shared with other Christians, as we are living in the last days before Christ's return and have much work to do. Much of that work will only be accomplished by means of supernatural living. It was the Word of God that illuminated my experience and secured me in the understanding of what God wants to do on the earth through His people by way of this lifestyle. In the book of Romans, the Apostle Paul writes to the Christian believers at Rome in an epistle and states the following:

“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.” (v.18, 19)

In these last days, God’s intention is for His children to make a mark on the earth. As His offspring, we must walk in the attributes of our heavenly Father as He intended. God is a Spirit. The Bible declares “God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). As God’s offspring, we are made in the image and likeness of God, and we must realize that we are spirit *first*. Thus, it is the fact that we are spirit which becomes the bedrock for supernatural living.

I promise you this will not be an ordinary reading experience. Get ready as God takes you on a journey with me as your tour guide to uncover the truth of His Word and His way regarding, “*Supernatural Living Today!*”

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Introduction

Supernatural Living Today!

“Supernatural Living” is a lifestyle. It must be grasped with your spirit. It is birthed out of the heart and mind of God. It also is a lifestyle that must be developed, not to get stuff from God but to advance His kingdom and purposes on the earth.

As the Church, the Body of Christ, the Ecclesia, those who are born again and blood-washed, we have an awesome responsibility to fulfill on earth before the eminent return of Jesus Christ. Many of the things that must be fulfilled on the earth today will only come by way of supernatural living. Father God, who created us, sent Jesus Christ to redeem us and Jesus left the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to guide us. He has been called alongside us to help us; this **total dependence upon the Holy Spirit** should be taught from our infancy in Christ.

In most cases however, it has become like an elective course in college. Some either choose to take it, or totally bypass it all together because we think it is not required. The truth of the matter is that it is a general requirement for all Christian believers.

Unfortunately, believers never really reach the realm of living by the Spirit, the way God intended.

For many, it is common to grope around in our natural state and dwell in our carnal existence, never coming to the true understanding that we are spirit first. We are designed to be controlled and guided by the dictates of the Holy Spirit and not our lower natures. The truth is that we live beneath our spiritual means because we lack spiritual understanding. Instead of His Spirit leading our spirits, we try to compare His Spirit with our nature or flesh. Neither nature nor flesh can compare with the Spirit.

With that said, let us begin the journey to seek the understanding of what it really means to live supernaturally today and always.

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Eyes Have Not Seen, Nor Ears Heard, Neither Have It Entered Into the Heart of Man

So, how does my story relate to the theme of this book? What the Spirit of God showed me concerning my errors has everything to do with supernatural living – the foundation for writing this book.

God Reveals by His Spirit

At first, there were several things that I allowed to blind me from the truth. One was not heeding revelation given by the Spirit. I was by no means living a supernatural life. I was really living beneath the supernatural and indulging in my base lower nature. God was trying to reveal to me by the Spirit what He prepared for me, but every time the Spirit of God was gently nudging me to write, I allowed my base instincts to rule my decisions. God was saying, “Write!” but my response was, “Not now, I need to find a job first. I do not see how writing is going to help me right now.” I

remember thinking, “Do you know how long it would take to get a book written, published, marketed and distributed before seeing anything materialize?” Oh, how wrong I was in my thinking! What my thinking really revealed was my lack of faith. I lacked faith in God, the promise of God, and the gift God invested in me.

Lack of Faith

My lack of faith stemmed from the root of unbelief. The root of my skepticism was not all that uncommon. My question was not could God do it for me, but rather would He do it for me *now*, when I needed it the most. The truth of the matter was I believed that I had to do something within my own power to make what was God’s ordained work. I moved away from one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith: “Have faith in God” (cf. Mark 11:22). I was focused on relying on myself to be in the right position before moving forward. All the while, God was trying to move me into His purpose. I was not living by faith (what I did not see), I was living by “the facts” and my feelings.

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The Natural Man in Effect

The Word of God is true when it states that the natural man cannot understand the things of the Spirit. Our lower nature just cannot fully comprehend the spiritual workings of things orchestrated by God.

I was being led away by my own understanding, and I was becoming more and more comfortable in making my own decisions without being led by the Spirit. I just had to do what was necessary to survive and keep myself afloat, I thought. I did not count the cost of yielding to my natural predilections. I just could not see how pouring a significant amount of time into writing would pay off and help to meet my immediate needs. This was my main problem: the natural man hindering the spiritual man. I was allowing the natural man to be king, rather than letting the Holy Spirit take the lead.

The Word of God declares that the natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him. God showed me how I fell prey to this error: Every time the Spirit of God prompted me to write I would declare...

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Because my natural man did not yield to the instruction of God, I led myself down a path whereby I made several decisions based on my lower nature rather than being led by the Spirit of God. Some of those decisions I would later regret. I would have to repent and trust God, in his mercy, to turn things around on my behalf. Trust me when I say, living by the natural man is not living at all. Supernatural living is, by far, the more superior way to live.

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The Conclusion of the Matter: Why Is Living Supernaturally Important Today?

As stated in the introduction of the book, the purpose of this teaching is not to focus solely on obtaining riches and material goods to feed your fleshly lusts. All of the information shared to this point has an eternal purpose which is significant to all of humanity. The purpose is to fulfill God's will on the earth by performing greater works and it is a God-given challenge to every believer to submit themselves to God's will – to do greater works than those performed by Jesus Christ Himself.

The Challenge to Do Greater Works

Prior to Jesus Christ's departure from earth, He gave a mandate to all of His followers (those present and those in the future). There is a much greater purpose involved in grabbing a hold of this truth and activating this concept in our daily living. It is actually a significant part of the assignment that Jesus gave to His disciples to carry out on the earth before his eminent return.

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As Christian Believers, Jesus commissions us to resume and complete the work that He began. When we pick up from where He left off, He promised that we would not only do what He did, but we would do what He did to a greater degree. The miracles that Jesus performs in the Bible are only the tip of the iceberg if we catch this in our spirit. Jesus promises:

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” (John 14:12)

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Living supernaturally is a significant element of the Body of Christ’s purpose in the last days because God is a God of perpetual increase. God never decreases; increase is characteristic of His nature. I have often said, “If Jesus left the Church in such power, then upon His return He wants the Church to

exhibit greater power than what was evident when He departed.” Jesus is expecting greater works to be in operation and we must step up to the plate.

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We have got work to do. The greater works MUST be performed in this hour to reveal the glory of God. Can you see it? Look at everything that is going on around us as of late. Within the last 3 – 5 years, there has been so much devastation on the earth. Major earthquakes have shaken us around the world; in Haiti (January 2010), Chile (February 2010), and Japan (December 2010); followed by a Tsunami in Japan just 3 months later (March 2011). In the U.S. devastating tornados and torrential rains caused major flooding and massive damage in the Delta area affecting the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, in April and May 2011. Later in August 2011, Hurricane Irene hit the East Coast of the U.S. and the Caribbean with its devastation ranking it to be the seventh most costly hurricane in U.S. history. Fourteen months later in October 2012, Hurricane Sandy, which became the second most costly hurricane in U.S. history, hit the

Caribbean, the Northeastern part of the U.S. and spread to the Midwest region affecting 24 states.

Famine continues in many countries in the Eastern Hemisphere, where drought is pervasive. Disaster needs are at an all time high around the globe.

In Sudan and other countries, people are being oppressed because of their Christian beliefs. Men are losing their limbs; women and girls are being ravaged and raped; and the heinous act of slavery is being perpetrated as people are being sold like cattle.

In the U.S. there have been grave racial and social injustices. Racism remains in existence and periodically rears its ugly head when such injustices are perpetrated within our society.

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