

# A Culture of the Supernatural

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<b>1. Nothing is impossible</b>	
Teaching:	Mk 1:10 tells us that when Jesus was baptized, the heavens were <i>torn</i> open (ESV). This is a violent, irreversible word (in response to Isaiah 64:1), not a temporary situation. A pathway from heaven to earth has been opened up in Jesus, that cannot be closed. This was evidenced by the supernatural signs in Jesus' life (Matt 11:5). The term "Kingdom of heaven" or "Kingdom of God" speaks of the invasion of this world by an unlimited heavenly reality. (Mk 1:15)
Beliefs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing is impossible (Matt 17:20)</li> <li>• There is no sickness or disability that cannot be healed (Matt 8:16, 12:15)</li> <li>• God is not limited by financial constraints (Matt 17:27, 6:25-33)</li> <li>• God is able to turn adversity into blessing (Ro 8:28)</li> </ul>
Testimony:	Tell us some stories of the supernatural work of God in your life
Practices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We take every opportunity to pray for the sick</li> <li>• We respond to difficulty as an opportunity for God to display his power</li> <li>• We do not allow our dreams to be limited by what is humanly possible</li> <li>• We celebrate what God has done, rather than question what he hasn't done.</li> </ul>
Activation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRAY: Does anyone here have some specific needs (healing, finance etc.)? Pray for them in expectation of seeing a specific answer.</li> <li>• SHARE: What would you do with your life if you truly believed that nothing is impossible?</li> <li>• BELIEVE: Make a daily declaration of the 4 beliefs above.</li> </ul>
How are we doing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WELL: I have seen many sick people being prayed for</li> <li>• BADLY: Many people don't seem to expect to see healings when they pray</li> </ul>

## 2. The Holy Spirit is God's supernatural agent

Teaching:	At Jesus baptism, the heavens were opened and the result was that the Spirit descended upon Jesus (Matt 3:16). The supernatural signs and wonders the Jesus performed were the result of the Holy Spirit resting upon him (Lk 4:18-19, Matt 12:28). The same Holy Spirit has been poured out on us, so that we can operate in the supernatural (1 Co 12:8-10)
Beliefs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Holy Spirit is <i>in</i> me for my benefit and <i>upon</i> me for your benefit (1 Co 12:7)</li> <li>• There is no work that Jesus did that I could not do too (John 14:12)</li> <li>• The church is God's supernatural change agent in the world. (Matt 16:18)</li> </ul>
Testimony:	Tell us some stories of your experience with the Holy Spirit
Practices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We value the work of the Spirit above merely human wisdom, strategy or experience</li> <li>• We minister on the basis of his anointing resting upon us</li> <li>• We make ourselves available to the Spirit</li> </ul>
Activation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PRAY:</b> Is there anyone here who currently is struggling to know the presence of the Holy Spirit upon their life? Let's pray an impartation upon them.</li> <li>• <b>SHARE:</b> What new area of the supernatural are you keen to see released in your life?</li> <li>• <b>BELIEVE:</b> Add the 3 beliefs above to your daily declarations.</li> </ul>
How are we doing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WELL:</b> I have seen the manifestation of the Holy Spirit upon other people's lives</li> <li>• <b>BADLY:</b> I have met people who are, in honesty, wary of the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives</li> </ul>

### 3. His presence is the highest priority

Teaching:	Jesus called his disciples to an intimate relationship before he sent them to minister (Mk 3:14). The Holy Spirit takes Jesus' place as an intimate personal companion (John 14:16-17). Our lives are to be lived with this supernatural companion alongside. (Ro 8:14)
Beliefs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Holy Spirit delights in my company (Ro 8:16, James 4:5)</li><li>• I carry his presence with me wherever I go (John 14:16)</li><li>• The Spirit speaks to me abundantly (John 16:12-15)</li><li>• His presence in my life is better than wine (Eph 5:18)</li><li>• I am at my best when I'm drunk! (Ac 2:14,15)</li><li>• I am free, because I live with Holy Spirit! (2 Co 3:17)</li></ul>
Testimony:	Is there a story here of someone who used to struggle with fear or reserve in relation to the presence of the Holy Spirit, but who broke free?
Practices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We allow the Holy Spirit to interrupt our programmes and agendas</li><li>• We value liberty in the Spirit above orderliness</li><li>• Time spent in fellowship with Him is never wasted</li></ul>
Activation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PRAY: Unleash a wild deluge of Holy Spirit upon one another!</li><li>• SHARE: Is there something the Holy Spirit is telling you for another person here?</li><li>• BELIEVE: Add the 6 beliefs above to your daily declarations</li></ul>
How are we doing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WELL: I have personally been overwhelmed by the presence of the Spirit in my life</li><li>• BADLY: I have felt embarrassed at the antics of people who are "drunk in the Spirit"</li></ul>

## 4. I am a channel for the supernatural

Teaching:	Heaven has already been opened (Mk 1:10). The Spirit has already been poured out upon us (Ac 2:38,39). The need therefore is not for God to do a new thing, so much as for us to release what has already been given to us. We do not pray for revival to come, but unleash the revival that is already within us. It is a question of our faith (John 7:38).
Beliefs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I am revival! (1 Co 3:16)</li><li>• I do not fear the storm – I am the storm! (1 John 4:4)</li><li>• I light a fire wherever I go. (Lk 12:49)</li><li>• I carry an atmosphere of heaven with me. (2 Co 2:15)</li></ul>
Testimony:	Tell us some stories of how God has used you to impact some aspect of the world around.
Practices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We do not ask God for what he has already given us</li><li>• We actively engage with negative atmospheres to shift them</li><li>• We have an unreasonable expectation that the world will change</li></ul>
Activation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PRAY: For some situations in your work or family contexts where the atmosphere of heaven needs releasing.</li><li>• SHARE: What do you think God could do through you in the next year?</li><li>• BELIEVE: Add the 4 beliefs above to your daily declarations</li></ul>
How are we doing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WELL: I have met several people who carry a supernatural boldness that is more than personality</li><li>• BADLY: I have seen people whose amazing encounters with the Holy Spirit do not seem to last</li></ul>