

Moving From A Natural Existence To A Supernatural Persistence

1 Corinthians 3:3 (NLT) - for you are still controlled by your sinful NATURE. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful NATURE? Aren't you living like people of the world?

Jude 1:19 (NIV) - These are the people who divide you, who follow mere NATURAL instincts and do not have the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (ESV)

14 The NATURAL person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

16 "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Psalms 103:1-2 (NKJV)

1 Bless the LORD, o my soul; and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name!

2 Bless the LORD, o my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

4 Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

5 Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to mooses, his acts to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

9 He will not always strive *with us*, nor will he keep *his anger* forever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward those who fear him;

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

He forgives us of all our sins.

He heals us of all our diseases.

He has redeemed us.

He has crowned us with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

He satisfies our mouth (desires) with good things.

He renews our youth. (Like the eagle)

He works righteousness and justice for us.

He never will remember (Be mindful of) our past sins when He forgives us.

2 Kings 2:1-15 (ESV)

1 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

3 And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

5 The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

7 Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

8 Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

10 And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so."

11 And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

13 And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

14 Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

15 Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

If you look at Elisha and the members of the school of the prophets you can see two distinct types...

1. Those who are satisfied with the minimum...
2. The one who wants to move from a natural existence to a supernatural persistence!

I. Refuse to be limited to your own natural thinking!

1. Crowds are ruled by wrong voices!

They are not tuned to the Holy Spirit!

2.Crowds take on a herd mentality!

They follow blindly!

3.Crowds are fickle!

They are inconsistent and up and down led by feelings!

4.Crowds are easily persuaded!

Mt. 27:20 - But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

5.Crowds make bad decisions!

They chose Barabbas!

6. Crowds crucify Good Godly leaders!

They crucified Jesus! Need I say more?

7. Crowds never take risks!

Peter walked on water... the rest stayed in the boat!

II. Refuse to stay at a distance from God's Glory!

Glory = Manifested excellence

2 Kings 2:7 (ESV) - Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and STOOD AT SOME DISTANCE from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

Lk. 22:54 (ESV) - Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and PETER WAS FOLLOWING AT A DISTANCE.

Those who walk in great power with God are the “press in” Christians!

III. Refuse to let anything separate you from your calling!

The purpose of the anointing is to enable you to fulfill your God given calling!

It's not to make you feel good about yourself!

2 Kings 2:6 (ESV) - Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” SO, THE TWO OF THEM WENT ON.

Just like Elisha, you will have plenty of opportunities to stop pursuing God's presence and anointing!

You need to know where your assignment is...

Because that's where the stream of anointing is going to flow to you for your God given purpose and calling on this earth!

“You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.”

Just because you say you want to have god's anointing will never be enough...

You will have to go beyond your NATURAL thoughts and inclinations to receive!

IV. Refuse to be satisfied with less than what you know God has for you!

2 Kings 2:9-10 (ESV)

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

10 And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so."

We must take the first step to activate the power of God in our lives!

He refused to be limited to his own natural thinking!

He refused to stay at a distance from God's Glory!

He refused to let anything separate him from his calling!

He refused to be satisfied with less than what he knew God had for him!

If you go after God, you will receive!

If you go after God the mantle will fall on you!

Psalm 103:13-22 (NKJV)

13 As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him.

14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass;

As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children,

18 To such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them.

19 The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.

21 Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

22 Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!