

In his 1947 book Men Against Fire military historian S.L.A. Marshall conducted studies suggesting that During World War II, only about 15% to 25% of American infantrymen fired their weapons in combat. As a disciple we can approach a spiritual battle and never fire our supernatural weapon..

What disciples need more than anything in ministry is: A SUPERNATURAL DIMENSION.

2 Kings 2:14 He struck the water with Elijah's cloak and cried out, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” Then the river divided, and Elisha went across.

I. MISSING DIMENSIONS

- A. Ministry is more than just mechanics and formulas
 - 1. Human nature likes formulas
 - a) *I do this and I get this - what percentage of prayer, fasting, witnessing, bible reading leads to a breakthrough?*
 - 2. Our text - Elijahs cloak was not a magic cloak
 - a) If I say just the right words/ hold the cloak a certain way - then the water will part
 - 3. Must learn this as a disciple - Ministry is all about things we cant do on our own!
 - a) *You can't make people repent, change, become faithful, can't make people obey, surrender or follow the will of God*
 - b) *Disciples - "why couldn't we cast out the demon" b) seven sons of Sceva- beaten and stripped*
- B. Labor without power
 - 1. Reality of being discipled here in the Prescott Church
 - a) You have opportunities to grow and develop as a disciple
 - b) You have resources - as a church we will invest in outreaches/ financially back evangelistic ideas
 - c) You have volunteers - People willing to support and help you with your outreach
 - d) End of the day - none of this will be enough to change people if you are missing a supernatural dimension
 - 2. Assume certain things about ministry that's incorrect
 - a) Assume the devil is fighting you
 - b) Assume you are not called - *not working so I guess I am not called / God changed His mind*
 - c) Assume other people are responsible for providing what you lack
 - 3. Result - Your ministry will stop

2 Kings 2:13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

- a) As a disciple you will face obstacles in ministry that can only be overcome with a supernatural dimension
 - (1) *Personality, programs, charisma and charm, planning and organization will never be enough,*

II. FINDING THE MISSING DIMENSION

- A. The path to effectiveness/ a supernatural dimension does not begin with you
 - 1. Elisha makes a powerful statement in our text — “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?”
 - a) Old saying - discipleship is more caught than taught - IOW - you can say all the right words/ you can have all of the serious men notes but this must be a power at work inside of you to be effective .

2 Kings 4:31 Now Gehazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but there was neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, “The child has not awokened.”

- 2. A disciple is a learner - things that were formally unknown are made clear by another man
 - a) In our text - Elisha had observed Elijah and contended for his spirit
 - b) Discipleship is an opportunity to catch your pastors spirit

2 Kings 2:9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?” Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”

3. Discipleship involves responding to what God has called you to
 - a) God does not call the equipped he equips the called / foundation of wanting to be a man of God - it is a response to what God has said

1 Kings 19:19 *So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him.*

- B. Some Areas of a supernatural dimension that should be at work in you

1. **Sensitivity** - Elisha responded correctly when God called him
 - a) God has a voice - He can speak to you because he knows you don't have all the answers
 - (1) *Knowing when something is wrong* - supernatural and demonic force stopping effectiveness
 - (a) See this in outreach, one80, church service - should be a flow of converts becoming disciples
 - (2) *Being in tune with the HS* - Happens in preaching - sometimes is exactly what is needed for people
 - (3) *Knowing what to say* - Supernatural words/wisdom that are beyond what you know

2. **Anointing** - anointing means divine effectiveness that flows from God

- a) Elisha at a moment of need says some words that cause the power of God to work on his behalf

1 Samuel 3:19 *So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.*

3. **The Supernatural at work** - The manifestation of supernatural grace for specific situations

- a) Fruitfulness - divine effectiveness with people
- b) Healing - when you pray for the sick they get instantly healed
- c) Financial breakthrough - faith in financial miracles and the ability to hear from God on what to give
- d) Answered prayers - specific and intentional prayers that have tangible results

III. EXERCISING SUPERNATURAL DIMENSION

- A. The personal responsibility in gaining a supernatural dimension

1. You have to see what's missing

Conversation with pastor greg that changed my life / was concert director went for coffee / asked me point blank "Can you point to one area of your life where there is a supernatural dimension at work?"

- a) Same question can be asked of every man here - can you point to a single area of your life where the supernatural power of God is at work in you?
- b) Have to identify areas of your discipleship where you lack
 - (1) Not expecting the full package - but a recognition that there is a missing dimension
2. No one can do this for you - Elisha was alone and needed the power of God to come down
 - a) The hope is that God wants to help you gain that supernatural dimension / wants you to be effective
3. This is something that has to be worked out **now** - so you can be prepared for the future God has for you
 - a) *PG has said* - "when a man does not have a supernatural touch in their life and they go out - I predict pain in their future"

- B. Steps to gaining a supernatural dimension

1. **We must believe God for the supernatural**

- a) Faith personalizes the the word of God: Elisha applied the miracles of what he had seen to his current situation - *Where is the God of Elijah*
- b) *You can read and study the word of God and apply the supernatural promises and stories to your life*

2. **We must ask God for the supernatural**

Jeremiah 29:12–13 *Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

- a) *History of the leaders we admire who have a supernatural touch in their lives - they were men who were contending and seeking*

3. **We must obey God in the supernatural**

- a) *You will never see a supernatural dimension in your life until you step out by faith*
- b) *Pray for someone to get healed and see God use you*
- c) *Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you and you will gain wisdom*
- d) *Try giving a word to someone on outreach and see God touch them*