

Significant Lives — Chapter 12

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Super Natural, Natural Or Spiritual — What Are We?

I had just been talking with my wife about our favorite subject, finances, when my youngest daughter, Katie interrupted. "Daddy could you pray for my ankle I think I sprained it?" A couple of years ago I would have offered *token* prayers or tried to get quickly into a *spiritual* frame of mind. I would have quoted a number of scriptures in order to try and work up enough *faith* to get enough *feeling* to believe God would listen and heal my little girl. But today was different. I looked at Katie and said, "Come here, let's pray." As soon as I touched her ankle she declared, "Daddy I can feel the Holy Spirit touching me!" Immediately the pain left her ankle and she began to walk on it again. It was still a little stiff from the swelling but for the next few days she would rejoice over her healing whenever she saw me.

What was the difference? What had changed? Certainly God hadn't changed, His Word says, "I the Lord do not change." (Mal. 3:6 NIV) Certainly His Word didn't change it is established forever. The only equation in my life's formula that had changed was ME! It was my transformed perspective of God, His Word and His intention for creation that allowed this new result to take place in my life. I am no different than any of God's children. He didn't suddenly give me some special anointing for healing in the middle of a financial discussion. Or recently call me into some type of miracle ministry. I have struggled with all the same ailments and common everyday afflictions that plague mankind.

Then one day as I was reading a book the author made an interesting statement that provoked me to ponder something I had never really considered. He wrote, "The word *super-natural* does not appear in the Bible." I thought that can't be true, so I went to my trusty computer Bible and told it to search the entire Bible for the word *super-natural*. Its response confirmed my brother's statement, "There are no occurrences of the word *super-natural* in this translation. Don't get me wrong I am glad that such a word exist. Yet I think our God goes way beyond simply being elevated up the "natural scale" until he reaches the rank of super. God is a Spirit and the Father and Creator of all other spiritual beings. Yet God as a Spirit stands alone and is altogether unique. He is the only uncreated being in the entire Universe. So we can accurately say that there is no one, or nothing else like our God. He is absolutely different from anything else in all of creation.

Lets for a moment imagine that we have a time machine and we are going to go back into time. As we arrive in the most ancient of days we open the door to our time machine. Air rushes into our lungs that has never before been breathed by any other human being. As we look around we see a beautiful primeval forest surrounding the most exquisite garden you can imagine. Through this garden flows a river that does not know the meaning of the word pollution. Crouching on its beckoning shoreline is the most resplendent being eyes will ever look upon. As we draw closer we are overwhelmed with a sense of well-being. The love we discover coming from Him is expressed in the tender and caring manner with which he is shaping and molding something. With soil from the banks of the river and water he has fashioned and formed a figure that resembles himself in basic shape and form. Then suddenly when it appears that he himself pleases to

shape and form. Then suddenly, when it appears that he kneels closer to admire his handiwork, the very air around becomes charged with some strange and unknown energy. For a moment there is absolute silence, almost a feeling of reverence. It's as though an unseen host is anxiously waiting for what is going to take place next. As this resplendent being's face touches the face of his sculpture he appears to be giving it mouth to mouth resuscitation. We look around to make sure that nothing has escaped our gaze when unexpected movement catches our eye. This awesome creature of light is dancing on the shores of the great Euphrates river. Then, to our surprise, we see the sculpted form filled with life and mimicking the dancing of his new found Creator. The atmosphere has turned from still reverence into jubilant celebration, as Father and son gaze into each other's eyes.

Of course most this is speculation but I can still see it in my mind. This resplendent spiritual form in our time travels is of course, God. The form fashioned and molded by him from the soil and water of the river bank was Adam. But it was the natural elements combined with the Spirit from our marvelous God that made possible the animated being known as *man*. The lifeless elements of the natural world married to the Spirit of God brought forth an offspring. The two became one flesh in Adam.

The Scripture speaks of a man and a woman becoming one flesh. Only recently did I realize that this was much more than just the consecration of the wedding bed. As I listened to a speaker talk about this as being God's prophetic blessing on the marriage bed, expressed in the fruit of the womb, my mind became ecstatic as I considered the other implications. My son, David, was not fully like me or his mother, but in him my bride and I had become one.

Paul declares, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery-but I am talking about Christ and the church." (Eph 5:31-32.) Our heavenly husband has chosen to wash His fallen earthly bride in his own blood. The consecration of their wedding vows produced a species of being that has not walked on the face of the earth since that day, in our imagined time travels, in the garden of Eden. The one major, and significant difference between the fruit of that first union and the fruit of this new union is, we can never again be separated from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Hallelujah!**

What does all this mean to us living in a practical everyday world? It means that the same relationship that was available to the first Adam is now available to us. If you are not a Christian put your trust in Jesus and the doors will open wide. Adam was fashioned by God to have his conscious awareness through God's Spirit in him. Everything that would enter Adam's through his five senses would be filtered through God's Spirit within him. All of Adam's knowledge would be taught to him by God personally. Every single need that would come into his life, God would joyously supply. And, through God meeting each need, Adam would get to know his Father a little better. Adam would see this glorious new world through its Creator's eyes. All of his natural needs would be known and met by spiritual forces. To Adam the spiritual world was as much apart of him as the natural. One was his mother the other was his Father. This child brought great pleasure to his parents. They were in total harmony in this innocent wonder.

I fear that the word *super-natural*, as much an integral part of our vocabulary as it is, has somehow erected a wall between us and our Heavenly Father. While he is omnipotent and we are limited, he is omnipresent for us to be ignorant. He

he is Omnipotent and we are limited he never meant for us to be impotent. My children don't have all of my characteristics but they have some of them, as they do their mother's. As *born again* children of God we can never possess all of our Uncreated, Omnipotent Father's power or characteristics, but we should have some. We, like Adam must learn who we are. Until we are as at home in the spiritual world as we are in the natural world we have missed out on all that Jesus suffered and died to restore. It's time we were more than "*ma ma's*" boys or girls and allowed God to turn us into children of our Father who is in Heaven.