

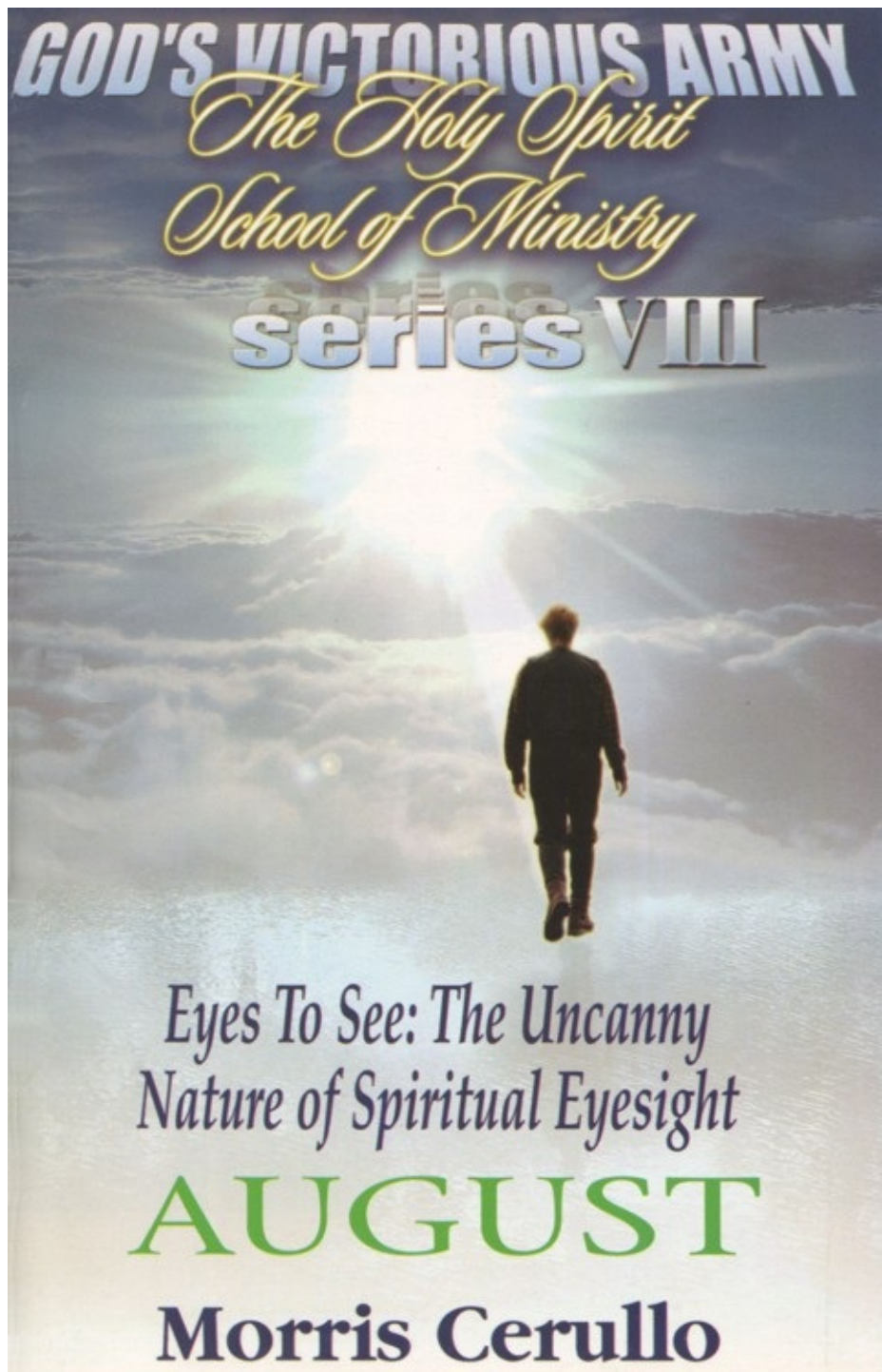
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Introduction

Partner, get ready to enter into a new understanding of spiritual eyesight—seeing into the spirit realm—and how this is a prerequisite for doing the works of Jesus.

In this powerful teaching by Dr. Cerullo, you will learn what it means to move into the Spirit, and to lose sight of the natural.

You will be challenged to let go of the earthly things that have held you back from entering into a deeper more meaningful walk in the Spirit. You will understand why spiritual eyesight is so vitally crucial to your Spirit-led walk with God.

As you absorb Dr. Cerullo's anointed teaching in this month's book, you will be enlightened, changed, challenged, and prepared to move out of your comfort zone—out of limited thinking and carnal reasoning—and into the realm where all things are possible.

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Chapter 1

Seeing into the Spirit

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When Jesus was working tremendous miracles, He told the disciples something incredible:

He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do.

John 14:12 KJV

Hold onto your hat! Do you realize what that's saying?

God has designed *you*—as a born-again believer—to work GREATER works than Jesus worked.

That is a tremendous statement that we often underappreciate because of our predisposed tendency to interpret that verse as referring exclusively to miracles.

But the tremendous implications of this verse are that we will do everything Jesus did AND MORE!

There's a fundamental understanding that will change your life if you believe you'll work greater works than Jesus worked:

*The Son can do **nothing** of himself, but what **he seeth the Father do**: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*

John 5:19 KJV

Here's the understanding: Jesus said He worked His works by first seeing in the Spirit what the Father was doing, then acting out what He already had seen. THEN HE PROMISED THAT YOU WOULD DO GREATER WORKS!

To do greater works, you must *SEE GREATER WORKS IN THE SPIRIT*! You must see into the supernatural and you will see greater works and work them in the natural!

Jesus never did anything unless He first saw His Father

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doing them in the Spirit.

For Him, seeing into the Spirit was the foundational principle upon which His actions were based. He did not just wander about, working miracles because He had the power to do so.

Indeed, there are many instances recorded in the Bible

where Jesus actually *passed up* people who needed miracles and they had to chase Him down to get what they needed from the Lord. His actions show He understood that power is not the same as obligation—He did only what He saw the Father do first.

Instead, He observed, and then He acted.

The reason many Christians don't find themselves working the works of God is because they have not developed their ability to first see the things in the Spirit that they should do in the natural.

Many people look in the Bible, and they believe the words printed on the page are the depth of its power.

But the depth of the power of the Word is the fact that it is ALIVE! Without seeing into the Spirit, the words are just ink on a page. In fact, Jesus said as much:

*Ye **have not his word abiding** in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for **in them ye think ye have eternal life**: and they are they which testify of me.*

John 5:38-39 KJV

The religious leaders to whom Jesus was speaking made a lifestyle out of knowing the words of God's revelation to mankind.

They studied the Scriptures on a daily basis, singing the words to help them better remember them. They treated the word with great reverence, even regulating that a boy could not touch the scrolls that contained the words until he had reached a certain age and passed certain tests.

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They took great care to copy the words from scroll to scroll so that even one letter would not be lost in the transcribing.

They counted the words, counted the letters, made sure everything was just perfect, or they destroyed the copy upon which they had been working for months.

They wrote the words on tiny pieces of paper and wore them on their heads and their hands.

They debated and revered the word to the point that none would ever dare challenge a master of the words.

But with all that study, with all that reading, with all that knowledge of the words that were on the page, Jesus rebuked those diligent and zealous students of the words He Himself had inspired.

They knew the words, but they didn't have the Word abiding in their hearts.

Without the Spirit—without first seeing into the Spirit before acting—knowing the words was as useless to them as knowing the words to a children's lullaby.

The words themselves communicated a message—and it was the message, not just the words, that was important. That message was a message of Spirit.

Without seeing into the Spirit, they would forever be in the dark, paying attention to the words without ever catching their message—or as the old idiom goes, they were missing the forest because they were looking at all the trees.

Paul put it this way:

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of

sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh: but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity

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Eyes to See: The Uncanny Nature of Spiritual Eyesight against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:3-8 KJV

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Chapter 2

Understanding What the Spirit is

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Saying

To truly understand the spiritual things, we must see the things in the Spirit that our spiritual eyes were designed to see. Understand me: when I say “see in the Spirit” what I mean is “understand what the Spirit is saying.”

So without understanding what the Spirit is saying, the words of the Scripture are just words—the power comes when the Spirit brings those words to LIFE.

Isaiah saw a striking difference between the God he had read about and the living God one day:

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled

the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Isaiah 6:1-8 KJV

When the man of God saw the God he served, his perception

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was radically altered.

As the mighty angels praised the Living God, the very foundations of the building shook with the force of their voices. It was then that the prophet gained a stark realization that the holiness of the God he was serving is absolute. He understood a new depth of the power and greatness of God. He understood by the very vehemence of the angel's praises that God was not to be trifled with.

And immediately he understood: woe is me! I have unclean

lips and my people have unclean lips—and yet I'm in the presence of the holy God of Israel!

This vision of the spirit realm forever radically changed the life of Isaiah.

He saw a glimpse of the Father in His glory.

We should also understand that what Isaiah saw had to be only a glimpse, because the full depth of God's glory would kill any mortal man:

And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee: and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

Exodus 33:17-23 KJV

Only Jesus has seen the full glory of the Father—but what Isaiah saw was enough to change him forever.

He had a glimpse into the supernatural.

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But God was not done at the call of Isaiah. He went on, and

demonstrated that He knew all along how men would blind their own eyes to His truth.

And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Isaiah 6:9-10 KJV

This is a clear description of the nature of man.

Because a man has eyes, he says that he can see.

Because he has ears, he says he can hear.

Because he has the Word, he says he knows God and His will.

But God says the men will see, but they will not understand. They will hear, but they will not be able to understand what they're hearing.

The fact is—the greatest hindrance often to hearing and seeing the supernatural is that men *don't want to see* and hear the supernatural.

They say they want to, but in their hearts, they know that seeing in the supernatural by necessity brings about a change in their lives. They must repent, and as the passage in Isaiah said, "be converted."

Because of this hardness of their hearts, God told the prophet Isaiah to go and preach so that, by ignoring God's Word, their seeing eyes would be made blind, their hearing ears deaf and their heart be made fat.

This is the sad state in which many people find themselves.

But when we read such an indictment, we tend to immediately begin thinking of sinners—of the “unchurched,” so to speak.

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We wag our heads and grumble about how the sinners will never open their hearts to receive the Gospel, will never listen though the clear signs are right in front of their eyes.

The church loves to look at the world and hiss through its teeth at the heathen who refuse to hear the Word of God and see the truth.

And all the while the church is patting itself on the back for its ability to “see the truth,” the cold, hard fact is that the people with eyes that don’t see and ears that don’t hear are more often than not those who call themselves Christians.

When Christians take time to see that the vast majority of preaching in the New Testament was aimed not at sinners, but at religious leaders, they’re shocked.

When they see Jesus calling people “hypocrites,” it’s not the sinners He’s talking to, it’s “church folks,” people who claim to be following Him, but just as the religious leaders of His day, they know the words, but don’t have Him living in their hearts. Their eyes are firmly focused on the natural things—the world around them, the physical world, their physical needs, their physical desires.

Read what Jesus said about such people:

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the

light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Matthew 6:22-23 KJV

When your attention is focused on what you can see, hear, feel and understand in your own strength, it necessarily is not focused on the ONE THING it should be focused on—the living God.

Those in such a state can no more see in the Spirit than the man on the moon—and yet they're claiming to be leaders. That was why Jesus' admonition to Nicodemus seemed so harsh:

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Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

*The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him. How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, **Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?***

John 3:7-10 KJV

Jesus made a clear dividing line here—those who are born of flesh, who are natural men, follow the rules and norms of the natural. Everyone knows where they're coming from and where they're going.

Those who are born of the Spirit, however, are supernatural, they follow a living Spirit, and nobody knows where they're coming from or where they're going.

Then Jesus admonished Nicodemus: how is it that you call yourself a teacher, a rabbi, and you don't understand these

things?

The same call goes out to the Church today: how can Christians pretend to know the truth when they don't understand the fundamental truth of the Spirit?

Remember, Jesus said that, as Christians, we are no longer of this world—we are aliens. We're not called anymore to follow the directions of the world, to keep its rules of nature, to follow its laws of physics. We are from another world and we're headed back there!

If we can see past the natural world and the natural understanding, we will have a keen insight into the Spirit—we'll see what the Father is doing, and we'll follow!

Just as our bodies are designed to seek the answers to their own needs through their natural eyesight, our spirits are designed to seek the answers to their needs in the Spirit. That supernatural eyesight is not something you can drum up.

It's not something you can say a few words and expect to

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happen.

It's not something you can pretend to have and expect it to just plop down in your lap because of your diligence.

Seeing into the Spirit is a FUNDAMENTAL BYPRODUCT of the born-again, Spirit-led life.

But just as we develop and mature in the natural through education and proper practice, spiritual eyesight must also be trained, honed and perfected through daily exercise and use. When a natural baby is born, it has trouble focusing its eyes

very tightly. But as it uses its eyes more, they become stronger, more adept, more able to focus and hone in.

When the spiritual baby is born, it can see, but it must practice to develop the eyesight in the supernatural.

It must learn to discern the things the Spirit is saying.

The admonitions from Jesus found in the book of Revelation were not to sinners, they were to the Church.

They were to Christians.

So when the Bible speaks of those whose “candlesticks” might be removed, it’s not speaking to those who have never accepted Jesus. It’s speaking to those who have accepted Him but are not working His works.

And remember, earlier in this chapter, we said Jesus only worked those works He first saw His Father do. Then He said you would work greater works, implying that you would see into the Spirit realm and work the works you see your Father do.

Here’s what Jesus said to the churches in Asia: *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches...”* (Revelation 2:7 KJV).

He doesn’t say “let everyone hear what the Spirit saith....”

He says that those *WHO ARE LISTENING* will hear.

This is the fundamental truth that is so difficult for many to understand.

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Many listen, but they only hear what they want to hear, so they ignore what the Spirit is saying.

But, if a Christian only pays attention to the sounds he likes to hear or the sights he likes to see, he will find himself missing the most important instructions and examples from the Lord.

In the spirit, many Christians do not want to hear what God has to say. When they hear the gentle wooing of the Holy Spirit, they may not want to be stirred up. When they see the profound revelations of God's Word, they may not want to be moved out of their comfort zone and into the realm of the living Word.

But those things are works God has provided for the supernatural endowment of our spirit man to fulfill the purpose for which God created us in His image.

When God says He's looking for people who have ears to hear and eyes to see, He's looking for people who will heed Him even when what He says may not have been what they wanted to hear.

When God spoke to Isaiah, His words were frightening.

They were words of doom and gloom for the nation of Israel.

But God knew that, as much as Isaiah didn't want to hear the words, he would act on them, he would do what God wanted him to do, and he would be moved in the Spirit.

I believe that by the very virtue of getting this far along in this book, you also want to hear from God—you want to develop your ability to see into the Spirit and act on God's Word, even if it's not what you wanted to hear.

Keep this in mind: Jesus, as I mentioned earlier, only did the things He saw His Father doing first.

And when He allowed those who hated Him to seize Him, mock Him, pluck the beard from His face, abuse Him, crucify Him and stab Him with a spear, it was because His Father first had endured mocking, abuse and hatred from mankind for thousands of years.

And so, though He had power to calm the wind and the

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waves, heal the sick, bring sight to the blind, cast out devils, raise the dead, walk on water, feed thousands and confound the best of His critics, Jesus—as His Father had—allowed Himself to be abused at the hands of those He had created.

Seeing into the Spirit is that—it's having the power to literally change the world around you, but engaging in that power not for the sake of the power itself, but because your Father first showed you to do it.

Do Christians have the power to move mountains?

ABSOLUTELY YES!

Do Christians have the ability to control the weather?

ABSOLUTELY YES!

Do Christians have the power to force the very laws of nature and physics to obey their commands? **WITHOUT A DOUBT!**

But that power comes as a result of seeing into the spirit realm and seeing what our Father is doing—and doing as we see Him do.

This is the foundation and basis for Christianity.

If you have ever looked at a man or woman of God and wondered how they achieved their tremendous insight into God's Word and His nature, that's the answer.

If you have looked at the saints of old in the Bible—both in the Old and New Testaments—and wondered where they came up with their faith, their understanding of the nature of God, they were simply seeing into the Spirit and obeying.

As you learn these mysteries of the Gospel, understand that

kind of life is a result of the indwelling Holy Spirit working His power in your life, teaching you, guiding you and leading you in the ways of God from time immemorial.

It's as Jesus promised: *"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."* (John 14:26 KJV).

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Chapter 3

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The book of 2 Kings tells us a tremendous story:

Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

2 Kings 6:8-10 KJV

Apparently, the king of Syria was planning to conquer Israel, but every time he held a high-level strategy meeting to plan what he was going to do with his forces, it seemed the king of Israel had advance warning.

One or two times would have seemed coincidental... but as it happened more and more, the king of Syria began to suspect he had a spy in his midst.

Since his plans had been revealed only to his inner circle, he suspected the spy must actually be in the inner circle.

Any leader would do the same.

But there was no spy. Instead, the living God revealed to his prophet what was about to happen—and the prophet, who was able to see into the spirit realm, saw and took action.

Partner, this is key.

God doesn't waste breath or revelation. When He reveals something, it's for a plan, a purpose and an objective.

This king was about to be humbled, not because Israel's army was greater, but because the living God had a message to deliver to him. This is the first place in the story where the man

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of God demonstrates his ability to see into the Spirit and see what God is doing.

It's an important ability—or rather an attribute of the indwelling Spirit.

By understanding in the Spirit what was happening, Elisha was able to warn the king of Israel and save countless lives on both sides of the battlefield. But the story gets even more explicit in telling the people of God to be aware of more than what they can get through their five senses:

Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? And one of his servants said. None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came

by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

2 Kings 6:11-17 KJV

When the servant's eyes were opened, he understood that there's a lot going on in the spirit that most people aren't aware of. The amazing thing about this story is that *Elisha knew all along!*

Most of us think that the greatest servants of God must be flowing in some kind of supernatural state all the time—that the anointing will be obvious on them when it hits.

But the truth is, the greatest servants of God are almost
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nonchalant about their relationships with Him and with the miraculous things He does through them and the things He shows them.

To Elisha, it was no worry, not because he was lax in his duties, but it was no worry because he innately understood what was going on.

The Bible does not tell us if Elisha saw the horses and chariots before he asked for his servant's eyes to be opened or

not. But it does assure us that, whether he physically saw them or not, Elisha was aware of their presence because he had a relationship with the Lord and had a fundamental understanding of the way He does things.

He was relaxed in the presence of what should have been overwhelmingly terrifying because he understood what God was doing in the situation.

He had seen into the Spirit, whether physically or not, and he had seen what God had in store.

But partner, it's also just as important *what he did* with that knowledge.

God doesn't just give us knowledge so we can know it. He gives us knowledge so we can act on it—and often what He would have us do is completely different than we would expect, and different than what we would do if left to our own devices.

And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? And he answered. Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with

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thy sword and with thy bow? Set bread and water before
them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. And
he prepared great provision for them: and when they had
eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their
master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of
Israel.

2 Kings 6:18-23 KJV

Rather than doing the obvious thing and massacring these soldiers, Elisha made sure they were well taken care of. The end result of his kindness based upon the knowledge given to him by the Lord was that the bands of the Syrians no longer troubled the Israelites.

The blessings that came from obedience and withholding wrath saved far more lives than any other alternative.

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Chapter 4

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Seeing into the Spirit is crucial for living a God-led life.

When the disciples doubted, Jesus called them a name that doesn't often get translated well into English Bibles.

He called them "*little-faith.*"

For instance, when He told the disciples to get into a boat and go to the other side of the sea, in the middle of the night, the boat was tossed about with a storm.

The disciples looked over the edge of the boat and saw Jesus walking on the water toward them.

The disciples got scared and said amongst themselves that

what they were seeing was a ghost.

Jesus, however, spoke to them from His position on the water and said, *“Don’t be afraid, I AM!”*

Peter, apparently the bravest of the lot, still wasn’t convinced, and he said, *“Lord, if it’s really You, command me to come meet you on the water.”*

When Jesus did command him, Peter walked on the water too until he got distracted and began to sink.

Jesus caught him and said, *“Little-faith, why did you doubt?”*

Peter had enough faith to walk on the water for a little while, but when he stood back for a second, he looked at the wind and the waves and had a sudden realization—what I’m doing is impossible.

He had faith to do a little.

He walked on the water, but when the reality of physical law came crashing down into his brain, Peter’s brain could no longer

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suspend the natural reality that man can’t walk on water, and his little faith was not enough to keep him on top of the water.

So Jesus called him *“little-faith.”*

When Jesus was talking to the disciples before He was delivered up to be tried, He told them they would all be offended.

Peter looked at Him and said, *“No way, Lord. Everyone else may deny you, but I never will.”*

It’s easy when you’re in the presence of God to have faith.

Looking Jesus in the eye, it was easy to have faith in Him and believe in Him.

With One Who walks on water, Who commands the wind and the waves, who commands devils, who heals the sick and raises the dead, Who speaks with such great authority, it's easy to believe anything is possible.

When Peter had his eyes on Jesus, it was easy to walk on the water—but reality came crashing in as soon as he stopped looking at Jesus.

Similarly, when Peter was looking at Jesus, it was easy to say, “No way, I’ll never deny You.”

But when Jesus was apprehended by a big mob armed with clubs and swords, reality came crashing in—it was only natural. Suddenly, it wasn’t so easy to believe. He still had a little faith, I’m sure, but the reality that clubs and swords could easily kill him was so ingrained into his brain that it was much more powerful than his faith.

Your brain is not quite ready to give up its hold on reality.

Do you believe you could walk on water? Many believe they could. But get them to the edge of the lake and they might have a different answer.

How then, do we allow God to increase our faith? We all have a little faith. How do we allow Him to increase it to the size

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of a mustard seed?

When we’re confronted with attempting to do the supernatural, our bodies and our minds resist because our bodies and minds are inextricably linked to this natural world—they are

part of it, and they are prisoner to it.

Faith comes when we understand that this world is only as real as God allows it to be.

Seeing into the Spirit is realizing that this natural world only works that way because a SUPERNATURAL God told it to—and when He wants it to operate differently—IT *MUST*.

Water only sucks you in and drowns you UNTIL GOD TELLS IT NOT TO.

This natural world behaves like it does because it is obeying God. But if God tells it to behave differently, it must obey Him then, too!

The real world is only real as long as it is not being acted upon by God. Our faith brings God into action on our behalf, because Jesus said if we ask something in faith, it will happen. When we were of this world, we belonged to it. In other words, when we belonged to the world, we had to obey it. We had to obey the natural order of things. We had to sink in the water. We had to die when we got sick. We had to stay dead when we died.

We had to do those things because we were subject to the world, and we were its servants.

But when we were bought by Jesus, we became servants NOT of the world—but of the living God Who is Lord of the world.

We don't serve the world anymore—we serve the One the world must obey!

As His adopted sons and heirs, the world MUST ALSO OBEY US!

Here's what the Bible says:

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And returning early to the city He hungered. And seeing one fig tree by the road, he went up to it, and found nothing on it except leaves only. And He said to it, Let there be no more fruit from you forever. And the fig tree immediately dried up. And seeing, the disciples marveled, saying, How quickly the fig tree is dried up. And answering Jesus said to them, Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do the miracle of the fig tree, but even if you should say to this mountain, Be taken up and thrown into the sea—it will be so.

Matthew 21:18-21

Fig trees don't just dry up like that. But Jesus is the Lord of the way things act. When He speaks, everything must obey. As His brothers who were brought into His family through His grace, He told us if we have faith and don't doubt, the natural world must obey us, too.

So I return to the beginning. We have a "little faith". *But our faith in God is hampered by our faith in this world.*

This world behaves like it does because we have not commanded it to behave otherwise.

The sick die because our faith in the world is greater than our faith in God.

We sink in the water because we believe in the water too much to understand it must obey us.

The dead stay dead because we believe in death too much to command it to let them go.

We remain "little-faith" because we believe in the power of the world.

But you can't serve two masters.

We are no longer servants of the world—it now must obey us.

When we find ourselves confronted by the impossible, or find ourselves believing in the impossible, that's not the time to try to drum up faith inside ourselves.

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What it Means to You

Instead, it's time to realize that we don't have faith and to understand that lack of faith is indication that we have a problem; Lord, increase my faith!

No matter how hard you concentrate, you'll never be able to create faith in yourself.

You can't quote scriptures like something out of a magic book and expect it to change things.

You can't claim something you don't believe and expect it to come to pass simply by virtue of the fact that you "spoke it into existence."

Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.

That means faith is a manifestation of the hope you have within yourself—the hope in Christ!

Faith is a FRUIT of our hope in Christ. It's not something you can work up in yourself. It's not something I can inspire by cheering you on.

Faith is the evidence of things not seen—it is the manifestation of the things we don't see! It's the evidence that Jesus is indwelling; that He's working in your life!

We don't have faith because we think we're somebody. We

have faith because we understand that He is in us and His power is absolute. The natural world must obey us because it must obey Him.

Supernatural eyesight comes as evidence of that truth in our lives—not as the result of trying to get yourself to have faith. Seeing into the spirit is not the goal—it's the RESULT of hoping in Him.

You picked up this book because you wanted to know how to see into the Spirit—how to see things in the Spirit that are, as the Bible says, mysteries.

Supernatural eyesight is simply understanding who God is, and understanding, as David understood when he confronted Goliath, that the natural world must obey the supernatural God.

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It is knowing, as the woman with the issue of blood knew, that *this world seems real to us because our minds have faith in it*—but if our faith in God is greater, there is nothing in this world that is impossible to us.

It's having the reality in our spirits, as Moses did, that God's desire is to have a living, vibrant, intimate relationship with us, and through that relationship, to form supernatural eyesight in us that allows us to see things that no one else sees.

It's having the insight, as Abraham did, that when God calls, our only correct choice is saying, Yes, Lord.

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