

I BELIEVE: I Believe in the Supernatural
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Mark 9:14-24 NKJ

And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

THREE PRIMARY REASONS WHY PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE:

1. RELIGIOUS TRADITION

Mark 7:13 NKJ

"...making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

2. NATURAL MIND

1 Corinthians 2:14 NKJ

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they

are spiritually discerned.

3. BAD EXAMPLES

1 Corinthians 14:40 NKJ

Let all things be done decently and in order.

HOW TO START OPERATING IN THE SUPERNATURAL:

1. EMBRACE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Luke 4:18 NKJ

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed...”

Acts 1:8 NKJ

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

2. EMBRACE THE SUPERNATURAL COMMISSION

John 14:12 NKJ

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

Acts 5:14-16 NKJ

And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

3. EMBRACE THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NKJ

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.