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Dedication

This book is affectionately dedicated to

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whose great love sought us out when we were lost and without hope;

God the Son

our blessed Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life as a ransom to redeem us and save us; and

God the Holy Spirit

whose anointing empowers and enables us to walk and live in the supernatural and to minister with effectiveness and power.

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—Dr. T. L. Lowery

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Introduction

hrough the years, God has shown me that He is the same all-powerful God who revealed Himself to the children of Israel as Jehovah, the *supernatural* God who rolled back the Red Sea, rained down manna from heaven, caused water to gush from a rock, and miraculously delivered His people out of Egypt.

He has not changed! He has said, "For I am the LORD, I do not change" (Malachi 3:6). He is and always will be a supernatural God—a God of miracles, signs, and wonders.

Throughout the ages, He has continued to manifest His supernatural power. But as great and wonderful as the awesome miracles that God manifested on behalf of Israel were, and as great and wonderful as the remarkable miracles He manifested in the early church were, I believe the church of Jesus Christ hasn't seen anything yet.

The best is yet to come!

We are moving into a new and powerful time when God will reveal His glory as never before. Supernatural manifestations will take place not only in the form of healings and deliverances that have occurred in the past, but also in other demonstrations of God's power and glory we have not yet seen.

Within the body of Christ today, God's mighty power is already being manifested with creative miracles: there are reports of eyeballs forming in the sockets of people's eyes, cancers falling off, all types of sicknesses and diseases being healed, and people being raised from the dead. Miracles are happening today, but not on the scale of what is coming.

Before Christ returns—and I believe with all my heart He is coming soon—the church will move into a dimension and manifestation of His power and glory that is greater than any-

Before Christ returns, the church will move into a dimension and manifestation of God's power never seen before. thing we have ever seen or experienced. This demonstration of His power will bring in the harvest of the nations.

The church, as a whole, is not currently operating in the unlimited, supernatural power God intends us to have. The average Christian is living far below what God has provided

for him. While the majority of Christians believe God is a supernatural Being, and many even believe in His miracle-working power, they have failed to recognize Him as their own Source of supernatural provision. They have failed to come into a lifestyle where they believe and expect God to manifest Himself supernaturally on their behalf, through miracles, signs, and wonders, as He did for the children of Israel and the early church.

The apostle Paul said that he prayed this for the believers in the Ephesian church:

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The eyes of your understanding being enlightened...may [you] know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

(Ephesians 1:18–19)

This is also my prayer for everyone who reads Walking in the Supernatural.

In writing to the Corinthian believers, Paul said, "As it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). When most people read this verse, they interpret it to mean it is impossible to know all that God has provided for His children. Yet Paul did not stop there! He continued by saying, "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God" (v. 10).

There is a powerful, invisible, supernatural realm that can be reached only through the power of the Spirit living and working within you!

It is my desire that the Spirit of the living God will hover over you and release fresh revelation to you so that you will see this spiritual dimension and, by faith, enter into it and begin to walk in the supernatural every day of your life.

Join me as we begin a spiritual journey with a goal to know God more fully as the almighty, supernatural God that He is, and to live our lives in the fullness of His supernatural power and glory.



n December 26, 2004, a magnitude-nine earthquake shook planet earth. Pressure built up over nearly two centuries was released in a single snap. According to seismologists, the force of the quake, which was responsible for the stunning Asian tsunami, was the equivalent of .25 gigatons of TNT. The energy released was so huge that it caused the earth to wobble on its axis by up to an inch; it also changed the local geography, shifting islands by inches or feet and making a significant impact on the topography of the seabed.¹

Geophysicists are calling it a *megathrust*, a term used for the most powerful of changes in the earth's surface.

A Dynamic Move of God's Spirit

I believe that what we saw happen in the natural realm has a parallel in the spiritual realm. A brand-new move of God's Spirit—a spiritual megathrust—is coming upon the church. It will radically change the lives of believers and move them into the fullness of what God intends for them on

earth. The church of Jesus Christ will enter a new spiritual dimension whereby God will release His supernatural power in the greatest manifestation of signs, wonders, and miracles the earth has ever seen. This will occur in conjunction with the preaching of the gospel to the whole world before Christ returns—the one true light in the midst of widespread spiritual darkness, upheaval, and distress. (See Matthew 24:3–14.)

An Undeniable Record of God's Supernatural Power

God's miraculous power is not limited to an "era of miracles," as some people suppose. He is the eternal, almighty God who has never changed. From the day God created the heavens and earth until today, awesome miracles, signs, and wonders have testified of His unlimited supernatural power. They have testified through such wonders as...

- the design and formation of the universe and humanity.
- the creation of God's chosen people out of the miracle child, Isaac.
- the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage through miraculous signs and plagues.
- the miracles and healings manifested through the prophets Elijah and Elisha.
- the miracles and signs manifested through Jesus.
- the resurrection of Jesus from the dead after His sacrifice on the cross.
- the miracles manifested through the disciples and believers in the early church.
- the miracles worked through Spirit-led believers over the past two millennia.

Yet as great as the awesome miracles, signs, and wonders were that He manifested through Moses on behalf of the children of Israel, in delivering them out of Egyptian bondage and during their forty years in the wilderness, such as...

- Parting the Red Sea
- Raining manna down from heaven and causing water to gush from a rock
- Revealing His power and glory on Mt. Sinai in fiery smoke and speaking to the Israelites with an audible voice
- Leading His people through the wilderness with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night
- Supernaturally providing for them and preventing their clothes and shoes from wearing out....

...as wonderful and mighty as the miracles manifested through the prophets Elijah and Elisha were, such as...

- Elijah shutting the heavens so there was no rain for threeand-a-half years
- Elijah calling fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice on the altar, proving Jehovah is the only true and living God
- Elijah raising a young boy from the dead
- Both Elijah and Elisha parting the Jordan River
- Elisha prophesying and a woman's barren womb being opened
- Elisha raising the woman's son from the dead
- Elisha involved in healing Naaman of leprosy
- Elisha causing an axe head to swim....

...and as powerful and awesome as the miracles manifested through our Lord Jesus Christ and the disciples in the early church were, such as...

- Jesus opening blind eyes, causing the deaf and mute to hear and speak, cleansing lepers, healing the lame, casting out demons, and raising the dead
- Jesus multiplying the five loaves and two fish to feed five thousand people, calming the raging winds and sea, and walking on water
- Peter healing and raising the dead, even his shadow bringing healing to the sick
- Peter's supernatural deliverance from prison by the angel of the Lord
- The other apostles manifesting signs and wonders, such as Philip performing mighty miracles and casting out demons
- Paul healing a man crippled from birth and raising a man from the dead....

...as great and wonderful as these miracles were, God does not limit Himself to specific manifestations or methods, and

God doesn't limit Himself to specific manifestations or methods, and we shouldn't either. we must not limit His working only to the kinds of miracles He has demonstrated in the past. This includes the significant outpouring of His Spirit during the First Great Awakening in the 1800s, the awesome manifestation of His glory during the Azusa Street Revival that

began in 1906 and impacted the world, the healing revival of the early 1950s, and even the widespread healings and deliverances we see today through the ministries of international evangelists. Within the next few years, I believe there will be such a

demonstration of signs, wonders, and miracles that there will be no comparison between the miracles God performed thousands of years ago and the miracles He will do in this end-time hour.

God still chooses to work miracles on behalf of those who reach out in faith to believe His promises. And He will do even more than He has before!

Supernatural Power for the Last Days

In the twentieth century, we witnessed one of the greatest signs of Christ's soon coming—the rebirth of the nation of Israel and the regathering of multitudes of Jews to Israel from around the world after World War II. In fulfillment of prophecies and promises given to the Israelites thousands of years ago, God supernaturally manifested His power on Israel's behalf. The nation of Israel is a living testimony to the fact that God is still manifesting His miracle power. It is one of the greatest signs and wonders ever manifested to the world. The prophet Isaiah wrote,

Before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a male child. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children. (Isaiah 66:7–8, emphasis added)

On May 14, 1948, in Tel Aviv, prime minister David Ben-Gurion proudly announced the establishment of the state of Israel. Between sunrise on one day and sunset on the next, Israel was officially recognized as a nation and was later accepted as a member of the United Nations.

Immediately after Israel was declared a nation, it was plunged into a war that threatened its survival; five Arab armies from Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon invaded it. Although the nation had basically nothing with which to fight, God miraculously intervened. When a cease-fire was effected eight months later, Israel had prevailed.

Almost two decades later, during the Six-Day War in June 1967, God once again supernaturally worked on Israel's behalf. Israel was surrounded on every side and greatly outnumbered in manpower, artillery, jets, and tanks. Egypt, Jordan, and Syria, with aid from other Arab countries, had joined together in an effort to completely annihilate the nation.

There was no way in the natural for Israel to win this war. Yet it was won because of God's supernatural intervention on its behalf. In just six days (eighty hours), Israel fought and won one of the most successful victories in military history, greatly increasing her possession of territories.

These awesome demonstrations of God's supernatural power, as well as many other prophetic signs that have been fulfilled, are like a loud trumpet blast heralding Christ's return. Just as God will continue to manifest His supernatural power in fulfilling His prophetic purposes for Israel in this end-time hour, He will manifest His power in bringing His church into the fullness of what He intends it to be, "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

A Position of Power and Authority

The *primary* sign Jesus said would signal His coming and the end of the age is found in the twenty-fourth chapter of

Matthew. In answer to the disciples' question, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (v. 3 kJv), Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (v. 14). The word "sign" in verse 3 is translated from the Greek word semeion, which refers to miraculous acts, visible demonstrations of God's power and authority. Manifestations of healing, deliverance, and other miracles will accompany and affirm the spoken word of the gospel as a witness to the world. God will

pour out His Spirit in supernatural power to enable the church to fulfill the spiritual destiny of this end-time generation of evangelizing the world before Jesus comes.

We must move with the coming wave of His spiritual power

Miracles will accompany the preaching of the gospel as an end-time witness.

that will be a fulfillment of this sign, and not be overcome by it or left out of it. Christ has commissioned His followers to make disciples of all nations. Yet the church in its current state is not getting the job done. While we have made progress in fulfilling this divine directive, of the 6.5 billion people in the world, about 40 percent are considered unreached or least reached.² Our cities and nations are infested with demonic forces and satanic "strongholds." A stronghold is any place where Satan takes up residence and exalts himself above the will, plans, and purposes of God. Millions are bound by the powers of darkness and face the unspeakable horrors of war, poverty, death, and destruction. Thousands of people groups in remote areas have yet to be reached with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Something must happen to the church to bring it to the position of power Christ intended for it. God is going to prepare the church to fulfill His purposes and bring in a great harvest of souls before Jesus returns. As we draw near to Christ's return, therefore, an awesome demonstration of God's supernatural power will be released through the church to counteract Satan's stranglehold on the world.

A New Season

It is a new season for the body of Christ.

God wants us to set our eyes on the new things He will do in our midst. We will be equipped and prepared to walk in the supernatural!

Perhaps you think, "I'm not a pastor or evangelist. How can I be used by God to work miracles for His purposes?" Think of all the miracles God did in connection with the prophet Elijah. The Bible explains that Elijah was just a human being like the rest of us, yet God used him in miraculous ways. He will do the same with us.

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. (James 5:16–18)

God desires to use "everyday" men and women—factory workers, business owners, doctors, teachers, carpenters, lawyers, and homemakers—right where they live and work,

to manifest His mighty power to save and heal. He wants to breathe new life into the church to bring us to the place where He can use us in this way.

His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church), [that it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.

(Ephesians 4:12–13 AMP)

Christ gave the Holy Spirit to the church, and His plan is for us to grow and mature until we are living in a full manifestation of the Spirit and power of God. Our spiritual ignorance, fear, unbelief, and neglect have been quenching the Holy Spirit from manifesting Himself in our midst. Christ made every provision for us to have the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit flowing through us and enabling us to accomplish the work He has given us before He returns.

Beyond Knowledge into Experience

The twenty-first century church has reached a major turning point. We cannot and must not be guilty of denying God's supernatural, miracle-working power. We are facing crises and desperate world conditions unparalleled in history that can only be met as the church rises up in the fullness of

the supernatural power of almighty God. Another generation is arising that desperately needs to see and experience His miracles.

My goal is not to cause you to focus on the miraculous, but to encourage you to fix your gaze on our supernatural God, who still works miracles on behalf of those who will dare to believe and trust Him.

As God's power and glory are manifested in the nations of the world through the church, doors for the gospel will be

God still works miracles on behalf of those who dare to believe Him. opened in countries now considered closed. Multiplied thousands will be saved, delivered, and healed. The Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus to all humanity in the fullness of His glory through the body of Christ. (See Ephesians 1:22–23.) The resurrection message of Jesus will be preached in a demonstration of

the supernatural power of God with accompanying miracles, signs, and wonders as living proof that Jesus is who He claims to be, the Son of the living God.

This end-time ministry will not be limited to church services or large evangelistic meetings, but will take place on the streets, in gang-infested areas and war zones in our cities, in drug dens, in the marketplace, in hospitals, in homes—anywhere people are hurting and enslaved to sin and Satan. As believers move into this powerful spiritual dimension, miracles, signs, and wonders will once again be an everyday function

of the church in meeting the desperate needs in the world. Miracles will no longer be the exception but the norm!

Experiencing Miracles in All Areas of Your Life

By reason of your spiritual birth, your heavenly Father deals with you in a supernatural way. He wants to bring you to the place where you are walking in the supernatural and experiencing miracles in every area of your life on a *consistent* basis. You therefore need to realize that every experience and circumstance in your life is another opportunity for God to supernaturally intervene, fulfill His promises, and work on your behalf. Walking in the supernatural does not mean there will be an absence of problems in your life. But when you have learned to keep your eyes off your circumstances and focus your spiritual vision on our miracle-working God, His power will be released into these situations—and healing, deliverance, and provision will be manifested.

Living Testimonies to God's Miracle Power in the World

In my ministry, I have seen God's supernatural power manifested through tremendous miracles of healing and deliverance. One of the most outstanding miracles I will always remember was in the life of a man whose body was terribly crippled and twisted. His situation was totally hopeless—beyond any natural cure—until Jesus met him at his point of need, healed his body, and set him free.

I was in the Dominican Republic conducting an evangelistic crusade, and great crowds were coming to the meetings every night. People were getting saved and there were many miracles of healing.

One night, twenty thousand people were there, including many visitors and pastors from different parts of the United States. After I had preached and ministered for an extensive period of time, I was worn out and soaking wet with sweat. Just as I was ready to close the service and leave the platform, my interpreter asked me, "Brother Lowery, can you pray for one more person? We have a man who is crippled, and we want you to pray for him."

I didn't know how crippled he was. At that moment, some men were placing a man on the platform whose legs were drawn and twisted up under him. His arms were also twisted and drawn. Everyone in town knew who he was. He was the man whom people moved from one street corner to another so that he could beg.

I walked over to where he was lying. As I reached out to put my hands on him and pray, the Lord pulled my hands back. "I'm going to heal the man tonight, but don't lay your hands upon him. I must have all the honor and glory," the Lord told me.

I waited for a moment. By this time all the ministers from the United States and the missionaries had gathered around where I was standing.

Then I began to pray, "Silver and gold have I none...." Simultaneously, as I prayed, all the other ministers and missionaries began to pray the same thing with me:

Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

(Acts 3:6 кJv)

While we were praying, I heard the bones in the man's hands begin to crack and pop. He began to shake and tremble under the power of almighty God.

His hands straightened out!

By this time, it felt like my hair was standing up on my head and down the back of my neck.

He started crying and said, "It feels like there are some nails sticking in my legs." I believe this was the blood starting to circulate in his legs. He was shaking, and the bones in his legs were cracking and popping.

I took the man by his hand and lifted him up. This hopeless paralytic, who had been bound and twisted all his life, stood to his feet. He was as tall as I am. He started walking back and forth across the platform and pandemonium broke out.

The once-paralyzed man jumped off the platform and climbed over a cement wall.

Upon seeing this awesome miracle manifested, seven to eight thousand people came rushing up to the front, crying and wanting to be saved. Throughout the years, when miracles have been manifested in my meetings, it has always resulted in a great response with hundreds or thousands responding to accept Christ.

The once-paralyzed man jumped off the platform and climbed over a cement wall about four feet high. I can see it now. He started walking down the road, and a man on crutches came out from the side of the road. The man on crutches

placed his hand on the paralytic man who had been healed. He dropped his crutches—instantly healed by the power of God. He knew that if he just touched that man who had received such an incredible miracle, he would be healed. And he was!

Jesus promised us, "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" (John 14:12).

Throughout many of the nations of the world today, there are living testimonies to God's miracle power, such as the one I just described. According to reports I have read, there are widespread manifestations of tremendous miracles taking place in China and other nations, resulting in thousands of people coming to Christ. The following are just a few of the reports I have read in the last few years concerning miracles around the world.

China

Paul Hattaway, founder and director of Asia Harvest, and his wife, Joy, reported the following:

In the West some Christians believe the day of miracles ended when the last Apostle died, or when the last book of the Bible was completed. In China the house church believers look upon such views as ridiculous and tragic. They see God perform miracles regularly, yet take no credit themselves, realizing it is all the work of God. They always acknowledge the greatest miracle of all to be a heart changed from darkness to light by Jesus' blood.³

In the province of Henan, God's supernatural power is being manifested with miracles of healings, deliverances, and resurrections from the dead. The Hattaways reported,

Miracles and powerful signs and wonders are a common occurrence among house churches in Henan. Healings, deliverances of demons, and other miracles often testify to non-Christians throughout the province of God's power and reality. We have even documented several clear testimonies of dead people being raised back to life. The Henan house church leaders are always careful not to focus on the miracles themselves, however, but prefer to focus on the Miracle Maker, Jesus Christ.⁴

Dennis Balcombe, pastor of Revival Christian Church in Hong Kong and founder of Revival Chinese Ministries International, shared the following testimony of a woman in China who was raised from the dead:

An elderly Sichuan sister died of sickness and was buried. Three days later the Holy Spirit came upon a church member revealing that the sister had just returned from heaven and was alive. Accompanied by coworkers, the family members of the sister rushed to the graveyard. When the casket was opened, they saw the sister coming to life. For the next few years the sister never stopped testifying for the Lord until she was called home. The sister's return from [the] dead had tremendous impact on the gospel work locally. Many believed in the Lord and had stood firm in their faith despite severe persecution.⁵

Indía

The Friday Fax, which provides news from India and around the world, gave these accounts from a doctor in India:

Surgeon Dr. Victor Choudhrie of Madhya Pradesh, India, reports that at the moment, it is mainly miracles that cause people to open their hearts for Jesus and, when they have heard more about him, commit their lives to him. "God is working predominantly through women and uneducated people," says Choudhrie. In July 2005 alone, Choudhrie knows of 352 people who have been baptised, 77 new churches planted, and 1,506 people who have been trained as church planters. The following is a selection of his recent reports:

The heavy rain in the monsoon period drives many snakes out of their territories and into the villages. That leads to many snake bites, and only lucky people can be treated in time. Mohit was in the forest with his herd when he was bitten by a snake. He managed to make it back to his village and tell people what had happened, then lost consciousness. Neither the snake charmers nor the village healer could do anything to help him. One of his neighbors asked a follower of Christ to pray for Mohit; 25 minutes later, he regained consciousness. Many people became open for the gospel through this miracle.

In Chattisgargh State, a deadly snake wrapped itself around a 15-year-old's hand during a church planting seminar. He managed to brush it off, but it fell on someone else. That person also managed to

shake it off, and it finally landed on an open Bible. It died on the spot. The witnesses who did not yet know Jesus were astonished, and many have started following Jesus.⁶

Mongolia

Dennis Balcombe of Revival Chinese Ministries International also reported this incident of remarkable healing and the salvations that have occurred as a result:

A 14-year-old girl accepted Christ in Inner Mongolia. "Anna" was eager to go out and preach the Gospel immediately! However, because of her youth, she was paired with a 20-year-old sister.

Together, they travelled all over the countryside, preaching and witnessing to people. One day, they came upon a farmworker toiling in the fields. They began to preach to her but she deterred them, saying she had no time.

"Go inside the farm house and talk to the old woman lying in bed," she muttered irritably. Anna was very excited! She had permission to preach!

She entered the house and shared the Gospel with the elderly woman, who kept nodding her head like she understood, tears streaming down her face.

Then the farm worker came rushing into the house, yelling at Anna, "She can't hear you, she's deaf!"

But Anna retorted, "No, she does hear me. Jesus can heal and He has healed her!" The woman challenged

her, "If indeed Jesus can heal people, then have Him heal her of paralysis. She has not left her bed for years."

Excitedly, Anna exclaimed, "Yes! Yes! Of course He can heal her!" She ran over to the old woman and grasped her hands, gently urging her to stand on her feet. The old woman stood, and slowly began to walk!

Because of this miracle the whole family accepted Christ and today, they have a house church in their home!⁷

This is just a small sampling of multiplied thousands of miracles taking place worldwide. These manifestations of God's miracle power will continue to increase!

Four Major Characteristics of This New Supernatural Dimension

You may be thinking, *How will I know when this end-time move of God's supernatural power has begun?* There are four major characteristics of the coming new dimension and manifestation of God's power and glory that will position the church to bring in the greatest harvest of souls the world has ever seen.

- 1. God will bring about radical changes in the church to raise it to a new level of spiritual maturity and authority, so that He can use it as a channel through which He can pour out His miracle-working power.
- 2. God will bring the church to a new level of revelation knowledge whereby He will reveal Himself in intimate communion and fellowship. His glory will be manifested in the midst of His people.

- 3. There will be called-out believers who have given themselves fully to God and will be empowered to do the work of the ministry—not just well-known evangelists, pastors, teachers, and ministers.
- 4. Finally, as a wave of God's miracle power sweeps across cities, nations, and continents, the world will have a final end-time witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ preached in a demonstration of the supernatural power of God, resulting in an unprecedented worldwide harvest of souls.

Walking in the Supernatural

Walking in the supernatural is a powerful spiritual *real-ity*—a level of living whereby God's unlimited power flows through our lives. It is a way of life Christ not only has made possible for the church, but also has planned for us to personally experience.

Again, this is not a "pie-in-the-sky" lifestyle where there is no pain or heartache and where everything we need is instantly provided. Yet in every trial and circumstance we face, we will be able to depend and rely upon God's supernatural power to intervene and make us victorious.

Step into the Flow

Before I began writing this book, my son, Stephen, shared with me the following vision:

In this vision God opened my eyes and showed me the river of God. As I looked more closely and observed the flow of the river, I noticed there were various levels of surge.

Near the bank of the river it was relatively calm. A little further into the river the current was a little stronger. But nearer the center of the river there was a powerful surge.

My eyes were drawn toward the banks of the river where I saw a group of people standing together. These people were discussing the water. They knew a lot about the water, its characteristics and the composition of the water. But they had not yet stepped into the river.

As I was pondering the meaning of this vision, God showed me there was a place for those who know the depths of the river of God, and who are in the middle of the flow of His power and glory, to assist those who have not yet entered to step into the flow.

This awesome move of God will be like a mighty, rushing river flowing throughout the nations. Like the great river of life the angel showed John issuing forth and flowing from God's throne (see Revelation 22:1–2), it will be a river of the Holy Spirit coming from the very throne of God, pouring forth and releasing new life, healing, and supernatural power and anointing. Everywhere it flows, we will see tremendous spiritual growth and many people coming into God's kingdom.

Have *you* stepped into the river of God?

Or are you like the people Stephen saw in the vision, who are still standing on the brink observing the river but not stepping in?

Many Christians have heard about the river—God's glory and anointing. They know what the Word teaches about the manifestation of His miracle power flowing through His people. They may have seen or experienced the miraculous. Yet they have failed to take the next step of wading out into the deep—into the middle of the flow where they can be immersed in God's glory and power.

To walk in the supernatural and see the miraculous released in your life, you must be willing to get off the banks and move into the river of God.

In Joshua 3:11–17, we read that as soon as the feet of the Israelite priests carrying the ark of the covenant dipped into This awesome move of God will pour forth and release new life, healing, power, and anointing.

the waters of the Jordan, the waters were parted, enabling the people to walk across on dry ground. If the priests had not taken those steps into the water, the people never would have been able to enter the Promised Land.

You may say, "What do I need to know and do in order to get into the depths of the river of God where I am immersed in His glory and power? How can I be used by God in this supernatural megathrust?"

Some of the things we will explore together include...

- what is hindering the miracle power of God from being manifested within the church.
- how Christ intends miracles to be a distinguishing mark upon every Spirit-filled believer.

- how miracles are to accompany you.
- how to raise your level of expectancy so that miracles are a normal occurrence in your life.
- keys to breaking through your natural environment into the supernatural.
- how to develop supernatural eyesight.
- how you are a supernatural being born by an incorruptible seed and possess God's DNA.
- how God intends for you to live in an atmosphere of His glory.
- how to have God's miracle power continually flowing through your life.

It is my prayer that, as you continue to read on, you will not just wade in the river, but rather jump in!

If you haven't yet ventured out into the flow of the river of God, don't hesitate one moment longer. Set your spiritual focus on the Source of the flow. Break through every hindrance and take the first step.

Perhaps you have waded out a little into the river but are comfortable and content to stay where the current is mild—where you have begun to sense His presence and power but have not yet experienced the fullness of His Spirit. Read on!

Let us go into the depths of the river of God where we can be submerged in His glory and power.

Personal Application

- What is your personal experience in relation to miracles? Has God worked a miracle or miracles in your life? Write about it on a separate sheet or in a journal.
- 2. Have you witnessed a miracle in someone else's life? Describe the miracle(s) you have seen.