

Excerpt from Chapter 2

What do I mean by ‘Supernatural Christian?’

Our modern dictionary defines *supernatural* as being ‘of or caused by power above the forces of nature.’ⁱ Another dictionary uses the following definitions: ‘of or relating to an order of existence beyond the visible universe,’ and ‘departing from what is usual or normal especially so as to appear to transcend the laws of nature.’ⁱⁱ

Whilst the word supernatural was coined in our language after the Bible was written, it aptly describes how God designed us to live with Him in this world. This becomes clear when we take a look at how Jesus lived in the Gospels, or how the church was grown in Acts—or lived out in the letters of the New Testament.

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13

When, like John and Peter, we live life in such a way that there is no earthly explanation for what takes place in and through us, then Jesus becomes the only explanation—and He gets the credit, the honour, and the fame.

Throughout this book we are going to unpack what this looks like and discover some keys to living a life where God gets the glory in our everyday life. We’re going to focus on some exciting things: prayer, prophecy, demonstrations of God’s power and telling people about Jesus. However, before we go further, let’s make one thing perfectly clear: **the most supernatural thing you can do is to live your life loving people.**

ⁱ 2008, The Australian Student’s Colour Dictionary, Ed. Alderman, Tony & Gwynn, Mark, Victoria, Oxford University Press

ⁱⁱ Supernatural. (2008). In *Merriam Webster Online Dictionary*. Retrieved December 7, 2008, from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/supernatural>