

## SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Message Series: Supernatural: When Prayer Invades the Natural  
Message Title: Supernatural Power  
Speaker: Pastor Kevin Myers  
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### Icebreaker:

The Apostle Paul bemoaned the fact that he didn't do what he knew was the right thing to do, but ended up doing the wrong thing he didn't want to do. Do you ever have moments like that?

### Message Overview:

Today's message by PK is the first in a series of six called *Supernatural: When Prayer Invades the Natural*. The lesson PK drew from the text, Exodus 17:8-16, is that life's battle is both **physical** and **spiritual**. Not only do we have to do our part and **fight**, but we also have to **pray**. For God ordained prayer as the supernatural force of His hand in the natural world and when we pray, our spirit engages with the Holy Spirit and we invite Him to move on our behalf in ways that are above or beyond what is natural and what we can do. That is how we conquer. For as E.M. Bounds said, "*Only God can move mountains, but faith and prayer move God.*"

### Discussion:

(Leaders: The questions that follow are designed to stir reflection and discussion on this week's primary message points. Please read through them prior to your meeting, so you can be prepared to prayerfully pace your group well. And remember, as leader, your goal is to promote increased *biblical* awareness, as well as individual *self*-awareness – a combination that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, results in revelation and...transformation!)

- Read the text of the lesson Exodus 17:8-16. What did Moses discover during Israel's battle against the Amalekites? How does this same lesson apply to us? What does John 15:5 say?
- The message overview is worth reading out loud in order to grasp fully the lesson of the message. In fact PK had the church repeat it three times. Let's do that again:

***Life's battle is physical and spiritual. I have to fight and pray. As I pray, the Supernatural invades the natural. This is how I conquer!***

So, what is our role in life's battle? What is God's role? Can we conquer without prayer?

- The idea of the Supernatural being real may be a new one to some of us, perhaps something that you thought only existed in suspense movies. What does Ephesians 6:10-20 teach us about the Holy Spirit and how it affects us?

- We saw in Exodus 17:8-16 that even though God eventually won the battle for Israel, Joshua still had to pick up his sword and fight. PK pointed out that the hyper-spiritual often says, “Just pray and do nothing,” but God tells us to do otherwise. What does it mean in the practical sense to pick up our swords and fight? How might Moses and Joshua caution us in our battle? (Don’t start swinging the sword more in lieu of praying.)
- It’s a powerful idea to know that God ordained prayer as the supernatural force of His hand in the natural world and that when we pray, our spirit engages with the Holy Spirit and we invite Him to move on our behalf in ways that are above or beyond what is natural and what we can do. What else can we learn about prayer from the following scripture? Hebrews 11:6, Hebrews 4:16, Luke 18:1-8
- PK believes God is calling 12Stone to **raise the priority** and **raise the intensity** of prayer over the next six weeks. In essence, God is inviting us to life change—to conquer inescapable battles through prayer. What do you think God can do in and through 12Stone if we step up the intensity of prayer? Take a few moments to dream together.

#### **Wrap-Up/Close:**

E.M. Bounds made the statement, *“Only God can move mountains, but faith and prayer move God.”* What are your present battles? What keeps you up at night? What do you wish to conquer? As the pressures crash in on you, do what Joshua and Moses did...pick up your sword and fight the best you can, while at the same time lifting your hands in prayer to ask God for what only He can do.

You might close by having everyone stand in a circle with hands upraised in prayer. It doesn’t matter whether you pray in a circle, pray with short sentences in a “popcorn” style prayer, or have one person pray...the important thing is that you pray, asking God to move in your lives and in your circumstances.

#### **Throughout the Week: (Optional)**

(Leaders: Share these optional exercises for further study and growth with your group.)

This week, read Exodus 17:8-16 at least three times and spend some time (hands up) praying to God over the battles you are fighting.

Commit the next five weeks to show up and let God grow us up in prayer. Journal the amazing things that you see God doing as a result of praying and share them with a friend.

Memorize John 15:5, *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*