

It takes supernatural strength to do supernatural things.

Main text: Colossians 1:11-14

Colossians 1:11 (NLT) - We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need.

2 Corinthians 4:5-15

1. Pressed but not crushed

2 Cor. 4:8-10

2. I believed... so I spoke.

2 Cor. 4:13-15

3. Fragile jars

2 Cor. 4:5-7

Study Guide

When is the last time you did something that was not at all in your comfort zone? What was it? What was your experience?

Last Sunday we talked about how it takes supernatural strength to do supernatural things. We talked about how living as a Christian means living on the other side of what is humanly possible, but that God will strengthen us to do things that are not humanly possible.

Is there a time where, in response to God's direction, you stepped beyond what you thought was possible for you? How did that work out? What did you learn from that experience?

It's not just about being uncomfortable though. There are lots of things that make us uncomfortable that wouldn't necessarily have value to participate in. But being willing to move beyond our comfort level as God directs and to stay aware of how out of our depth we are, that does something amazing.

Read Matthew 17:14-20.

The disciples have been way beyond where they are comfortable for a while now, but this conversation seems to indicate that they had begun to rely on themselves more and more. When Jesus says, "You don't have enough faith" he is pointing out that they weren't actually acting out of faith when they prayed for this person. They had forgotten who it was that brought the healing.

Is there any place in your life where you may have forgotten how dependant you are on God to see good things happen? Is there any spot in your life where you could use more faith?

Take some time to pray for each other, for opportunities to be uncomfortable for God, and for the faith to remember who it is that changes everything.