

# God is most Glorified in us when we are most Dependent on Him

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Some of us have been duped into thinking that the Christian life is meant to be lived in our own strength.

We're Westerners. We like to be strong. We grow up thinking that things depend on us and our abilities. We import all of this into our Christianity, we believe we're meant to follow Jesus on the basis of our own resources.

In short, we settle for a natural life when we could be living a supernatural life.

God calls his people to live supernatural lives—to live in expectant and full dependency on the living God, believing and trusting that what seems impossible to us is possible with God.

Just as a toddler is meant to depend on his father and mother for everything, we're meant to depend on our Heavenly Father for everything. Again, we've been duped. We thought we were supposed to grow out of this toddler phase. No. The whole of the Christian life is meant to look like the toddler phase in terms of dependency—we are to always depend on God for everything.

Why?

Because God is God and we are not.

To live a natural life is to live a prideful life. When you live life based on your own resources, sight, and strength, you declare that you don't need God.

To live a supernatural life is to live a humble, thrilling, and God-honoring life. When you live life based on God's resources, sight, and strength, you declare that God is God and you're banking everything on his ability to come through.

Abel, Abraham, Caleb, Rahab, Gideon, Daniel, Nehemiah, Mary, the apostle Paul, and the early Christians whose lives are recorded in the book of Acts all lived supernatural lives. Who they are and what they did makes no sense apart from radical dependence on God.

We were never meant to trust in our five loaves and two fish. We are meant to live as though, at any moment, God can turn five loaves and two fish into something we never dreamed of.

Don't settle for a natural life. Live a supernatural life. Read your Bible and see that that's the only kind of life we've been called to live.

I believe that God is most glorified in us when we are most dependent on him.

To the degree that you live dependent on yourself, you dishonor God. To the degree that you live dependent on God, you glorify God.

I want to give God a lot of glory with my life. Don't you?

Let's repent of our less-than-supernatural way of life.  
Let's live supernatural lives. Let's depend, supernaturally depend, on God.

This is the heart of the gospel. The good news of the gospel comes to us in our complete inadequacy, a message of supernatural grace and transformation for the undeserving. That's how the Christian life

starts and it's how the Christian life is meant to continue, knowing our inadequacy and Christ's total adequacy to forgive, satisfy, lead, help, supply, love, and move mountains.

I'm concerned about the loss of faith that moves mountains. I don't think this is a faith intended for a select few. We know the living God, the God who calls us to live as though he is real, sovereign, near, wise, good, and attending to our prayers.

Could there be anything that the Enemy is more eager to do in the Western world than trick us into living natural lives with smallish faith in a smallish God?

We've settled for Me-sized visions for our lives and our churches when we're meant to move forward with God-sized visions.

I'm done with me-sized living. I don't know how I got to confusing Christianity with me-sized living, but I did. A few years ago I repented of that and asked God for the grace and power to trust him like he's meant to be trusted. I'm figuring it out, having fun, and realizing that living a supernatural life is a lot more interesting than the life I once lived.

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Beat that into your head. Beat that into your leadership. Don't settle for anything less.

*I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. - Job 42:2*