



Title: What if there is so much more I - conquering sickness
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Invitation from Jesus: Jesus invites us to partake of the same works He did and do even greater: "Most assuredly, I say to you, 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)

- Whoever believes in Me, the same works...
- What will our response be? Will we accept the invitation or will we stay in a place of unbelief?

Why do we need the supernatural? The supernatural is at the heart of the gospel. Jesus preached about the kingdom and then He demonstrated the kingdom. We are called to do the same.

Luke 9:1–2 (ESV) ¹ *And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.*

Luke 10:9 (NKJV) ⁹ *And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'*

The pursuit of the supernatural is a pursuit of God's manifest presence.

Unfortunately many are satisfied with a theoretical or theological pursuit of God, but not a pursuit of God's Presence.

His Presence - everything flows out of His presence

Levels of God's manifest presence

1. God inhabits everything and holds all things together (Col 1:17)
2. His indwelling Holy Spirit in the lives of those who have been born again. We are His tabernacle.
3. When believers gather in His name. "He is there in their midst" Matt 18:20. ***Principle of exponential increase comes into play.***
4. God's people praise Him, for He inhabits the praises of His people. Ps 22:3
5. **Dedication of the temple:** God came so profoundly that priests were incapacitated (1 Kings 8:10-11). Completely undone at that measure of Presence.

Great grace - different measures of grace / there is grace on us, but we seek more!

Acts 4:33 (ESV) ³³ *And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.*

****Grace is the empowering presence of God, that takes residence in the new creation.**

Acts 5:16 (ESV) ¹⁶ *The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.*

Manifestation of great grace? All healed.

Great grace - Jesus

"By your love conquer the land." God's love conquers all. God's love is powerfully revealed through Jesus Christ. Jesus was different. Completely counter culture.

Luke 6:17–19 (ESV) ¹⁷ *And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all over, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.*

God's love conquers sickness

Matthew 8:1–3 (NKJV) ¹ *When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.* ² *And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."* ³ *Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.*

Perfect love casts out all fear! *We cannot overcome sickness if we fear it.*

At the heart of the gospel is the supernatural and at the heart of the supernatural is the love of God. *God heals because He loves people.

Danger of Supernatural - when love leaves

*The danger of the supernatural is that when love leaves, then people becoming objects to conquer. Love for the person must be at the heart of praying for the sick.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV) ¹ *Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.*

Love must remain at the core. Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts. People have to feel loved. Valued. Important. The person comes first. Love causes us to get over ourselves...

Jesus still heals today

We learned a few things through the challenges of trusting for Sonika's healing:

(1) **Keep praying and don't give up. God answers.** (2) **Love** - when we love somebody then we will do anything for them. Love for the person should motivate us to seek God till breakthrough. (3) **Compassion** - through the pain we experienced the Lord worked in our hearts and showed us that many others battle with similar things and much worse. God has increased our compassion for people who are suffering because of disease.