## WE CAN RECEIVE SUPERNATURAL POWER FROM GOD, TO CARRY OUT NATURAL SITUATIONS WHEN YOU FAST AND PRAY GOD'S WAY

**TEXT:** Matthew 17:21 "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

Many of us have come up against situations that are just too big for us to handle. Some of us have looked at the matters before us and said, "If I just had superpowers like Superman, Wonder Woman or like the scripts display characters on television, I could deal with my situation and come out on top." I submit to you, that these superpowers are not a myth or folklore that <u>you do have supernatural powers</u> that can conquer any situation that you face. It is written, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: **because greater is he that is in you**, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4.

Do not count yourself to be too small or insignificant; you have a supernatural resource that if you tap into it, you can reap where you have not sown (John 4:38 – "*I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour*: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours"), cause things to be that were ordinarily not there (Romans 4:17 – "As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were,) and speak life into a dead end ("Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

Below we shall show just a few examples of how "WE CAN RECEIVE SUPERNATURAL POWER FROM GOD, TO CARRY OUT NATURAL SITUATIONS WHEN YOU FAST AND PRAY GOD'S WAY."

1. I am faced with situations that are too big for me, but if I tap into God's way of doing things, I will come out victorious. 2 Chronicles 20:1-4,17,21-25 (*(1)* It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. *(2)* Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi. *(3) And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. (4)* And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.; *(17)* Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.; *(21)* And when he

had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever. **(22)** And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. **(23)** For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. **(24)** And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped. **(25)** And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

- 2. Natural Man vs. Spiritual Man, who will you allow to reign supreme? 2 Corinthians 5:7 "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)" also study: Ephesians 6:12 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."
- 3. Fasting God's way (*supernatural*) will yield results that will confound those that fast their own way (*natural*). Matthew 6:16-18 (16) Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. (17) But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; (18) That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

**Conclusion:** Many people may wonder how you were able to accomplish so much in such a short time, your answer should be clear and concise – I did not do it as Frank Sinatra said in the song, "I Did It My Way," – I did it God's way. Psalm 121:1-2 says, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. (2) My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth." The supernatural power of God, can change the dynamics of your natural situation in lightning speed.