

ENCOUNTER



— SCHOOL OF MINISTRY —

Jesus - The Standard of Ministry

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Class 2 - Session 1

Q1. Identity and Transformation

29 “For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

-Romans 8:29

12 “The LORD is with you, mighty warrior”
-*Judges 6:12*

19 “Amen, amen, I say to you, a son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees his father doing;”

-John 5:19

6 “Though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. 7 Rather, **he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance,** 8 he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.”

-Philippians 2:6-8

“Through the obedience of the one who was in the form of God and was emptying himself of the form of God, he was born as a man. In doing so, he took a new nature upon himself! This occurred not by a loss of his power and nature but by an assumption of a new condition. *(cont.)*

He was in much of his earthly ministry temporarily relinquishing his exercise of the power of his nature as God as he walked as a man.” - *St. Hilary of Poitiers* (4th Century Church Father)

“In his public ministry, he did his works of power not by his divine nature but by his human nature anointed with the Holy Spirit, as Jesus himself indicates in Luke 4:17-18 (*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me”*)

- *Dr. Mary Healy*

“Christ came into the world to do battle against Satan, to do away with idolatry, and to turn the world to faith and piety and the worship of the true God. He could have accomplished this by using the weapons of his might and coming as he will come to judge, in glory and majesty... But in order that his victory might be the more glorious, he willed to fight Satan in our weak flesh.

It is as if an unarmed man, right hand bound, were to fight with his left hand alone against a powerful army; if he emerged victorious, his victory would be regarded as all the more glorious. **So Christ conquered Satan with the right hand of his divinity bound, and using against him only the left hand of his weak humanity.**"

- St. Lawrence of Brindisi

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Models a lifestyle and ministry perfectly dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit.	How dependent on the Holy Spirit are we willing to live?

First Objection: I can only be open to a life signs wonders and miracles (supernatural ministry) when I get holier and develop a more Christ-like character.

19 “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, 20 **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

-Matthew 28:19-20

7 “As you go, make this proclamation:
‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

8 **Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.** Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” -*Matthew 10:7-8*

8 “Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, 9 **heal the sick in it** and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’ -*Luke 10:8-9*

17 “These signs will accompany those who **believe**: in my name they will **drive out demons**, they will speak new tongues...They will **lay hands on the sick**, and they will recover.”

-Mark 16:17

Signs, wonders, miracles and healings
are not the whole Gospel.

**But the Gospel is not whole without
them.**

Two approaches to interpreting the supernatural in Scripture:

1. I allow my experience to determine my interpretation of Scripture.
2. I allow the Scripture to determine my experience.

Second Objection: This all seems really prideful. Having people seek after greatness to do the signs, wonders, healings... then we are building ourselves up and taking away from the glory that only Jesus should have.

False humility = belittling yourself
in order to build up another.

46 “An argument arose among the disciples about which of them was the greatest. 47 Jesus realized the intention of their hearts and took a child and placed it by his side 48 and said to them, *(cont.)*

“Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest.”

- *Luke 9:46-48*

43 “Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; 44 whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. 45 **For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”**

-Mark 10:43-45

11 “The greatest among you must be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

-Matthew 23:11-12

12 “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

-John 14:12

Jesus could do all the miracles by himself without us, but it is his good pleasure and wisdom to use us to bring him glory.

5 “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because **without me you can do nothing.**” *-John 15:5*

Activation:

Abiding with the Holy Spirit - Grow in a lifestyle of awareness of how Jesus is abiding in us through the Holy Spirit.