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A Practical Guide to a Life of Signs, Wonders, and Miracles

Kris Vallotton
I dedicate this book to my seven grandchildren: Mesha, Elijah, Micah, Isaac, Rilie, Ella, and Evan. You are a voice to a generation that I will never see. You are my legacy, my greatest treasure, and the hope of a lost world stumbling in darkness in pursuit of their Creator. May we leave you a world in revival as your inheritance and may you always remember that I wrote every page of this book with you in mind.

I love you!

—Papa
To my wife, Kathy—you are everything I thought you would be and more. Thank you for more than 31 years of pure joy.

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Thank you Kris, for another valuable book. One sign of a great teacher is that they walk the path of revelation yet know how to make the message easy to understand and apply so that others can walk there also. That is the gift that makes Bethel so valuable as a school and it comes largely from you Kris and Bill Johnson knowing how to take us with you on your journey. Please keep walking and talking and writing!

*Dr. Lance Wallnau*
Pastor and author

Kris Vallotton in his book, *Developing a Supernatural Lifestyle* has touched on many issues that need to be considered if one truly wants to live a consistent life of signs and wonders. Many people want the power, few want to live the life that justifies the Lord giving it to you. One must live the Word, not just talk about it.

*John Paul Jackson*
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We LOVE this book! *Developing A Supernatural Lifestyle* causes you to look at life from a new angle, and see God—the One who can do anything, anywhere through...you. Read it to become more of who you are created to be.

Wesley and Stacey Campbell  
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The first time I met Kris Vallotton I was struck by two things—his passion for prophetic ministry and his aggressive determination to pursue God’s supernatural power. Both of these values bleed through the pages of this manuscript. Be careful as you read, you might be challenged to flee the comfort zone of religious mediocrity and pursue the destiny awaiting those tenacious enough to believe they can be history makers.

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Kris Vallotton is not only an accurate prophet and a friend of God, but also a key pastor over the prophetic movement today. Kris is a covenant partner. We have experienced the fruit of his prophetic insight even in our own family. The Father desires us to live naturally supernatural lives as we lay our lives down for the King. May this book draw you into His heart, until you are so undone that you experience Heaven on earth.

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Kris Vallotton is an amazing person, as is this book. The life of the Spirit pulsates through every page and challenges Christians to join Jesus in His mission to change the face of the whole world. For those looking for an easy escapism from the challenges of taking ground for Christ in the end times, this book offers you no place to hide.

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I first heard Kris speak at a conference in Toronto. I was gripped by his supernatural insight and wistful communication about the Kingdom of God. Like an eager travel agent, he takes multitudes across the chasm of unbelief into the relatively unknown realm of Heaven on earth. His humor and story telling abilities are his tools that build the bridges. Developing a Supernatural Lifestyle is a trail guide for the life we were created to live, but seldom experience.

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Developing a Supernatural Lifestyle is the real deal. Kris leads “The School of the Supernatural” in Redding, California, a ministry school that has produced radical disciples who are regularly healing the sick, casting out demons, and seeing miracles on the streets. Read this if you hunger for the supernatural and want to live dangerously for Jesus.

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Developing a Supernatural Lifestyle is a totally refreshing break from the countless “how to prosper” books which flood the market today. Rather, Kris Vallotton has given us both a menu and a roadmap to the gift of life God offers us in Christ Jesus. Somehow, somewhere, the church has lost sight of the biblical adventure of radical love and daring obedience, and has instead focused on religiously correct milquetoast conformity. Not only does Kris invite us to step out into the grand exploits of a Holy Spirit-led life, but he shares wisdom about the journey that is priceless.

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Kris Vallotton has done us a powerful but painful favor. He has confronted us with the necessity of change from layer after layer of religion to the bringing of the supernatural life of Heaven into play in the earth. With many references to key Scriptures and appropriate illustrations of personal supernatural occurrences, he makes his case unarguable. It is inevitable that when the last pages are read many will be asking, “Where have I been? Why hasn’t somebody told me this before?” Supernatural living is not an option if the Church is to touch the world, it is a mandate. Our choice seems clear. God is ready. Are we?

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Developing a Supernatural Lifestyle will make you glad, mad, or sad. It will truly impact you and you will not be able to read it without a reaction and response! Personally, it made me very, very glad! I so resonate with its message. It is like a sword that pierces through the deep places of the soul exposing, sifting, and analyzing. This is an outstanding, outrageous book…a prophetic manuscript…an apostolic blueprint. Thanks, Kris, for your great courage to communicate mysteries that many are longing to understand.

Patricia King
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In this persuasive book, Kris Vallotton encourages the Body of Christ to seek the supernatural gifts of the Spirit, offers training in their use, and incites us to change the world with them. You will be fascinated with his stories and intrigued by his insights. If you have longed to move in power or have been intimidated by the dark side, this book is for you! I recommend it for every serious Christian.

Pat Boone
Recording artist, movie star, and author
Developing a Supernatural Lifestyle clearly explains the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how to use them. He brings a greater clarity about how to prepare and expect prophetic dreams, visions, and experiences. He also teaches how to live a moral life and how to discern what is the Lord and what is not. You don’t know what you can do until you stand up and try...then the Lord will honor your faith, show up, and show off!

Bob Jones
Itinerate minister and prophet

Developing a Supernatural Lifestyle is very encouraging to do just that—develop a supernatural lifestyle. Kris’s call for personal experience of God and with God are important corrections to a form of Christianity in the West that so frequently substitutes information for instruction, doctrines about God in place of the personal knowledge of God, and formulas in place of radical, risky faith. Kris presents a view of living in the Kingdom and in a Church that has been endowed with great beauty and power, a beautiful body that would be difficult to reject. He is not presenting a form of Christianity that is dogma and doctrine alone. He is not inviting people to come hug a skeleton.

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One of the most amazing stories I have ever watched unfold has been the nearly 30-year-long journey of the author into a lifestyle of the supernatural. Kris and I have been friends for all that time, and partners in ministry for well over 20 years. His beginnings were the most humble imaginable. But there was a hunger and a willingness to serve that enabled him to rise both in experience and stature.

This journey began in Mountain Chapel of Weaverville, California. Day after day Kris would look for any possible place to serve. His passion for more of an authentic gospel caused him to grow in maturity, and eventually to a place of leadership. He stood out because of his relentless pursuit of a supernatural lifestyle as a normal part of the everyday Christian experience. While he was born with a strong prophetic gifting, it was not yet functioning in any practical sense in the early stages of his quest. But that soon changed. And much of the breakthroughs we experienced in those years were in part due to Kris’s gift.
After moving to Redding, California to pastor Bethel Church, I asked Kris to come and join my staff. He said yes and left the business world to do so. That was about 9 years ago. Some go to seminary or Bible College to get trained. But Kris went into the marketplace to do his learning as it was God’s assignment for that season of his life. It would be in that environment that God would train Kris in the things he had hoped to learn in a school—the normal Christian life of miracles, signs and wonders. After joining our staff God added to Kris’s schooling by exposing him to another world—church life. It was the combination of the two that God used to give him an extraordinary wisdom about the supernatural lifestyle both in and out of the church. What he teaches, he lives.

Kris’ journey continues, as does mine. There is more available to anyone who will give themselves completely to displaying an authentic gospel. My heart is that you would give yourself to honoring our Lord Jesus Christ by displaying His love, character, and power. This book will go a long way in making the much desired supernatural lifestyle a reality in your life. I highly recommend both the man and message, for they are one and the same.

Bill Johnson
In the days of the prophet Elijah, there arose a company of men who were called the “sons of the prophets.” These men traveled throughout the world ravaging the powers of darkness and wreaking havoc on evil kingdoms. They had no tolerance for the destructive behavior of wicked kings but rather turned many to righteousness. They raised the dead, healed the sick, parted rivers, destroyed false prophets, and saw revival spread out through their land. They were feared by many and respected by all. They walked in great purity, and God was their friend.

Today, all around us, wickedness continues to grow, taking root in the lives of those we love and eroding the very foundation of our country. Satanism is spreading like wildfire. Psychics laugh in the face of the Church as they demonstrate the power of the dark side. Divorce is destroying our families and violence our children. Cancer, AIDS, other diseases take the lives of so many. Yet the words of our Lord Jesus echo through the halls of history: “These signs will follow those who believe” and “Greater works than
these [you] will do, because I go to My Father.” (Mark 16:17; John 14:12 NKJV).

In Acts 3:25, Peter says, “It is you who are the sons of the prophets.” It is time for the Body of Christ to rise up and receive our inheritance! We must rid ourselves of complacency and restore the ancient boundaries of holiness and demonstrations of great power. We cannot be satisfied with illustrated sermons, great music, and friendly services. We have been called to see the powers of darkness destroyed and our ruined cities restored.

In the days of Moses, God demonstrated His power to Pharaoh, but Pharaoh counter-attacked by having his sorcerers duplicate the miracles of God. Then the God of Heaven, who has all power, performed extraordinary miracles so that even the sorcerers said, “This must be God. We cannot perform these miracles.” Finally Pharaoh was overcome by God’s power and let His people go.

I believe that the Pharaoh of this world is about to let go of our cities as God demonstrates His raw, superior power through His Church. We are in the midst of the greatest revival in human history. Yet there remains a distance between what should be and what will be.

That distance is you!

What will you be?

You are the bridge between history and His story.

You are the sons of the prophets!

The sick, the demonized, the poor, the blind, the lame and the lost are all waiting to see what you have learned.

Don’t disappoint them!
CHAPTER 1
Every so often in the course of history there are individuals born who defy common reason and statistical explanation. These are the great ones who break the tether of their generational expectations and rise to the high call that seems to echo from somewhere beyond the grave.

The prophets of old peered into the future and spoke of these violent ones who would force their way into the Kingdom, take hold of Heaven, and pull it down to earth. These reigning saints refuse to have their exploits be a mere reflection of the past, but instead break the gravitational barriers of naysayers and doubters, journeying far beyond the boundaries of reason into places where no one has ever gone before. Ultimately they capture the prize of the upward call of God that lies in Christ Jesus. These are God’s history makers, the Lord’s chosen people, His mighty men, His holy nation.

Many of us can feel the vacuum of this vortex drawing our hearts into this divine destiny. We find our inner man longing, stirring, and burning for the great adventure. Live or die, we must
press through the walls of mediocrity and find the Promised Land of our souls. We live with a passion to be numbered among those who have gained fame in the halls of Heaven and are feared among the prison guards of hell. If we are going to walk as God’s ruling royalty, it is incumbent upon us to:

✧ Pray unceasingly.
✧ Give sacrificially.
✧ Dream unreasonably.
✧ Serve wholeheartedly.
✧ Love unashamedly.
✧ Walk innocently.
✧ Believe undoubtingly.
✧ Live powerfully.

These are the qualities of the Bride of Christ in all of her glory. She is called to be the most creative force on the face of the earth. Therefore we must not allow ourselves to become known for our boxes—that is, famous for what we don’t do because of our righteous constrictions. Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and Benjamin Franklin had certain moral values that restrained their behavior, but they were famous for what they did, not for what they didn’t do! It would be tragic if the most creative people on the face of the earth allowed themselves to be reduced to rent-a-cops guarding a box (the Ark of the Covenant) that God vacated 2,000 years ago.

The truth is that if we don’t take our rightful place in the earth, we will relegate sinners, void of the mind of Christ, barred from the wisdom of the ages, and wandering in utter darkness, to being the most brilliant minds of our time! If the brightest light in this world

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belongs to those locked in darkness, how great would the darkness be in our world? Something is fundamentally wrong with this picture, but this is our brain on religion. Religion is like kryptonite to Superman. Religion can conform the most righteous, reigning saints into mindless zombies, puppets repeating someone else’s convictions they don’t even understand themselves.

ATTACK OF THE CLONES

I am convinced that religion is the father of genetic cloning. Religion invented cloning long before the world ever thought of it. Religion has a way of sucking the most powerful people on the planet into a spiritual look-a-like contest and calling it discipleship. True discipleship is meant to empower people to be transformed into the image of their Creator, but religion redefines the terms, conforming people into replicas of their leaders. Religion takes God’s mighty men and makes them artifacts in a museum.

Religious people, like the Pharisees of old, have the hardest time reaching out to folks who think “outside of the box” and don’t behave inside their hopeless shackles. Part of the struggle comes from what they have done to the Savior of the world. They have sterilized the Gospel. Jesus took water and turned it to wine, but 2,000 years later today’s Pharisees have diluted it to grape juice. Religion has reduced the supernatural power of God to a history lesson about serving the dead body of a helpless Christ who, still nailed to the Cross, is incapable of rocking their sacred boat. They emphasize the drowning of baptism, arguing over how people should get wet and what should be said over them during their dipping. Religious people have lost touch with the fact that the bold print of baptism is not on the descent but
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on the ascension. The death of Christ paid for our sins, but it was His resurrection that gave life to our mortal bodies.

Religion embraces death sadistically and moves the risen Christ out of the garden and back to the tomb. Religious people pray things like “God, kill me,” not realizing that even the One who came to give His life as a ransom for us all, prayed “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup [of death] from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done” (Luke 22:42). Jesus did not want to die; He wanted to do His Father’s will. If religion had its way it would rewrite Mary’s proclamation to read, “He is in the tomb just where we laid Him!” We have lost sight of the fact that the Cross was for the old man, not the new man, and that the true Christian life is not about dying for Christ, but living in the life He purchased for us to establish His Kingdom on earth! The Church must shake off the shackles of religion and embrace our supernatural destiny.

OUR COMMISSION

The world is crying out in distress, and we must not miss this kairos moment, the opportunity of the ages. In the late sixties, the Beatles took America by storm. In a few short years, four boys from Liverpool altered the course of our nation’s history. Soon after, the world was swept into the wake of their anointing—all while they were singing “Yeah, yeah, yeah.” But it wasn’t long before the “Fab Four” started to experience a crisis in their own souls. They began to cry out in desperation, singing:

(Help) I need somebody
(Help) Not just anybody
(Help) You know I need someone

(Help)

When I was younger, so much younger than today,
History Makers

I never needed anybody’s help in any way.

But now these days are gone
I’m not so self-assured
Now I find I’ve changed my mind
I’ve opened up the doors.

Help me if you can, I’m feeling down
And I do appreciate you being ’round.

Help me get my feet back on the ground
Won’t you please, please help me!

Help!, The Beatles,
Capitol Records, © 1965

But their cry for help fell on deaf ears in the sanctuary of hope, and soon they were calling Hare Krishna their “sweet lord.” The Church can’t afford to fall asleep in the harvest today as we have done so many times in the past. We are not supposed to reflect our culture; we are commissioned to transform it.

We are called to disciple all the nations of the world. Discipling nations means submerging them in God—not religion—and “teaching them to observe all that I commanded you” (Matt. 28:20). Teaching nations how to think is the transformational catalyst to changing cultures. But as long as Christians aren’t valued in society they will have no influence in the world. (You only have as much influence in people’s lives as they have value for you. Anytime you try to have more influence than someone has value for you, you will manipulate them.)

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It is imperative that we become kings who understand the ways that royal people influence authority. Otherwise we will reduce ourselves to social begging, hoping that the BIG, powerful people feel compassion for us and help our cause. This poisonous poverty mind-set reduces the Christian message to a cry for help instead of a call for leadership. We don’t need nations to change for our sake. We have a living, abiding, unshakable Kingdom that dwells within us and prospers under all circumstances. We need the nations to change for the sake of those still lost in darkness. They need the culture around them to create a safe environment for them until they get the Kingdom within them.

This cultural begging has relegated the Kingdom of God to a subculture. God never intended Christianity to be a subculture. Subcultures are those cultures that are subservient to a more powerful culture. The world’s commentary on the first-century Church reflects the true influence we are meant to have in society. They proclaimed, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too” (Acts 17:6 NKJV). We are called to turn the world around and set it back on its feet again. We are to be counter-culture until the mind-set of the nations begins to take on the attitude of the Kingdom. Christians are not subservient to the world because God has assigned us the highest level of authority that exists on this planet.

When Christians lose their desire and courage to confront the evils of our day honorably, we begin to be influenced by the lying principalities that are also commissioned to disciple the nations, but with an antichrist agenda. These demonic forces work to dethrone the Prince of Peace, who is the rightful “prince” of the principles that make societies prosper, and instead enthrone the prince of darkness. Consequently, the enabling principles

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of a culture become demonically inspired instead of Kingdom Spirited. This dark prince works to establish evil thinking that leads to destructive behaviors. But when Jesus rules, He enables the principles of the King to transform the culture through the mind of Christ. In other words, people in a nation governed by the Kingdom begin to think like God!

However, it is important that we learn how to carry His power and authority. If we believers become combative instead of honorably confronting, we will reduce our influence to the small pond of the church and render ourselves powerless in the ocean of humanity. We are to carry God’s authority into the lives of people and nations through invitation, not through intrusion or invasion. Although we are called to be combative when dealing with the powers of darkness, we are to be honorably confronting with people, demonstrating the benefits and rewards of a superior Kingdom.

TEARING DOWN FORTRESSSES

Daniel had a vision of the Last Days that sheds light on the point I am addressing here. He wrote:

[The devil] will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him (Daniel 7:25-27).
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Daniel saw the devil apprehending the “times” or epoch seasons and changing the law. These epoch seasons or “times” are similar to the time periods we call the agricultural age, the industrial age, and the information age. Halfway through the third epoch, God stripped authority from the devil and gave it to the saints. The devil tried to alter the times by changing the law. The law mentioned here is not the Torah, but the decrees and the rules of society. Changes in the law are signs of the times and manifestations of the new value systems of mankind in a particular epoch. Epoch seasons are altered when people begin to think differently and develop structures to sustain their new and emerging attitudes.

These structures are built inside of people before they ever emerge as decrees and rules in the society around them. These internal structures are constructed through demonically inspired “in-struction” that has shaped their souls. Paul teaches us about this in Second Corinthians. He writes:

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.* (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

Paul describes fortresses as *speculations, lofty things, and thoughts*. Fortresses are systems of firmly held wrong beliefs that squeeze the life of God out of the hearts of people, changing the culture in a way that ultimately hijacks the divine destiny of nations themselves. These fortresses are assembled brick by brick through the intentional *in-struction* of demonic *speculations*—such speculations as, “There is no Creator. Life transpired through a big bang.” Or how about this one: “A fetus is not a baby; it is just tissue until it emerges from the mother’s womb. Then it suddenly becomes a human being.” *Lofty things,* or
arrogant attitudes, are seen in statements such as, “Man is god and there is no one to whom he needs to submit.” Thoughts can be many things, but every thought is an interpretation of reality, and thus is connected to a belief system based either on truth or lies. Wrong thoughts undermine the love of the Bridegroom and ultimately produce behavior that denies who we are, since we were made in the image of our loving Creator.

The great news is that God is calling His Church to develop a supernatural lifestyle that equips the saints of the Most High with weapons of warfare that are not of the flesh but that are divinely powerful, supernaturally inspired arsenals of mass destruction! Under the cover of darkness, the Lord has been distributing these weapons of light to prepare us for a mass invasion against the evil forces that have hidden out in the hearts of men. These evil spirits are the ultimate body snatchers. But Heaven is invading earth, freeing captives and releasing prisoners.

In the days of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Israel and took Daniel and his three friends captive. But the Babylonians underestimated the “X factor.” Like the superheroes in an action movie, these boys began supernaturally and systematically to dismantle the wicked systems of ancient Iraq from the inside. Nebuchadnezzar thought that he had captured four young Jewish lads, but it was the Babylonians who were taken prisoner by the God of Heaven. Over the next 70 years these men escaped the furnace, turned lions into pussycats, and changed the nation’s history through prophetic proclamations and dream interpretations.
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**TRAINING FOR THE WORLD**

Unlike the ministry of Daniel, much of the supernatural ministry in the new millennium reminds me of the four-wheel-drive vehicles in the big city where I grew up. It was cool to own a four-wheel-drive truck in the Bay Area, and guys would buy these trucks, jack them way up in the air, put on huge tires and a triple roll bar, and dress them in chrome. Years later we moved way up in the mountains of the Trinity Alps. One of the first things I noticed was that nobody had jacked up, chromed out trucks. Most of these mountain folks owned rugged-looking four-wheel-drives with beat-up paint jobs and narrow tires that could bite in the snow, because they used them to get in and out of the woods in the middle of the winter. They didn’t own them to perpetuate their image. These trucks were just pieces of equipment the mountain folks needed to live.

God never intended the gifts of the Spirit to be confined to the four walls of the Church. Most of the miracles in the Bible took place off the holy highway in the rugged backwoods of the marketplace. Thankfully, there is a great transition happening in the Kingdom. We are moving from the ministry *to* the saints to the ministry *of* the saints. Church is the place where we go to get equipped with the *weapons of warfare*, and it is a great place to practice until we get proficient with them, under the guidance of experienced instructors. But it is important to equip, develop, and train with deployment in mind.

The previous war in Iraq is a great example of this. In Desert Storm the United States military found itself ill prepared for the battle. Our tanks, helicopters, and guns filled up with sand and broke down. Our camouflaged uniforms stuck out like a sore thumb in the sands of Iraq and our troops were not prepared for the incredible heat and sandstorms that plagued them in the desert. One of the main problems could be traced back to the fact that our troops had been prepared with the jungles of Vietnam in mind. The desert of Iraq was a far cry from the tropical challenges of jungle warfare. But by the time the second Iraq War began, America was ready because
our troops had been equipped and trained with that particular battlefield in sight.

Most Christians are not prepared for the battle that awaits them in the marketplace because they have trained in the user-friendly environment of “Fort Cush.” Not only were they trained among nice people who already know God and speak Christianese, they have trained for them! It is hard to be prepared for the lion’s den while training with and for pussycats.

Let me make it clear; the church should be a safe place to practice and grow in the Holy Spirit’s gifts. But if we train only for the Church we will be completely ineffective among those lost in darkness. You can only sit in the simulator so long before you finally have to go out and take a drive in the real thing.

I remember when our youngest son, Jason, first learned to shoot a bow and arrow. We lived in the woods, so we set up a target for him on some bales of hay behind our house. He was five years old when we bought him his first compound bow. He would go out in the backyard and shoot that thing for hours. Then one day I noticed that when he picked up the bow to go outside, our dog cowered and ran out the door the other way. You can only practice for so long before you start getting the urge to try your skill on something that’s living.

At Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry we train our students with the marketplace in mind. For instance, when they are learning to minister in the word of knowledge or prophecy we try to simulate the place of deployment as much as possible. The students match up one-on-one. They are then instructed to ask the Holy Spirit for a word of knowledge or prophecy for their partner in 30 seconds. There is no music playing in the background and they have to try even if they get it wrong. They are
to deliver the message in conversational English, not yelling, shaking, dramatizing the word or using King James language.

Why do we require them to practice like this? Because you won’t typically have a beautiful song playing in the background when you minister at the mall. We only give them 30 seconds so they get used to getting a word quickly and don’t miss opportunities in the marketplace. They deliver the word in plain, conversational English so that people in the world can relate to them. We also have them judge each other’s ministry to determine if it was from God and if it was delivered accurately. We tell them, “Turn off your mercy gift when you are giving your partner feedback. They need an honest analysis of their ministry, not flattery.” When the students start gaining experience and begin to get pretty accurate, we send them, accompanied by a mature leader, into the marketplace, the streets, and the schools to minister to real people. When they return, we debrief with them so they can gain insight into how to become more effective.

Like the Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry, this book is dedicated to developing revivalists who make history. My prayer is that these revivalists become:

✧ Humble, but not harmless.
✧ Honorable, but not suck-ups.
✧ Dependable, but not predictable.
✧ Bold, but not brash.
✧ Holy, but not hobbled.
✧ Patient, but not passive.
✧ Powerful, but not controlling.
✧ Encouraging, without flattering.
✧ Gentle, but not timid.
✧ Modest, but not docile.
✧ Confident, but not cocky.
✧ Steadfast, but not stubborn.
✧ Teachable, but not tame.
✧ Kind, but not benign.
Discerning, but not suspicious.
Confrontational, but not combative.
Tough, but not rigid.
Submissive, but not subdued.
Serious, but not somber.
Risky, yet wise.
Peaceful, but not careless.
Spontaneous, yet prepared.
Giving, yet able to receive.
Transparent, but able to keep a secret.
Extreme, yet balanced.
Spirit-led, but self-controlled.
Submitted to men, but following God.

If your heart burns to be famous in Heaven and known in hell and if you have the courage to read on, I will meet you in the pages of this book.