



Jeff Lucas – A Supernatural Church

Welcome-

Jeff began by talking about Black Country humour and about how “if you like people you can be rude to them.” Do you think this is true and have you got any humorous examples? What other aspects of Black Country life and culture do you like or laugh about?

Word-

Jeff talked about how he became a Christian after being healed, waking up to realise “someone stole my verrucas.” This healing pointed him to Jesus. Do you have any experience of supernatural healing, either for yourself or people close to you? How did this result in someone’s life being changed?

Shortly afterwards Jonny Barr, an Elim minister, spoke prophetically into his life in a remarkable way, calling him to full time Christian ministry and to preach. Do you have any stories of prophetic words being spoken to you? In what ways did this change your life?

Read Acts 2:42-43

While unpacking his first point, *God does do miracles, it’s a truth that’s been eroded*, Jeff expressed a firm belief in healings and miracles, but at the same time said that he had not seen as many as he had expected, and that while God has at times spoken clearly and prophetically into his life, “He hasn’t been as chatty as I thought he might be”. How does your own experience compare with Jeff’s? If life is really like this, how does it make you feel?

Read 1 Thess 5:19-22

He went on to talk about Christian TV and how some of it irritated him so much that he wanted to throw his bowl of cereal at the television. He also described times when he felt that someone praying for him had been trying to push him over in order to make it seem that the Holy Spirit was at work. Do you agree with him that there is a certain amount of “silliness” surrounding these things and that we need to “take the silliness out of it”?

He quoted John Piper, “I want to have my keel deep and stable in the once-for-all biblical revelation of God, and I want to have my sails unfurled to every movement of God’s Spirit upon the deep.” In what ways can we think and act that will make this more of a reality in our lives? In what ways can our thoughts and actions make it less real?

Read Acts 4:43 again

How do you react to the statement “*We are invited to partner by the Lord*” in miracles and healings? And what about his point “*We must have a theology of suffering alongside a theology of the supernatural*”? How can we fully grasp that *Signs point somewhere – to a new Exodus, to the Kingdom, and to the King*?

Prayer-

Jeff’s final point was that *We are called to be a people who ask*. Spend some time praying for situations or people that need God’s supernatural breakthrough.

At the last Encounter, Leon spoke about being filled with the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. Is there anyone present in the group who would like to be filled with the Holy Spirit, or would like to ask God for a spiritual gift (e.g. 1 Cor 12:7-11)? If so, please pray for them with consideration and without “silliness”.