### The Ministry of Helps

WEEK 1 (22 AUG): SUPERNATURAL HELPS MINISTRY THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE

WEEK 2 (29 AUG): QUALIFICATIONS FOR A HIGH CALL

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26 SEPTEMBER: Q & A

### Course Objectives

- 1. TO UNDERSTAND THE SUPERNATURAL GIFT OF HELPS
- 2. TO LEARN THE DIVERSITY OF GIFTS INVOLVED IN THE HELPS MINISTRY
- 3. TO STUDY THE SPIRITUAL ATTRIBUTES OF A SERVANT OF GOD
- 4. TO STUDY THE IMPARTATION THAT COMES TO A HELPS MINISTER
- 5. TO HELP EACH BELIEVER FIND THEIR OWN UNIQUE PLACE OF SERVICE
- 6. TO LEARN HOW TO AVOID BURN-OUT IN THE HELPS MINISTRY

### Module 5: Session 1

Supernatural Helps Ministry throughout the Bible

Jesus anointed and set in the Church: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

- 1. THESE ARE OFTEN CALLED "THE FIVE-FOLD" MINISTRIES OR "THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY GIFTS".
- 2. THOSE CALLED TO THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY ARE EQUIPPED WITH FIVE SUPERNATURAL ANOINTINGS
   THE SUPERNATURAL EQUIPMENT TO GET THE JOB DONE.
- 3. THEIR JOB IS TO PREPARE OTHERS FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY AND TO EDIFY THE BODY OF CHRIST.

There is also the Ministry of Helps, a supernatural calling with supernatural equipment. (1 Corinthians 12:27-28)

Here, the Bible lists three of the five-fold ministries and then adds some other roles that members of the Body of Christ might fulfill.

NOTICE THAT *GOD* HAS SET HELPS MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH. A CALLING TO THE HELPS MINISTRY IS JUST AS VALID AS IF GOD ASKED YOU TO BE A PROPHET OR AN APOSTLE.

HELPS MINISTERS ARE SUPERNATURALLY ANOINTED TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING THOSE IN THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY.

- a. As we study the lives of various Helps ministers in the Bible, we will see how God supernaturally guided them and equipped them with giftings and impartations.
- b. Supernatural does not necessarily mean spectacular.
  - 1) SOME PEOPLE MISS THE SUPERNATURAL BECAUSE THEY ARE LOOKING FOR THE SPECTACULAR.
  - 2) THEY MISS SERVING IN THE SUPERNATURAL CALLING OF THE MINISTRY OF HELPS BECAUSE THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A SPECTACULAR PLACE IN MINISTRY.

The Ministry of Helps is "anything that helps"... anything that helps the minister accomplish what God wants to do in the church, city, or crusade.

- 1. THE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED "HELPS" MEANS "TO RENDER ASSISTANCE".
- 2. THE HELPS MINISTRY ASSISTS THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTERS TO ACCOMPLISH AND FULFILL THEIR GOD-GIVEN VISION.
- 3. A SERVANT'S PLACE IS TO TAKE SOME OF THE LOAD OFF THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTER.

#### A. Helps Ministry in the Old Testament

- 1. Eliezer, Abraham's servant
  - a. Such a close personal assistant as to be considered a potential heir Genesis 15:2-3.
  - b. When it came time to seek a wife for Isaac, Abraham sent Eliezer, who prayed for and received
    - supernatural assistance Genesis 24:12-16.

#### A. Helps Ministry in the Old Testament

- 2. Joseph
- 3. Aaron & Hur
- 4. God called skilled men to help Moses build the Tabernacle and its furnishings. Then He supernaturally anointed them for their task. (Exodus 35:30-35)
- 5. God gave Moses 70 elders to help him lead the people in the wilderness. (Numbers 11)

GOD IMPARTED SUPERNATURAL ABILITY TO THE ELDERS.

YOU CAN EXPECT GOD TO GIVE YOU SUPERNATURAL ABILITY AS YOU FAITHFULLY SERVE IN THE MINISTRY OF HELPS.

- B. Old Testament example of "Helps" are referred to as "servants".
  - 1. Joshua was called "the servant of Moses." He served Moses for 40 years.
    - a. Joshua went with Moses to Mt. Sinai Exodus 24:13-18.
    - b.Joshua ministered with Moses in the Tabernacle Exodus 33:11.
    - c. Joshua was chosen by God to replace Moses after Moses died Joshua 1:1-8.

#### B. Old Testament example of "Helps" are referred to as "servants".

- 2. ELISHA WAS CALLED THE SERVANT OF ELIJAH 1 KINGS 19:19-21.
- a. Elisha didn't immediately get any "glory". Most experts believe Elisha served Elijah for at least 10 years before Elisha assumed the Office of the Prophet.
- b. After Elijah was taken up in a chariot of fire, Elisha received a double portion of Elijah's spirit 2 Kings 2:9-15.

#### CHARACTERISTICS THESE OLD TESTAMENT SERVANTS HAD IN COMMON:

- a. FAITHFULNESS: THEY WERE GODLY MEN
- b. LOYALTY: THEY STOOD BY THEIR LEADER EVEN WHEN TIMES WERE TOUGH
- c. TOTAL COMMITMENT: THEY LEFT ALL TO SERVE
- d. PROVEN: THEY PASSED THE TEST OF TIME
- e. THEY PARTOOK OF THEIR MASTER'S ANOINTING

C. In the Gospels, Jesus operated in the five-fold ministry and the disciples functioned in the Ministry of Helps.

The disciples brought Jesus food so He could rest. (John 4:6-8)

The disciples rowed the boat:

- a. So Jesus could escape from the crowd if necessary Mark 3:9.
- b. So Jesus could sleep Matthew 8:23-27.
- The disciples baptized those who came to see Jesus. (John 4:1-2)
- The disciples worked with Jesus to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons. (Mark 6:7-13,30-31; Matthew 10:7-8)

C. In the Gospels, Jesus operated in the five-fold ministry and the disciples functioned in the Ministry of Helps.

THE DISCIPLES DISTRIBUTED THE FOOD WHEN JESUS FED THE FIVE THOUSAND. (MATTHEW 14:19)

BY GETTING THE DISCIPLES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE MULTIPLYING OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES, JESUS WAS CONTINUING TO STRETCH THEIR FAITH.

AS JESUS INVOLVED THE DISCIPLES IN THE MIRACULOUS, THEIR FAITH GREW AND THEIR LIVES WERE CHANGED.

Once you experience the miraculous power of God flowing through you as you render assistance to others, you will never be the same!

#### D. THE MINISTRY OF HELPS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

MINISTERING TO THE GREEK WIDOWS (SEE ACTS 6:1-7)

A. THE APOSTLES DESIRED TO BE FREE TO BE IN PRAYER AND TO STUDY AND MINISTER THE WORD.

B. THE APOSTLES NEEDED HELP IN DOING THE NECESSARY DAILY TASKS WHICH DID NOT PERTAIN TO SPIRITUAL THINGS.

WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE FACT OF THE NEGLECT OF THE WIDOWS, AT ONCE THE APOSTLES REQUESTED THE BELIEVERS TO SELECT "SEVEN MEN" TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR "THIS BUSINESS".

#### D. THE MINISTRY OF HELPS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

C. OTHER DISCIPLES (NOT THE TWELVE APOSTLES) CHOSE SEVEN MEN TO FULFILL THE POSITIONS OF ADMINISTRATION.

THE JOB WAS TO WAIT AT TABLES, YET LOOK AT THE REQUIREMENTS:

- A) THEY HAD TO HAVE A GOOD REPORT GIVEN BY OTHERS.
- B) THEY HAD TO BE FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- C) THEY HAD TO BE FULL OF WISDOM.

#### D. THE MINISTRY OF HELPS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

D. THE APOSTLES APPROVED THEIR SELECTION AND LAID THEIR HANDS ON THE SEVEN MEN AND SET THEM APART FOR GOD'S SERVICE.

E. THESE HELPS MINISTERS WERE SUPERNATURALLY EQUIPPED –

AND SOME WENT ON TO A FULL-TIME CALLING.

STEPHEN PROVED HIMSELF FAITHFUL IN SERVING AND WAS PROMOTED BY GOD TO THE MIRACLE MINISTRY – ACTS 6:8.

#### D. THE MINISTRY OF HELPS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

#### F. CHURCH GROWTH RESULTED FROM THE WORK OF THE HELPS MINISTRY.

- 1) THE WORD OF GOD INCREASED (SPREAD) AFTER THE MINISTRY OF HELPS WAS ADDED TO THE EARLY CHURCH.
- 2) BEFORE THIS, DISCIPLES HAD BEEN "ADDED" NOW THEY WERE "MULTIPLIED".
- 3) FOR THE FIRST TIME MANY PRIESTS WERE OBEDIENT TO THE FAITH.
- 4) THIS DEMONSTRATES THAT GOD WILL MULTIPLY THE MEMBERS OF A CHURCH WHEN HE KNOWS PEOPLE WILL BE CARED FOR.

E. ALL OF THESE THINGS COMBINED TO PRODUCE A SUPERNATURAL, GROWING CHURCH THAT TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN. THERE IS NO REASON WE CANNOT DO THAT AGAIN – IF WE LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF THOSE WHO MADE UP THE FIRST-GENERATION CHURCH.

F. BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST: SPIRITUAL AWAKENING, REVIVAL, CHURCH GROWTH AND HELPS MINISTRY

- THE GROWTH OF YOUR LOCAL CHURCH DOES NOT DEPEND TOTALLY ON THE PASTOR AND HIS VISION.
- 2. SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN YOUR CITY DOES NOT DEPEND TOTALLY ON THE EVANGELIST AND HIS VISION.
- 3. THE GROWTH OR INCREASE OF THE BODY IS THE RESULT OF EACH MEMBER FULFILLING THE CALL OF GOD ON HIS OR HER LIFE. (EPHESIANS 4:16)

H – Having

E – Enough

L – Loving

P – People S – Serving

#### A. "MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR"

- 1. GOD HAS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE CHURCH. HE HAS SET YOU IN THE PLACE HE DESIGNED FOR YOU TO BE. (1 CORINTHIANS 12:18)
- 2. GOD WILL USE YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE: YOUR GIFTS, TALENTS, YOUR PERSONALITY. (1 COR. 12:27)

#### A. "MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR"

- a. NO ONE CAN FILL YOUR PLACE LIKE YOU. OUR CHURCH WILL BE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVELY REACH OUR CITY WHEN EACH MEMBER FINDS THEIR PLACE AND DOES WHAT ONLY THEY CAN DO. THERE IS NO NEED FOR COMPETITION WITHIN THE BODY OF CHRIST.
- b. RIGHT AFTER 1 CORINTHIANS 12, YOU WILL FIND 1 CORINTHIANS 13, OFTEN CALLED THE "LOVE CHAPTER". HERE PAUL MAKES THE POINT THAT *WITHOUT LOVE, NO GIFT CAN FUNCTION*. SINCE WE ARE SO DIVERSE AND DISTINCT, LOVE IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL OF US TO WORK TOGETHER.

#### **B.** "THE UNCTION TO FUNCTION"

- 1. GOD GIVES US GRACE IN "DIFFERENT WAYS". (EPHESIANS 4:7)
- a. GOD GIVES NOT ONLY THE PLACE, BUT ALSO THE GRACE.
- b. EVERYONE'S GRACE IS DIFFERENT.
- c. MY GRACE WON'T WORK IN YOUR PLACE... YOUR GRACE WON'T WORK IN MY PLACE.

- **B.** "THE UNCTION TO FUNCTION"
- 2. THIS GRACE IS NOT FOR YOUR BENEFIT ALONE.
- a. IT ALSO BENEFITS THOSE YOU SERVE. (1 PETER 4:10)
- b. IT IS A SERVING GRACE. YOU WILL EXPERIENCE GREAT JOY AS YOU ALLOW GOD TO FLOW HIS GIFTS THROUGH YOU TO OTHERS!

- **B.** "THE UNCTION TO FUNCTION"
- 3. NO ONE CAN TEACH US A GRACE. (1 JOHN 2:27)
- a. YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU ALL THE ABILITY YOU NEED TO OPERATE IN YOUR PLACE.
- b. THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES US TO FIND OUR PLACE, TO YIELD TO THE GRACE, TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE IN OUR DELIVERY OF THE ANOINTING.

#### C. TOO MANY CHIEFS

- 1. NOT EVERYONE IS CALLED TO BE IN CHARGE.
- 2. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW OUTWARD BODY PARTS, BUT THERE ARE A LOT MORE INWARD PARTS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL AND VITAL FOR LIFE.

#### D. EVERYONE CAN HELP

- 1. NOT EVERYONE IS CALLED TO BE IN CHARGE, BUT EVERYONE IS CALLED TO HELP!
- 2. EVERYONE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST IS CALLED TO SERVE SOMEWHERE. EVERY BELIEVER HAS A MINISTRY.
- 3. "PEW WARMERS" WILL NEVER KNOW ALL OF WHAT GOD HAS PLACED INSIDE OF THEM.
- 4. IF YOU ARE CALLED TO THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY, YOU WILL NOT MOVE INTO WHAT GOD HAS FOR YOU UNTIL YOU LEARN TO SERVE OTHERS.

E. BE "FERVENT IN SPIRIT, SERVING THE LORD" (ROMANS 12:11)

"OH!!! THE INFINITE VALUE OF THE HUMBLED GOSPEL HELPERS. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO GIFTS AS LEADERS BUT ARE NUMBER ONE HELPERS. HOW GRAND REVIVAL WORK MOVES ALONG WHEN RED-HOT PLATOONS OF FIRE-BAPTIZED HELPERS CROWD AROUND GOD'S HEROIC LEADERS!" – REV. W. B. GODBEY

### "FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY GIFTS"

(5 ARE LISTED IN EPHESIANS 4:7-12)

...AND HE GAVE SOME, <u>APOSTLES</u>; AND SOME, <u>PROPHETS</u>; AND SOME, <u>EVANGELISTS</u>; AND SOME, <u>PASTORS</u> AND <u>TEACHERS</u>; FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS, FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY, FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

### "GIFTS TO BODILY MEMBERS"

(8 ARE LISTED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27-28)

NOW YE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR. AND GOD HATH SET SOME IN THE CHURCH, FIRST <u>APOSTLES</u>, SECONDARILY <u>PROPHETS</u>, THIRDLY <u>TEACHERS</u>, AFTER THAT <u>MIRACLES</u>, THEN GIFTS OF' <u>HEALINGS</u>, <u>HELPS</u>, <u>GOVERNMENTS</u>, <u>DIVERSITIES OF TONGUES</u>.

"OFFICE GIFTS"

(7 ARE LISTED IN ROMANS 12:4-8)

FOR AS WE HAVE MANY MEMBERS IN ONE BODY, AND ALL MEMBER HAVE NOT THE SAME OFFICE: SO WE, BEING MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, AND EVERY ONE MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER. HAVING THEN GIFTS DIFFERING ACCORDING TO THE GRACE THAT IS GIVEN TO US, WHETHER **PROPHECY**, LET US PROPHESY ACCORDING TO THE PROPORTION OF FAITH; OR **MINISTRY**, LET US WAIT ON OUR MINISTERING: OR HE THAT **TEACHES**, ON TEACHING; OR HE THAT **EXHORTS**. ON EXHORTATION: HE THAT **GIVES**. LET HIM DO IT WITH SIMPLICITY; HE THAT **RULES**. WITH DILIGENCE; HE THAT **SHOWS** MERCY, WITH CHEERFULNESS.

#### "MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT" OR "SPIRITUAL GIFTS"

(9 ARE LISTED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10)

FOR TO ONE IS GIVEN BY THE SPIRIT THE **WORD OF WISDOM**; TO ANOTHER THE **WORD OF KNOWLEDGE** BY THE SAME SPIRIT; TO ANOTHER **FAITH** BY THE SAME SPIRIT; TO ANOTHER THE **GIFTS OF HEALING** BY THE SAME SPIRIT; TO ANOTHER THE **WORKING OF MIRACLES**; TO ANOTHER **PROPHECY**; TO ANOTHER **DISCERNING OF SPIRITS**; TO ANOTHER **DIVERSE KINDS OF TONGUES**; TO ANOTHER THE **INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES**.

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