

# Vision and Values - Being Naturally Supernatural

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An important value of New Generation City Church is being naturally supernatural without being weird. Supernatural means being above and beyond the natural, such as the laws of physics. God is supernatural and He demonstrated this attribute when He created the universe, provided salvation for us, etc.

1. *Supernatural events were a part of daily life in the early church*  
We should expect no less today, because the early church was the blueprint for us today. The western church however, often does not display supernatural events.
2. *Jesus was never weird when He prayed for people*  
His voice, clothes and manner did not change when He prayed. Even though some Christians may read the King James version, it would be inappropriate to use 'Thus sayth the Lord' or use 16<sup>th</sup> century English when talking or praying with others today.
3. *The Holy Spirit lives in us*  
He has filled us and therefore is with us at all times. At any time He can work supernaturally through us. Jesus did supernatural things even though He was tired and hungry. He was obedient even when it was not convenient. [John 4]
4. *The Holy Spirit is a person*  
He is not a genie in the lamp who comes out when we rub the bottle of prayer. He is God and He has a sovereign will. He desires to transform our lives.
5. *The supernatural is not only for leaders*  
A mistaken concept when reading the bible is that it was just the apostles who did supernatural acts. However God can work supernaturally through all Christians. The bible has many stories about everyday people (Gideon [poor], David [very young], Peter [uneducated]) who did extraordinary things.

## The Life of Peter

Peter was an uneducated fisherman, who was impulsive and timid, yet he was radically transformed after being filled by the Holy Spirit. Peter became bold, preached to thousands, was tortured, saw many healed and raised the dead. [John 13; Acts 2:1-41; Acts 3:1-10; Acts 5:17-42; Acts 9:32-43]