

#### Encouraging the "All"



#### 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.



#### 1 Corinthians 12:8-10a

For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy,



1 Corinthians 12:10b-11
and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another
various kinds of tongues, and to another the
interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit
works all these things, distributing to each one
individually just as He wills.



#### 1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.



### The Church has always been a supernatural community



## God will do supernatural things through you in the most natural ways



Cessationist: believe that the 'sign gifts' (tongues, prophesying, healings, miracles) ended with the death of the apostles.



Pentecostal: all of the gifts are in full operation and normative for every Christian.



No name... believes the gifts have not ceased but the manner in which many are being 'used' is neither biblical or helpful.



## 1 Corinthians 14:1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.



Prophesy: forthtelling or foretelling God's word, truth or will to an individual or community concerning a situation or circumstance



## 1 Corinthians 14:3 But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.



#### There will be times where we will need to the truth of God's word "personalized"



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- d. Be gracious to the one who speaks to you.



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