Supernatural Acceleration
Lesson 2 “Divine Positioning”

I. Introduction - We are going to continue our series we began last week on “Supernatural Acceleration.” Last week, we discovered that objects accelerate when they move closer to the sun. The same principle applies in the kingdom: the closer we walk with the Son, the faster God's plans and purposes unfold in our lives. This is called Supernatural Acceleration!

A. Last week, we learned this is possible. Today, we are going to begin unpack how this process happens. The first step we are going to study is “Divine Positioning.”

B. Before we jump into today’s message, I want to emphasize that we cannot speed God and we should not seek after acceleration.

II. Divine Positioning - Acceleration occurs when a force acts on an object and causes it to increase velocity. Will talk more about the force next week, but today we want to talk about divine positioning. Think about it, if I’m playing baseball and I want to make the ball accelerate off my bat then I need to be standing at the right place (home-plate). What if I like second base better or want to go stand over at third because I like talking with the third baseman. What’s gonna happen? How often does this happen with things of the spirit.

A. **1 Corinthians 12:18** God has a specific place for each of us that aligns with our gifts and calling. If we step out of our grace, get out of our place, we’ll fall on our face.

B. After Elijah prophesied a drought in Israel and had to hide for three years, God brought him into a situation where he led the largest revival in Old Testament history.

1. He had a showdown with the prophets of Baal and said the real God would answer by fire. Their gods could not consume the sacrifice with fire, so then Elijah drenched both the sacrifice and the alter he set up with fire and prayed. God then answered by fire and consumed the sacrifice. This inspired the people and they helped Elijah kill all the prophets of Baal - **1 Kings 18:40.** Is this an “and suddenly?” It is, but it came on the back of years of faithfulness.
2. **1 Kings 18:41** Elijah then declared, “I hear a sound of an abundance of rain coming” and told Ahab to go eat and drink.” He then went and prayed for the rain. After God answered his prayer, look what happened…**1 Kings 18:44-46.**
    a. The hand of the Lord came upon and he outran (overtook) Ahab.
    b. The Bible doesn’t explain why this happened, but it was most probably so Elijah could continue demonstrating the power of God to both Ahab and his wife Jezebel who was at the palace. Had Elijah told her the news of the revival first, Jezebel may have repented and the negative events of ***1 Kings 19*** may have never taken place.

c. The point is because Elijah was in the proper position, (in prayer and leading a revival) the hand of God accelerated Elijah to a place of divine destiny where he could have changed Israel's history forever.

C. Day of Pentecost

1. **Matthew 28:18-20** Did the disciples have an assignment? Yes, they were supposed to take the gospel into the whole world. Disciple nations.
2. **Luke 24:49** They were to wait in Jerusalem until they were clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:4-5, 8**. What if they wanted to somewhere else because the weather was nicer or they wanted to get on in with the job?
3. **What was their physical position?** Jerusalem. Why? Prophetic fulfillment.
   a. There were three feasts where God commanded the Jews to assemble in Jerusalem. They would gather from all around the world (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles).
   b. At Passover, almost every Jew in the world saw the Messiah crucified on a hill overlooking Jerusalem. 50 days later was Pentecost. God created a divine set-up where all the Jews would return to Jerusalem once again when the Holy Spirit was poured out and the church began.
   c. **What was their spiritual position?** While their physical position was an upper room in Jerusalem, their spiritual position was one of prayer.
      i. **Acts 2:1-11 And suddenly! Supernatural acceleration?**
      ii. **Acts 2:41** 3,000 people got saved. Was that because Peter was such a great orator or because he was in the right place at the right time?
      iii. Brian/Ashley positioning story after Luke was born.
   d. **Relational Positioning** Peter did one thing Elijah didn't in terms of positioning to help him have sustained success. He surrounded himself with others.
      i. Elijah did not and lived in isolation **Romans 11:2-4.**
      ii. When Peter got arrested in the next chapter he was with John. When they were released they returned to their own company **Acts 4:23.** They then prayed and got touched by the Spirit again.

III. Conclusion - I'm teaching on "Supernatural Acceleration" because I believe God has brought our church collectively and many people individually into a season on acceleration. The key I want to leave you with today, is don't seek the acceleration, seek the will of God. If you chase acceleration, you might leave your divine assignment because it looks like nothing is happening (until it starts to happen).

Lets get in the right place (serving on the right team), around the right people, with the right heart posture (prayer) and God can bring some "and Suddenlies" to pass in our midst.