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Sid Roth has spent over 40 years researching the strange world of the Supernatural! Join Sid for this edition of It's Supernatural!

SID: Mario Murillo was raised in a non-Christian home and, at 15, a friend of his challenges him to go to his church.

Why in the world did you even go?

MARIO: Especially when you consider the high school I went to was ripped by racial violence, we were torn in half, and half the time we never even had lunches on campus because of the violence, and so he knew that I was wanting to be a Marxist and I was making hateful comments about the church and, one day, he came up to me, "Friend," and he said, "I dare you to go to church. You're saying all these things. You have nothing to back it up. Go to church," and that's how it happened.

SID: What happened at church?

MARIO: I walked in and, first of all, I predicted to him there'll be a scattering of elderly people near the front, no youth there, and I'll walk in and that's how it'll look like, and that is exactly what it looked like, except for one notable exception, which was a teen from Teen Challenge in New York...

SID: Just happened to be there.

MARIO: ... happened to be giving a presentation, and they... I heard someone say that they were a lifelong heroin addict. They were delivered by the power of God and baptized in the Spirit. That was all science fiction in my neighborhood, and then, all of a sudden, I heard a voice say, "I want you to preach the gospel." Here's the problem with that. I'd never heard the word gospel in my life.

SID: My goodness.

MARIO: I was hearing a word that I had to ask somebody about afterwards, and then what happened is the... My legs wanted to get saved, but the upper body did it, so this—

SID: I'm just visualizing, that took—

MARIO: Yeah, so I'm grabbing the top of the pew, keeping my legs at bay, holding and anchoring them to the back, and finally the Lord won, and I was dramatically converted and, within the next two weeks, I had won 14 of my classmates in high school to Christ.

SID: You didn't even know what gospel meant. During the Jesus Movement, you're out at Berkeley and you're working real hard, and you're a leader of a student outreach, but things got too tough and you wanted out. All of a sudden, you get a phone call.

MARIO: Yeah. See, our ministry won thousands of students at Berkeley. That was a shock. This university didn't expect it. We didn't expect it. It never happened before. We had converts from the... who were atheists, Jews from the Boalt School of Law. We had radical Islamic and radicals, Black Panthers, people from cults all saved. Ten years after that, for 10 years, we saw the glory of God, It vacated, it all, so, suddenly, it was like all of the presence, everything left, and it made me so angry that I told God I'd quit. I even wrote a note saying, a resignation letter that said, "I quit."

SID: To God?

MARIO: It said, "Dear God, I quit," signed Mario Murillo, and the Lord said, "Before you quit, go upstairs and pray," so I said, "Okay, I'm not going to do that because I know how you work. If I go up there and pray, you're going to give me a fresh mandate, and then I'm going to be a prisoner of hope again in my hometown in San Francisco," so I go upstairs and I pray, and the Lord says, "I am going to pour out my spirit on San Francisco, California, and the whole world will look and wonder and be astounded." I got so mad when I heard that that I threw furniture across the room. I said—

SID: You really did that?

MARIO: I did that. I bounced it off the wall, and I'm sitting there and I'm going, "That is the most outrageously cruel promise that any human being has ever been given," and I said, "I will not carry this, not for a nanosecond unless you confirm it now," and when the word now came out of my mouth, the phone started ringing, so I didn't answer the phone because I knew Jesus was on the phone, see, and I'm going, "You don't have to do that," and I was half right because the individual on the phone was Jewish, and when I picked it up, it was... The voice said, "Is this Mario Murillo?"

I said, "Yes." He said, "I'm Bob Dylan," and I knew Bob's voice. I mean, I knew his voice. He has a voice like nobody else, and I thought it was my assistant who did impersonations, so I said, "Alan, this is not a good time," and Bob goes, "I don't know who Alan is, but this is Bob Dylan, and I've just been saved, and the reason I'm calling you is because you stood at Melodyland in 1974 and publicly stated that I was going to be born again, and now here I am," and he said, "I need a man of God who's a wild man to pray at my concert because my fans are going to go nuts when they find out I'm a Christian."

We talked for a while. He gave me two backstage passes. He told me where the concert was, and we were about to hang up and he said, "By the way, did God tell you he was going to pour out his spirit on San Francisco?" and I'm like... I can't even breathe. That ended up where we miraculously rented the 16,000-seat Cow Palace Arena that had not been filled for a Christian event since 1958, and the Lord gave us 14,000 people in that arena, and 2,000 souls met the Lord. It was amazing.

SID: 2,000 met the Lord. God told Mario to study the American youth. Then he was visited by the devil, and the devil said, "I will kill them." Back in a moment.

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SID: Mario, God told you to study the American youth. What did you find out?

MARIO: When I was asked to study the youth, I had been through the '60s and the Jesus Movement, but I couldn't believe the information that's available on our children and what's being fed to them, how they're in despair, how the American suicide rate is off the chart, and it got so ugly that I realized that the playing field had been leveled. I used to think there were bad neighborhoods and good neighborhoods, but the Internet made it all possible for the same demons that hit the child in the ghetto to hit the child in the mansion.

When I found that out, it was late one night, about 2:00 in the morning, and I'd researched all this stuff and, all of a sudden, the room got ugly in like a stench and, evidently, something that I was embarking on was now an existential threat to evil, and the devil began to snarl. I could feel him. These statements, "I will grind them to powder. I will destroy them. I will completely manipulate them. I will turn them into evil. I will chew them up, spit them out and put them in a nameless grave. They will have no hope," and he kept saying, "I will. I will," and then, Sid, the glory of God filled my room, and I heard God roar, "But I will pour out my spirit on them."

SID: Mario, I have to believe that, if the devil made such a point of wanting to kill the youth, the youth will be the devil's greatest nightmare.

MARIO: Come on, brother.

SID: That's what I believe.

MARIO: Wow. That's right.

SID: Then God showed you about a national awakening, and I'm not a California person. I'm an East Coast person.

MARIO: Yes, sir.

SID: There's something called Highway 99.

MARIO: Runs right through this.

SID: Tell me about all of that.

MARIO: Highway 99 has many cities. It runs from Red Bluff, California, down to Laval Road in Arvin, California. It's 40 miles south of Bakersfield. I was preaching in Stockton, and after the morning service, I took a nap, and suddenly I was in a dream, the kind of dream that I warn people to be careful about, so I suddenly find myself suspended above the state of California and, with one glance, I was able to see from Red Bluff down to Laval Road, which is several hundred miles, and suddenly this highway, which by the way in... Five years ago, the top 10 worst cities in America, five of them were along that highway, and they have drugs and homelessness.

There's one city I'm not going to name. They have 12,000 homeless people per capita, more homeless than anywhere else. Entire, vast neighborhoods along the 99 have been devastated by not only drugs and gangs, but the Mexican mafia has its only real footprint in America along that place, so I'm staring at the highway. It turns into a river, and it became a river, and I see trees popping, and he said, "These trees represent leaves of healing. There's going to be thousands saved along this highway."

I was miraculously given a tent five years later and completely forgot the dream. I'd mentioned it once in a while, told the people that lived in Stockton about it, but, one night, the Lord said, "I'd give you this tent and a thousand chairs. You take it from the top of 99 to the bottom, and you will see it will become a corridor of the glory of God."

SID: He didn't tell you to go into the upper class areas. You are going, from what I understand, in the most crime infested, gang-controlled, drug- infested, scariest, prostitution-effected areas imaginable. I'm going to take you to Paradise.

MARIO: Yes, sir.

SID: Tell me what happened there.

MARIO: Paradise, California, was like Dresden in Germany. When it was carpet-bombed by the Americans, there was nothing left. 24,000 buildings were destroyed in Paradise, California. It was nothing left. The water, you couldn't drink it. The grid was gone.

SID: Awful fire.

MARIO: It is the first American city that we could say was entirely destroyed by fire, not even San Francisco could say that in 1906, and the Lord said, "Go to Paradise, California," and I said, "There's no one there." He said, "Go," and I'm thinking to myself going in that 88 people died in that fire and most of their relatives are going to be under this tent. I'm going to be preaching to people whose parents, loved ones, wives, husbands died in a fire, and instead, the power of God came and, the comfort of the Lord, it was amazing, and the Lord said, "This is just the beginning of what you're going to see."

From there, we had a tent meeting actually before Paradise in Marysville with the Five30 Event Center there with Jim Carpenter and Christine, and we had young kids who shaved their heads and tattooed Hitler on the side of their... It said Hitler and a swastika on one side. They're at the

altar. They're the ones that God told me about. The devil said, "I'm going to destroy them." Here they are down on the ground, spread-eagle, sobbing to be born again.

SID: Mario says he will reveal your purpose when we return, and it's different than what you think.

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SID: Mario, you have to tell us about Joe in Fresno.

MARIO: Okay, a young man, 19 years of age, introduced to heroin by his parents, he's going to a pizza parlor because it's one of the only things that he can do as an addict, so he's going to work there, and he drives on Highway 99, the river, the corridor of glory. There is our tent right alongside the highway, and a voice says to him, "Get in that tent." He pulls off to call his boss and say, "I can't come to work today. I got to get in this tent." The boss says, "If you don't show up, you'll be fired," and he said, "I guess I'm fired because I'm going in that tent."

He got there at about 4:30, and we had to start early because the tent filled up, so I walk out and I keep looking at this young man and, just like that, the Holy Spirit downloaded, cirrhosis of the liver, failing kidneys, heroin addiction, he's not saved, so I woke up to Joe in front of all the people. I said, "Young man, stand up." I said, "You're addicted to heroin, aren't you?" and he nods his head, very humble, and I said, "You have kidney failure and, your liver, you have hepatitis C," and he acknowledged all of it, and the Lord healed him, and he knew he was healed.

He knew it, so then I put my hand on his shoulder, and I said, "Joe, repeat after me." He says the Sinner's Prayer, and he's born again, so I turned around. A demon came out of him. His body was healed, and he's saved, so I'm going to do a victory dance. The Lord said, "You're not done yet," so I turned around and I said, "Joe, I know what I'm about to tell you makes zero sense to you, but put your hand on your stomach because, out of your belly, something's going to flow, and you're going to hear a phrase in your ear that is a language you don't understand. All I'm going to ask you to do is focus on Christ and repeat that phrase you hear in your ear," so he put his hands on his stomach, threw his head back, and this heavenly language started coming out of him.

I'm no dummy, so I took the mic. I put it right down by his mouth, and I told the sound man to turn it up, and that language of prayer filled that whole tent and shifted the entire atmosphere of the place. That is not the end of the story. We have a wonderful work with a guy named Frank Saldana out of Stockton called Inner City Action, and Inner City Action is so powerful, and they set up our tent. They send workers, and they have a place for the homeless, and they train people.

Joe leaves, comes back the next day when the tent was being taken down, because that night was the last night. He sits there, and he says to Jesus, "If I'm asked to leave my city and join this team, I'm going to do it," and so Frank Saldana walks up to him and says, "Son, would you like

to come with us and be trained as a Christian worker?" and then, four months later, we happened to be there, my wife and I, and Joe comes running up, gives us the biggest hug. He said, "I'm going with Jesus all the way," and you know what? We're going to get a million more. We're going to get a million more.

SID: You know what? I agree, and I know. I more than agree. I know you're going to do that. Tell me about what is our purpose and what is our assignment?

MARIO: If you look at Joe, what was he? He was a junkie on his way to work. Now, today, it's a universe of difference. If I could just look at the camera for a moment and tell you, "That's the way it is for you." You have no idea who you really are, and God wants to give you a purpose, and one of the ways that I found out... I began to write and give people insights. It took me 50 years to get to about how we are living in an hour when God is creating a new breed of Christian. He's not changing Christianity. What he's changing is our perception that we go to church and listen to someone else be used of God. We are now a signs and wonders army, and there is healing in our hand. That's right.

SID: There's a scripture for our purpose. What is that scripture?

MARIO: Oh, my goodness, it's 1 John 3:8, where it says, "For this purpose was the Son of God revealed that he might destroy the works of the devil." You see, I believe the church today has lost its excitement. Where it has lost it is because it is giving the people inferior reasons to serve God.

Serve God so that you can be happy. I mean, give me a massive break. Serve God so that you can know who you are. Really, I've tried to figure out who Mario is, and I'm not impressed with that. That can be a real cul de sac, but when it comes to thinking that I can lay hands on the sick, that I can take a suicidal teenager and deliver them, that is it, and what am I? I'm an extension of Christ's purpose. First and foremost, I'm on the earth to destroy the works of the devil, and that's what you are. You are a destroyer of the works of the devil.

SID: When I heard about one of the greatest miracles that you've ever witnessed and that, when you share this story, major miracles erupt, I said to you, "You must tell the full story to our audience on the extended version of this show to watch this amazing, I mean, extraordinary release of miracles." Now, go to sidroth.org/mario.

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