

Hello, Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world where it's naturally supernatural. My guest says if a believer's life isn't supernatural, it's irrelevant. Unless it's out of your comfort zone, you just missed your destiny. You choose. Next.

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

SID: For a young man that told his parents he would never preach. Now at 25, his evangelistic videos have reached 60 million people in less than one year. Matt, you're a pastor's son. Did you ever, ever think you would be on international television with me in your wildest imaginations when you were younger?

MATT: Sid, it would've never crossed my mind. It never crossed my mind. I grew up watching your show as a kid. And if you would've told me, the young Matt, that [you'd] be interviewing me, I would've looked at you and laughed. I was so timid, so shy. I would've never imagined.

SID: Well, something happened to him. He was just a normal, for lack of a better word, church goer, but something happened. We'll get to that in a minute, but just a little bit of a preview. I've heard of people with ministries at Walmarts, which you do, but I haven't heard of too many people that have ministered with Uber drivers. Tell me about one taxi ride with an Uber.

MATT: Yeah. I remember coming home one day from preaching out of town. And normally my cousin will pick me up or I have a friend or a family member that would scoop me up from the airport. And at that time nobody was available. And so I was like, "You know what? I'm just going to Uber home." And so I went on my app. I ordered the Uber and I went outside and I was waiting for my ride. And as I went into the car and it's so funny, because God always sends me Uber drivers who are Muslim. And so as I hopped in I just wanted to break the ice. And so I asked the lady, a kindhearted lady, I said, "How long have you been driving Uber? Are you from Chicago?" And so we started having a good conversation. And on the ride home, Sid, I asked her, I had a word of knowledge about pain in her back. And I asked her if I could pray for her. I said, "Keep your eyes on the road. I want to pray for you for back pain.

MATT: And I said, "I need to get home. Praise God." So I remember praying for her. And at this time she's pulling up to my house and she feels the fire of God go in her body, says the pain completely shot out. She looks to me—

SID: Excuse me. For those that don't have this paradigm. What do you mean she felt the fire of God go into her body?

MATT: She felt what she described as heat. And as we know as believers, that's the fire of heaven burning out everything that's not of God. He's the one who purifies. It's that same fire that burned up every trace of sin. It's a holy fire. And she experienced that and she parked up right out in front of my driveway and she looks at me in the backseat. Her eyes get really big. She says, "Jesus is big. Jesus is big." She kept repeating herself.

SID: A Muslim?

MATT: A Muslim, believes and follows the teachings of Islam said, "Jesus is big." I said, "He sure is big. So big that every knee's going to bow. Every tongue's going to confess that He Lord to the glory of God, the Father. That name is the name above every name." I began ministering the heart of God to her, the gospel message of Jesus Christ. And she stood there in that car and gave her a whole life to Jesus.

SID: I'll tell you, Matt, take a look at this 25-year-old man who, the last thing you in the world he thought would be talking about Jesus publicly, let alone on my program. Just maybe even at a church. If God could do that to him, God could do it to your son. Tell me about you met a fellow and this guy said to you he was, I guess, new in town or something, "I want to work out with you." That's when the change started actually working out, explain.

MATT: Yeah, his name was Adam. He was new to our church. He became real tight with my brother, Dylan and another girl at a church named Melina. And they invited me out to a bowling alley one night. And so I went, me and Adam started talking and we connected really well. And he looked at me. He said, "Do you work out?" I said, "Yeah, we have a gym in our basement." I said, "You should come on by. We could work out together sometime." He came on by that Monday. And I remember we were working out together. He looks at me, he says, "Matt, I'm not really looking for a workout partner. I'm looking for a prayer partner." And it threw me off.

MATT: I was like, "I don't..." And I thought about it. I was like, "I don't have a strong prayer life." Yet, I grew up in church my whole life. I loved God, but I never nurtured my daily devotion with Christ. And it challenged my faith. So I said, "All right, let's do it." And so we met up every day in that same basement and we played some worship music and we began to pray for like nine hours. It would feel like an hour Sid. And I would experience angels walking past me. I would feel the presence of the Lord.

SID: Did you before that, had you ever experienced that?

MATT: No. My spiritual life was dry. I was halfway in and halfway out. I always tell people I had enough of God in my life to not enjoy the world, but I also had enough of the world in my life not to enjoy God. I was going through the motions of Christianity. I was just a church goer, not a disciple. I claimed to be saved, but Jesus was never Lord of my life. And so I said, "I need to start doing something with what I've been given." And so I started praying with Adam. And one of those nights, I had a radical encounter with the person of Jesus. I remember I was praying and Adam's on the other side praying in tongues. I have no clue what he's saying. Never experienced that in my life. And all of a sudden I hear the voice of the Lord speak to me. He says, "Go to Adam, open up your mouth and pray in tongues."

MATT: And I was like, "Oh no. This is definitely not God because I don't know how to do that. And so Lord, why would you tell me something I don't know how to do?" And He kept telling me over and over again. Adam has no idea what's going on. He doesn't know I'm having this conversation with God in my head. And he opens up his eyes and he says, "Matt, I hear the Lord saying, "Listen." And I got freaked out. I walked by him. I was so nervous. I couldn't do it. He says, I'll be right back. I go to the bathroom. He goes upstairs to the bathroom. I went in the hallway because I felt the fear of the Lord. I didn't want to be down there by myself.

MATT: So I was in the hallway and in that moment Sid, the power of God came upon me so strong from the top of my head down to the soles of my feet, this holy fire, this holy boldness, this courage was ignited in my heart. This confidence was infused within me to preach the gospel with power and with authority. Mind you before this moment, I told my parents, "You'll never see me preach. It's out of my comfort zone." I was so shy. I was timid. I felt inadequate. But when I got empowered, I had this passion to witness. I had this passion to preach.

SID: Did you feel the fire of God?

MATT: I felt it all over me.

SID: Describe that to me.

MATT: It was like my spirit was filled with joy. I was burning for the things of God. In fact, when I was praying in the language of the spirit in that hallway, my hands were going like this. I didn't know what I was saying, but it was like authority was coming out of my mouth. And I just felt like my spirit was in unity with the purposes of God. I was magnifying the Lord with whatever I was saying. And I realized I was praying what He wants to do on the earth. And after that moment's when I went out and I was telling everybody I knew, everybody I came across about this man named Jesus.

SID: You experienced so many supernatural things, but you hadn't until this power came upon you. And that's the same power that any believer is entitled to. Here's the question I have for you. You operate in miracles, you operate in signs and wonders. There are millions of Christians across the world that have even prayed in tongues, been filled with the Holy Spirit and they don't. What's the difference between you and them? Why?

MATT: You have to have a life of fellowship with the Holy Spirit. When you pray, you generate power. When you begin to host His presence in private, you can then carry His power in public. We see this pattern in Jesus' life when He went away to be with the Father. And then when you go up to minister, the power of God fell every time. You know Sid, so the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an empowering experience. It equips the believer to be the hands and feet of Jesus. But I think we have to cultivate the fire. We have to be in the place of prayer. Prayer is valuable to God and that's what opens up the door for His power to move. So I think that our ministries should be measured by our prayer life and our worship life. How much are we praying? How much we spending time with God? Because if we're in that place, when we go out to minister, it's going to flow through us. We're going to be a carrier.

SID: Yeah. You're going to teach a lot of people with this exclusive series of your teaching that we're making available to you. But Matt, tell me just briefly about what happens to you when you go in a Walmart, you become a different... This is such a good story. I wish we had the time fully, but tell me the first time you went in a Walmart and prayed for someone.

MATT: Yeah. Well, this pastor, he's over the evangelism administrator, church called Salvation of Souls. And the Lord highlighted me to him and he saw the evangelistic anointing on my life that I didn't see at the time. He took me under his wing. And I remember he told me to meet him

up at his house. We go to Walmart and as I was in the store with him, he was laying hands on people, casting out demons, praying for the sick, prophesying. My heart was racing. I said, "What on earth is this man doing?" And he looked at me. He says, "You're next. You're going to talk to the next person." And I was like, "No, I'm not." And he pushed me out of my comfort zone. And he said, "This is where you need to be. You need to witness to people." And the next lady that came up, I just, I didn't know what to say.

MATT: And all of a sudden words of knowledge started flowing. And I would know about the pain in her body. Some people, the Lord would reveal to me so many different things about their childhood, the season that they're in and I would just release it. And then next thing you know, people are crying. This lady's deaf ear opened. I remember one time going to Walmart after hosting a conference back home, our yearly Rise Up revival. We do every year. And I remember before I took the guests to their hotel, we stopped at Walmart so they can get a few things. I laid my hands on their shoulders when we walked in the store/ I said, "Father, I thank You for divine appointments. I thank You that You would lead us to the right people that need You. That need a right now word, that need breakthrough."

MATT: We walked in the store. I ran into this Muslim man and he was with his two daughters. And we were there and I started ministering to him. And Sid, he looks at me, rejects Jesus as the Son of God, which is, that's what they—

SID: Of course.

MATT: ...follow. And in the middle of me speaking, we can feel this breeze come right past us, this wind. And the guy's eyes got so big. You didn't have to say anything further. He looked at me and gave his whole life to Jesus right there. I mean he, "I feel heat all over my body. What am I feeling?" And he took out his hands. I said, "Well, I want to pray with you right now. You want to accept Jesus in your heart." And he went from rejecting Jesus as the Son of God, to accepting Jesus as the Son of God.

SID: Okay. The presence of God is so strong in this studio right now. I don't know what you're supposed to pray, but when you look in the camera and pray, whatever comes out of your mouth...

MATT: Absolutely. Those watching right now, in fact, Acts 10:44 comes in my mind where it says, "As Peter was preaching to the people, as he was still speaking, the power of God fell upon all those who heard the word." Just as I was ministering to that Muslim man and that aisle of Walmart, the power of God fell upon him. And those watching right now, I just released this fire over you right now. I release a fresh hunger for the things of God. And I say that you will be used for the glory of God. I pray right now, Holy Spirit, that you would infuse them with the same confidence. You'd give them this courage to rise above apathy, to move up beyond their boundaries and their comfort zone. And they would open their mouth and speak with power and with authority in the name of Jesus. I say ears to hear, eyes to see. That you will walk in the anointing and the power of almighty God.

SID: I'll tell you the presence of God is getting higher and higher. I can't wait to see what He's going to do when we come back. But a few weeks ago, Matt had a life changing experience with the fire of God and he wants to release the fire all over you. Be right back.

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*We now return to **It's Supernatural**.*

SID: This is amazing, Matt. It must have really stretched you. What was that amazing supernatural thing that happened to you recently?

MATT: Yeah, a few weeks ago, I was in L.A. with a few friends of mine. And I actually was with a friend. We were going to see Aimee Semple McPherson's home in the Angelus Temple, where she ministered and preached. And it was closed that day. We didn't get to go inside. So we left. And as we were driving back to where my hotel is, my buddy Paul, he came across Bonnie Brae Street. And he looked at me. He says, "Matt, I've been trying to look for this place. I've been meaning to go here. I want to..." I had no clue what it was, what he was talking about. I said, "What is the Bonnie Brae House he was talking about?" And so he pulled up, he said, "This is where William Seymour prayed. Azusa Street revival."

SID: Whoa.

MATT: I said, "Absolutely. I know about that." He said, this is where—

SID: The guy with the box on his head.

MATT: Yeah. That's where he prayed. And he said, "They had prayer meetings here and out of this house. It's where the movement, the Azusa Revival took place." And I was like, "Well, let's go inside." They were closed. So I ended up switching my flight for a different reason. And while I was out there, my friend Paul got a hold of somebody who has the keys to the house. And he got us in a time slot to pray there from 8:00 PM to midnight. And I remember we went with a few friends. We go in there. All I wanted to know Sid, was about revival history. I love revival history. I want to know about the things William Seymour did in that house. Prayed, just the things that happened. I didn't go in expecting anything crazy. I walked in the house and I felt this fiery, sweet presence of the Lord there.

MATT: And as we walked in, I felt it right away. And the lady that was giving us a tour, she told us about every... Just the past history of the house, William Seymore, revival history. And she let us have our time to pray. While we prayed, we went in the room where Catherine Kuhlman's pulpit is. I sat in there and all of us were weeping, just spending time with God. And we had a few hours in that house. And I remember leaving out of that room, going into the living room. And I was just praying. And my friend, Josh comes out of the same room and he's shaking

under the power of God. And I looked at him and I saw the glory of the Lord all over him. So I go over by him. I lay my hands in his chest to pray with him and what was on him came on me and I start shaking. I can't even control my knees. They're buckling. I'm like, "What is going on?"

MATT: All of a sudden we start smelling burning oil. It's a manifestation of the presence of the Lord. I've never experienced this in my life. And so many things started happening. The guy who comes around to pray with me, he lays hands on me. What's on me, comes on him. He falls over to the ground and we're just encountering the power of God. I remember after that moment, I was trying to get ahold of myself because this stuff doesn't normally happen to me. And I remember the lady who's given us a tour. She said the piano there is the original piano that people would play on that time. And the wife of William Seymour, she would play that piano.

MATT: And the lady that was giving us a tour said, "The Holy Spirit taught her how to play three instruments." And she said, "Some people come here, they have no idea how to play the piano. And they would play under the unction—"

SID: Really?

MATT: ...and the anointing of the Holy Spirit." I remember her telling me that. I just opened up the piano and I know one cord on there. I was just playing. And all of a sudden my fingers start moving and I'm playing the most beautiful melody I've ever heard on a piano. I got so freaked out I moved my hands.

SID: I think I would've been freaked out over that too.

MATT: Yeah. I'm telling you the fire of prayer, the fire of intercession is in that house. The glory of God. And we don't worship the manifestations, we worship the Maker. We worship Jesus. And He was in that house encountering us. And I'll never forget it. We all were on the ground worshipping God and just praying even for the nation, for God to pour out His spirit upon all flesh for people to encounter the same power. And those watching right now, I want to pray for you to experience this same power that we experience. And I pray right now against every bondage of the enemy. That power Lord that came upon me to break the devil's yolk in people's life. That is what the anointing is to set the captives free. Luke says that the spirit of the Lord is on me because He's anointing me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind. To release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

MATT: I release this encounter over you today, that you would rise up and that you would live for Jesus all the days of your life. I command every demonic spirit of addiction that's been keeping you bound to loose its grip off of you in Jesus'. I say, worry is not your master. Depression is not your master. Suicide, anxiety is not your master. Jesus is your master. You are a son and a daughter of the most high God. You are a citizen of heaven. And I just pray right now, Holy Spirit, you would go and encounter them in a special, unique way.

SID: There's a scripture that's coming to me. "Without holiness you will not see God." The only way you can be holy is God's gift to you. You can't work it up, not through Judaism, Islam, any

religion. You can't work it up. You can only get righteous through the Holy Spirit coming on you, convicting you of sin, repenting of your sin and getting the grace to overcome that sin. Pray this prayer first out loud with me. Dear God. Out loud. Dear God, I'm a sinner. I'm so sorry. I believe the blood of Jesus, the death of Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus paid the price for every sin I've ever committed. And because of You, I'm clean. And now that I'm clean, Jesus come inside of me. I make You my Lord, not just my savior, my savior and my Lord. Right now very quickly. Pray for them to be filled with a Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues and walking in power.

MATT: Father, right now, I ask that You would baptize Your people in the Holy Ghost, in fire. God, those who feel like they're not good enough to preach, they feel timid like I did at a young age. I pray Lord that You would empower them for Your service. That God they would receive this fire and begin to preach with power, with fire, with accuracy, with clarity. I just pray right now. Fill them Holy Spirit. Let rivers of living water flow up from out of their belly God. Let them pray in their own personal prayer language. The language of the spirit. I thank you now in Jesus'. Some of you're watching and you are crying. I see you right in your bedroom. Some of you're watching this even on YouTube in your car, you're receiving... That's the holy spirit you're feeling. Ain't it awesome? Receive it in Jesus' name right now. The fire of God, the fire of the Holy Ghost in Jesus' name. We thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord. Pour out this mighty Holy Spirit baptism upon them in Jesus' mighty name.

SID: Hallelujah. Those that haven't spoken in tongues, you just haven't spoken. You can't just speak. You can't speak in English unless you speak out loud. You can't speak in tongues unless you speak out loud. Do that right now in Jesus' name. And by the way, Matt, when I laugh in the spirit, while I'm praying in tongues, it means that God accomplished great and mighty things.

MATT: Amen.

SID: Whatever Yan was praying about, whatever they're praying about. You start. You know what? I don't know what God wants to do, but I do know that many of you have not spoken in your prayer language. Do it now. [speaking in tongues] If an 81-year-old man can do it, you can do it. Give me a break. [speaking in tongues] Loose them in Jesus' name. Fingers are being healed. Backs are being healed. All pain is going. All pain. Watch it, watch it. Watch it go. Watch it go. God is good. God is good. He's in your room right now. This is your time to really dedicate to yourself to God. Now do it.

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