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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: Now my guest, Roland Worton was always aware of the supernatural but not knowing Jesus it seemed so dark, even fearful. He wanted to be a professional musician but at 17, after a failed recording contract he decides, "I'll go to college." And the supernatural became natural.

SID: So Roland, let me take you back to those college days. What caused you to turn around like that?

ROLAND: Yeah. Sid, I bumped into our supernatural God, or should I say, he ran into me. It was a transformative time. As you said I was at rock bottom. I'd won a single songwriting competition that was national. It was television. A record deal came out of that at 17 years old but it all crashed and I found myself living in the most difficult time of my life at 17 and God sent somebody to find me and to tell me about the supernatural.

ROLAND: I was radically saved at college in the first month. So those of you who have kids that are going off to college, God can meet them right where they are. It was a wonderful time of being mentored in the supernatural. My first pastor was Jean Darnall. She was one of the original disciples of Aimee Semple McPherson.

SID: For those not familiar with Aimee, who was she?

ROLAND: Yeah, Aimee Semple McPherson was an incredible female minister of the Gospel in the 1920s and 30s in L.A.—

SID: Which was unusual at that time.

ROLAND: ... which was very unusual. Was on television and radio and saw miracles, signs and wonders in her ministry in a powerful way. And Jean, my first pastor, was one of her small group or original group back in the 30s.

SID: But things really changed when you got baptized in the Holy Spirit. What happened?

ROLAND: Yeah, that's right. I was baptized in the Holy Spirit in my room at college, in my college dorm, and I started speaking in tongues and actually didn't know what it was. I went to one of my friends and I said, "Hey, this has happened to me. Tell me what it is." I just began speaking in my prayer language and they, "Oh, we know exactly what that is."

ROLAND: But, yeah, things really changed. The visionary, seer, prophetic realm was really opened to me at that time, pretty early on. A lot of dreams and visions and supernatural—

SID: But do you know the thing that got me so excited and is going to get you excited, if I understood you right, here you know nothing, nothing, and you look at people's heads and you see words above them. What kind of words would you see?

ROLAND: Yeah. Yeah, I was walking in the London business district in the middle of lunch and London's one of the greatest financial capitals of the world, lots of people. And suddenly, Sid, my eyes were opened. I began to see words written across people's forehead in the Spirit. And at the same time, also had a sense of the weight that those words carried. Some said shame. Some said difficulty. Some said strife. Some said depression.

SID: But how would you even know what to do with those words?

ROLAND: You know at that moment I didn't. I was as shocked as them. I wasn't sure really what to do. It was an invitation from the Lord into a moment. I think he was actually putting me through spiritual paces for what would come. Actually, this wasn't an exercise in doing something with that. It was an exercise in knowing and it was an exercise in discerning and it was an exercise into leaning in and saying, "Yes," to what the Father was opening my eyes to.

SID: But another thing that fascinates me about Roland is his work with the underground church and the miracles and the people coming to know Messiah. Tell me a few of those miracles.

ROLAND: Yeah. Yeah, there's a massive move of God going on in the Middle East, in the country that we work in, Iran, particularly.

SID: Here's what I've been told by experts. That outside of China the fastest growing church in the world, the last place you and I would think, Iran.

ROLAND: It's exactly right. It's one of the fastest growing churches in the world and it's a movement of signs and wonders. It's a movement of miracles, lots of visions and visitations. One testimony from one of the networks that we work with.

ROLAND: They were called into a meeting with quite an important person and thought they were in trouble and actually in a closed meeting were told, "The reason why we brought you here was our son was terminally ill. He was watching Christian television upstairs and he was touched by Jesus, walked down the stairs, which he wasn't able to do, into our living room. What do we do about this person of Jesus? What do we do with this?" Miraculous.

SID: Yeah, beautiful.

ROLAND: Eight out of 10 people that we know that have come to Christ from Iran, it's either through visions, dreams or direct visitations from Jesus.

SID: Tell me another person.

ROLAND: Yeah. This was here in Texas, where I'm from. It was a lady with a blind eye in the middle of worship. We began to release healing in the room and her eye popped open

supernaturally, medically blind. We have it verified. And screamed, as you would if your eye suddenly opened. It wasn't a reserved thing. She just began to explode and her blind eye was opened and healed in the presence of God.

SID: In the atmosphere of God all things—

ROLAND: Yes, in the atmosphere of God.

SID: ... all things are possible. Now 15 years ago, I managed to pry this out of him. He doesn't share this too much but 15 years ago you had a new experience and you were called up to Heaven. Tell me about it.

ROLAND: Yeah. I don't talk about this a lot. But yeah, 15 years ago was an introduction and it was a supernatural invitation and calling into rooms in Heaven. One particular place that I visited several times, it became known to me, aware that it was the nation strategy room.

SID: Wait, what does that mean, for all nations?

ROLAND: Yeah. I believe so. It's a room where strategies over nations are debated, are talked about, are released. There's a council table there, at which leaders, various leaders gather around. There's conversations with the Lord. There are those waiting at that table. There's angelic activity, things that....

SID: Did you by any chance see who those leaders were around the table?

ROLAND: Some of them. Some of them, yes. I'm aware of who they are. And there's councils that happen there. I'm aware of some of those leaders. Some have passed on. Now they're in Heaven, part of that great clan of witnesses and there are certain councils that gather together and over the strategies and over what Jesus is doing. Yeah, it's very powerful.

SID: Does this happen often that you're caught up to these rooms in Heaven?

ROLAND: It's reasonably regular. I really don't talk about this a lot because I don't want it to be a flippant thing. It's a very holy thing.

SID: Why is God doing this with you?

ROLAND: Why is God doing this? I don't know.

SID: That's what I figured you'd say but—

ROLAND: Because he's really good and he loves to show us things. I want to be someone that God can trust. Sid, that's my biggest honor. I think for the body of Christ here, I think God's looking for friends he can trust. And I really, that's the cry of my heart. It's been the cry of my heart for a long time, that I'd be someone that God can trust.

SID: Now, God revealed to you a powerful surprise weapon. What is that?

ROLAND: Yeah. It's a supernatural weapon that lives on the inside of every believer and it's a supernatural power of joy.

SID: You just came out with a book called Surprising Power of Joy.

ROLAND: Yeah.

SID: Why did you do this book at this time?

ROLAND: Yeah. I think that waves of joy have been released across the body of Christ for the last 2000 years. I think there's some we don't know about and there's some we do. And before COVID, began to seek the Lord and I felt that he was going to release a new wave of the power of his joy, not just for personal fulfillment for the body of Christ but actually as a powerful weapon that would be released through us for the days to come.

ROLAND: So this was pre-COVID, had no idea this was happening, and when I spoke to the publishers I pitched that idea to them and they said, "Let's do it." And it was released, the book was released right in the middle of lockdown last year. So very interesting timing.

SID: So it was real ... We Jewish people say a Yiddish, it's meant to be.

ROLAND: Yes.

SID: It was a meant to be moment.

ROLAND: Absolutely.

SID: But you have another gift, you can talk before a group, lay hands on people and just speak and this supernatural joy is released. Tell me about that.

ROLAND: Yeah. First of all it—

SID: I think you're joyful right now.

ROLAND: I think I am. Our audience with us, just lean in and receive this. It's ready for you and available to you, right now as we speak. Just cultivating joy in my own life, Sid, but then realizing that God wants us to leak. The atmosphere that we're most aware of on the inside will be released around us. The Holy Spirit is a Holy Spirit of peace, a Holy Spirit of love but also of joy. And I love to see God's joy break out wherever I go.

SID: In your book, this is what I really love about it, the Kingdom of God is not food or drink but it's righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. One third of our job description is joy.

ROLAND: Amen.

SID: Can we operate in supernatural joy? By the way, you at home, there's no reason why you can't bust through too.

ROLAND: That's right.

SID: If we can operate in supernatural joy it doesn't matter where we are in the Book of Revelation or end times. It flat doesn't matter because your kingdom that you are representing is joy.

ROLAND: Yes.

SID: We all need more joy. It'll be released when we return. Be right back.

*We'll be right back to **It's Supernatural**.*

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

SID: Roland has been telling me that he works a great deal with the persecuted church throughout the world and if people in a persecuted church ... I mean, we have nothing compared to what they have as far as persecution here in the United States, but if people in that persecuted church, even in prisons, can operate in supernatural joy, how much more should we be able to? Tell me about the young pastor that was sent to five years of prison in Iran.

ROLAND: Yeah. Yeah. One of our friends, a young 30-year-old pastor, was leading a network was arrested. 120 people were arrested at that time and yeah, he was sentenced to five years in prison. We monitored him, watched and prayed during that time—

SID: What's the difference between say prisons in a country, third world country like that, and prisons in say the United States?

ROLAND: Yeah. He was solitary confinement for a year and then in prison, a famous prison there, that's not fun. Yeah, for a year. Those of you that are watching at home, we have friends that are martyred, that are imprisoned for long stretches of time. There are really, really difficult things that they walk through just to say that they are believers in Christ.

ROLAND: And we've all been through pressure the last year. And I want to say to you that there's this supernatural joy, begin to talk more about it, but it's really available to you right now where you are, really available in ways that you've not seen it before.

ROLAND: You know, Sid, when that pastor came out of prison I had the privilege to go and to be with him. There was a large group of us around, food, which usually happens in the Middle East. It was a feast, it was a celebration. I just want you to imagine friends being reconciled together that have walked that closely together after five years of someone being in prison. That was a celebration.

ROLAND: I didn't know what I was going find. Would he be crushed? Would he be defeated? Would he be aged? Would he be depleted? And he was the most joy filled, overcoming person to be around that I'd seen in a long time. It was incredible. God can keep someone in prison for five years like that, he can move through us.

SID: I think that's a word for you. It's time for you to operate in supernatural joy—

ROLAND: Yes.

SID: ... which begs the question, how do we get it?

ROLAND: Yeah. Joy is found in the Father. It's an inherent in the Father himself. We wouldn't experience joy in our world if it wasn't inherent in the Father himself. We know that Jesus was the ultimate joy giver. We know that Jesus released the power of joy through everything that he did and we know that now the Holy Spirit has been given to us, to you and I without measure.

ROLAND: I believe that we are going to be saturated and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit in ways that we have never seen. So this power of joy goes with that. As we said, it's a third of the kingdom, righteousness, peace and joy. If the Bible says that the kingdom, a third of the kingdom is joy, we might want to lean into it, apprehend it and walk in it in a new powerful way.

SID: Now, when you're saying joy it could be what we've seen in actually past generations laughing in the Holy Spirit but it's even more powerful than that. What is joy used for?

ROLAND: Yeah. Absolutely. Sid, I believe that the body of Christ are going to be changing atmospheres wherever they go. We have spheres of influence and you have spheres of influence God has given you, being that your school, your college, your workplace, the business that you own. Everywhere that you have been given a sphere of authority I believe that joy is to come, enough for you and enough to give away.

ROLAND: Actually strategies to infuse into your sphere of influence to make a difference. Joy is a powerful weapon. It's an overcoming weapon and joy is to be our strength. The joy of the Lord is our strength. We might want to lean in, grasp, take hold, allow that joy to permeate us and to be released through us to change our world.

SID: You use the term, we are called by God to be brokers of joy. What does that mean?

ROLAND: That's right. In Isaiah 61 it says a very interesting thing. It says that we are receivers of joy, "the oil of joy for gladness." It's a powerful transition. It's a powerful transformation that happens personally. Then it goes on to say we are going to be "oaks of righteousness that are planted by the Lord." But then it says even more than that, in 61:4, it says, that, "We are to rebuild, renew and restore."

ROLAND: That sounds like a mandate of transformation to me. So we're to go from those that are just receiving joy to those that are powerful distributors of it. Those that are to rebuild ruined

cities, renew places long devastated it says. So, yeah, so much more powerful. It's going to include joy for us but it's going to include joy for us to give away that changes and transforms culture.

SID: So I could be operating in supernatural joy. That doesn't mean I'm just giggling at a table. That means I'm releasing the atmosphere of heaven. So I could be in a prison and release the atmosphere of heaven.

ROLAND: Yes.

SID: I could be in a restaurant and release the atmosphere of heaven. I could be in my family and release the atmosphere of heaven. And what happens in the atmosphere of heaven?

ROLAND: Anything can happen in the atmosphere of heaven, Sid.

SID: You use the term, invincible joy.

ROLAND: Yes, invincible joy. Let's talk about that. As I said, the joy of the Lord is our strength. And invincible joy is what God wants to give us. Psalm 2 is a very interesting psalm for me. It's one of my favorites. It's a psalm that doesn't anywhere speak to God. It speaks from God. What does it start with? Why do the nations rage? This is something that we're still asking today. The nations are raging. They're in chaos. They're in turmoil.

SID: Right now.

ROLAND: This invincible joy, right now, this invincible joy, this overcoming joy, this joy with authority is supposed to rest on us. Here when I saw this it really transformed things for me. God says the nations rage and he has set his king in place. We know who that is, Jesus, the Messiah, but it goes on to say this, "The one enthroned in heaven laughs".

ROLAND: The one enthroned in heaven, the nations rage but God laughs and it's not a callous, mocking laugh. It is an overcoming, it is finished, glorious transformational laugh. We get to live underneath the laugh of God. Everything changes underneath the laugh of God. I don't know if you ever thought about that before but the nations rage and God laughs, even in the midst of everything that's happening, God is laughing over the plans of man.

SID: Now, the supernatural power of joy works for nations and works for individuals.

ROLAND: Yes.

SID: Give me some examples.

ROLAND: Yeah. It's very, very available for us as individuals. I remember praying over a group of people in a night of worship, an encounter that was very powerful. God was moving and as I began to pray for people joy was being released in a profound way. It was really wonderful.

People were laid out laughing. People were receiving joy. People were receiving encounters with Jesus.

ROLAND: And one lady, God instructed me to put hands on her and just probably laid hands on her for 20 minutes and released the power of joy. She was overtaken with the power of joy. She wrote to us and said, "The clinical depression that had been in her life for three years was broken that night and had not returned." She was set free from clinical depression by sitting under the atmosphere of heaven and the atmosphere of joy.

SID: In a moment I'm going to ask you to go back to the piano and release over those watching us on television and our studio audience the supernatural surprising power of joy. But it's not going to help you one bit unless you know that you know that you know Jesus as your Messiah and Lord. I want you to say this prayer out loud with me.

SID: Dear God, repeat after me. Dear God.

ROLAND: Dear God.

Dear God.

SID: I'm a sinner.

ROLAND: I'm a sinner.

I'm a sinner.

SID: And I'm so sorry.

ROLAND: And I'm so sorry.

And I'm so sorry.

SID: I believe.

ROLAND: I believe.

I believe.

SID: The blood of Jesus.

ROLAND: The blood of Jesus.

The blood of Jesus.

SID: Washes away all of my sins

ROLAND: Washes away all of my sins.

Washes away all of my sins.

SID: And I am clean.

ROLAND: And I am clean.

And I am clean.

SID: And now that I'm clean.

ROLAND: And now that I'm clean.

And now that I am clean.

SID: Jesus, come and live inside of me.

Jesus, come and live inside of me.

ROLAND: Jesus, come and live inside of me.

SID: I make you my Lord and Savior.

ROLAND: I make you my Lord and Savior.

I make you my Lord and Savior.

SID: I love you, Lord.

ROLAND: I love you, Lord.

I love you, Lord.

SID: Amen.

ROLAND: Amen.

Amen.

SID: Roland, I would love you to lead us in the atmosphere of joy and release it.

ROLAND: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, oh.

Oh, there's nothing better than you.

There's nothing better than you.

There's nothing, nothing is better than you.

Lord, we thank you for your joy now. We thank you for the power of your strength, for the power of fresh places of joy and for the power of life, resurrection life that's dispelling all doubt, fear and intimidation. Lord, we lose the refreshing places of your joy and your goodness.

There's no one better than you.

There's no one better than you.

There's nothing, nothing is better than you.

There are places in his presence we have never seen.

There's nothing better than you.

There's nothing better than you.

There's nothing, nothing is better than you.

ROLAND: Thank you, God.

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