

Hello, Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world where it's naturally supernatural. My guest was on the doorstep of death, in a coma, internal bleeding, liver failure. Doctors told his family he would not survive, but God wanted him to deliver this message to you, next.

I've fought for myself in every area of life, but one, I knew nothing until I discovered a realm where the truth isn't what it seems. A realm where the truth becomes reality. I've spent over 50 years investigating the world of the supernatural. Every moment has led up to the main event. Millions of Jewish people will be saved all over the world. God's heart is for all to believe, for none to perish. It's called the Greater Glory. Do you believe?

It's Supernatural!

Sid Roth: Welcome, Holy Spirit. Go and flow. My guest, Rabbi Jonathan Bernis, grew up in a traditional Jewish home, but something happened at age six.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: My grandfather had died and it was shrouded in secrecy. My mom was undone, she was weeping, and we weren't allowed to go to the funeral. For whatever reason it was just this mystique of, he's gone. And I remember thinking to myself just so clearly, I want to know what happens after you die. And I asked my parents, they wouldn't talk about it with me. When I was a little older, I asked the rabbi, they didn't have an answer for me. I remember going to the rabbi, I was probably 10 years old and I still had this memory of my grandfather's passing and how traumatic it was for the family. And I sat in his office and he told me a story of a mountain climber that can't see over the other side. When I left the rabbi's office, I realized, he has no idea. He doesn't know any more than I know.

Sid Roth: Growing up, what did you know about Jesus?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Very little. I grew up in what I call an us-and-them mentality, it was a traditional Jewish home, not Orthodox. And of course, I went through a Bar Mitzvah preparation for a number of years where I learned to read Hebrew, preparing for-

Sid Roth: You understood every word, right?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Yeah, I understood nothing. Just simply learning. Yeah, you know.

Sid Roth: I did this.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Of course, we all did. That was the problem, I learned to read Hebrew but not to understand Hebrew. And so I went through this process and learned very little about Jesus, other than he was the God of Christians. Us and them, we had our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Christians had their God, Jesus Christ, who I thought was the son of Mr. And Mrs. Christ.

Sid Roth: This all sounds funny, but unfortunately it's true. And even more unfortunately, it's very sad.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: It's very sad. We have a zeal for God. I had a zeal for God, but I had no knowledge. I had the wrong knowledge. I was a Jew and everyone else that wasn't Jewish was a Christian, a Gentile. A Gentile, Christian, same thing. I remember from age 10 I'd be schlepped off to

Hebrew school and the kids, the Gentiles would be playing baseball and I preferred to be playing baseball with them, but I had to go to Hebrew school.

Sid Roth: Now looking back, I hated going to Hebrew school.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Yeah, you and I both.

Sid Roth: I wanted to be like everyone else.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: You and I both.

Sid Roth: Okay, all right.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Let me just say one thing that I think is important. One thing that was instilled with me, and this is important for people to know about for their Jewish friends and neighbors, it was instilled in me that I was born Jewish and that I would die a Jew, the preservation of the Jewish people was paramount. Not the concept of knowing God or a relationship with God, that was not something that I comprehended because God was distant, he was untouchable. He had showed up in history for Moses, for Abraham and so on, but then he was off the scene. But preservation of our identity after the Holocaust was paramount. That was drummed into me and it's important for Christians that are watching to know this, that Jewish people care about their identity and Jesus is the other side of the fence. You don't cross that fence. You don't cross that line.

Sid Roth: Yeah, and the same thing that you just described was true with me. I can't remember anyone saying Jews don't believe in Jesus, but somehow it was transmitted into me the same way.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Yeah, and I think that Judaism in the way we grew up, we defined what Judaism isn't. It's not belief in Jesus.

Sid Roth: You're right.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: You can believe in anything or nothing and still be Jewish. This is the sad thing, but you can't believe in Jesus.

Sid Roth: All right, let's fast-forward to college, drugs, rock music, cults, occult, Susie? Tell me about it.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Yeah, oh, you're bringing back memories. Well, I went off to college and I still had that profound desire to know from age six, what happens after I die and why am I here? I knew, Sid, that there was a purpose for my existence. I just knew it and I began searching for that answer. I got involved in drugs, Grateful Dead for a number of years. I was just searching for what's on the other side of the veil and I think drugs actually helped me to grasp the reality that there's more to this life than we see. There's an unseen world and I kind of crossed over into that unseen world and I think that whetted my appetite to find out more. And then along came a drug partner named Susie.

Sid Roth: She was like when you were in drugs that got you into that realm?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: It did, it did. Now it was demonic, but it did bring me into a realm of the unseen for sure. And I was dealing with spiritual forces and powers and I didn't know what to do with it, but it wasn't for me. I knew that it was a dead end, but I also knew that there was much more to this world than what we see.

Sid Roth: Now you see, when I went into that realm, I was afraid because I was no longer in control. But with you, you were kind of curious.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: I was curious and I had some profound revelations, good and bad, and I got scared also. I crossed far enough in to be afraid. And Susie was a drug partner, she was kind of a drug pal. And Susie had been doing more and more drugs and became more and more depressed, and she reached a point where I didn't want to hang out with her anymore. She was really depressed, and I saw her about four months. It was, I didn't see her for about four months and when I ran into her again, she was bubbly, she was smiling, she looked fantastic, and I made what I thought then was a mistake. I said, "Susie, what happened to you? Something's different."

Well, what happened is she was close to committing suicide, she was suicidal. She wandered into a pool hall and the owner of the pool hall several weeks earlier had become a believer in Jesus and he was on fire for the Lord. He witnessed her, she got saved, started going to his Bible study, and she was on fire for the Lord, and I became her target. She was my number one priority. She got her Bible study praying for me, she had her new church praying for me. And she called me every day asking me the meaning of life. "Why are you here on this earth? What happens after you die?" And of course, I had been asking those questions since age six and they intensified during the drug experiences. Then she started bringing up Jesus constantly, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus," and Susie enough, Jesus. I'm happy with my path. Well, I agreed with her to go to a Bible study and the deal was, I'll go to the Bible study and then you'll leave me alone. Okay?

Sid Roth: Well, that was a good deal.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Yeah, I thought so. Driving, this is the power of prayer. The power of prayer is I drove through the rain on my motorcycle to go to this Bible study that I didn't want to go to, that I dreaded. I got to the Bible study and the Bible study teacher put a Bible in my hands, I had never read the Bible. Now, think about this. We're the people of the book as Jews. I had prepared for years for my bar Mitzvah. I could read Hebrew, but I had no idea what the Bible said. No idea. I knew about Abraham, I knew about Moses. I knew about our holidays, but I had no idea what the Bible said.

And he began to show me scriptures in my own Bible, Sid, that talked about sin, about the wages of sin, that the gift of God of eternal life that Jesus came to bring the world. And something inside of me said, "This is true," and I experienced a battle as he was going through the scriptures with me. The room became hot, I began to sweat profusely. It felt like this sofa was grabbing hold of me. This regular-sized Bible felt like it was... and I felt pinned down and I felt this battle going on as he confronted me.

Sid Roth: I have to ask you something. Did you feel you were losing your mind?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: I felt like I was under tremendous pressure to commit to something that I wasn't ready to commit to. And I had a proverbial devil in my ear telling me, "Don't do this, don't do this," but something in my heart said, "I know this is right. I know this is right." And I knew when I read

the verse that said, "All have sinned and the wage of sin is death," that I knew that I was separated from God. I knew it, just it was supernatural. The presence of God, Sid, was in that room just like I feel the presence of God here. It was my first encounter with the tangible reality of God's presence.

Sid Roth: What was your biggest surprise when you read the New Testament?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: The whole thing was a complete shock to me. I think later reading that Jesus was Jewish was a transformational moment for me.

Sid Roth: You did not know?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: I had no idea that he was Jewish, no. Just to finish up, I went home and I tried to forget the experience because it was as bizarre as any drug experience. It was so profound, so powerful, and I thought, I'm not going to give up drugs. I'm not going to give up this wild lifestyle. I'm in college, for goodness sake. I'm not ready to surrender everything, there's no way. I said to myself, "I'm not doing this."

But I woke up the next day and I had this urge to read the Bible out of nowhere. I had never cared about the Bible, I didn't even know where to find a Bible. It took me a month to find a Bible. I didn't know I could go to a bookstore. I couldn't go to the Rabbi and get a Bible. I realized, I remembered that somebody had given me a Bible in high school and I spent hours reading the book of Matthew, then Mark, Luke, and John. I never left my room for a meal. I just read straight through because it was transformational just to read the genealogy, to find that Abraham was in the New Testament. What was Abraham doing in the New Testament? And I was theorizing. Is there an Abraham, a Jewish Abraham, our Abraham and a Christian Abraham in their Bible? Really, I couldn't figure it out.

Sid Roth: You couldn't put the two together.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: I couldn't put the two together and I couldn't put together that David was in the genealogy, King David. Wait, there's two Davids, parallel universes? And then I got to Jesus, you will call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins. And there was a little footnote in... and I went to the center column and it said, "Hebrew Yeshua, salvation." I began to realize this is not a Christian book, this is Jewish. Then I discovered all the disciples were Jewish, this was a revelation for me. Paul was Jewish, the Apostle Paul, the founder of Christianity, my father told me, that the inventor of Christianity was a Jew. All of the first followers of Jesus were all Jews. He was Jewish, his parents were Jewish, he wasn't born in the Vatican. He was born in Israel and he worshiped in Jerusalem. All of these things from my childhood just came alive. It's like, this is a Jewish book, this is for me.

Sid Roth: Was there a specific point where you crossed over and made Jesus your Messiah and Lord?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Yeah, it took a while. I thought that I could coexist in the drug world with all my friends and the Christian world.

Sid Roth: You did realize the difference.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: I realized pretty quickly, and I realized very quickly also that God was calling me to full-time ministry, which was a horrific revelation for me because the only concept I had of full-time

ministry was becoming a Catholic priest. So I ran for a while and I'd say it took me about a year to finally give up and say, "Yes Lord." I actually left business administration and pursued my biblical training, which was very upsetting to my parents.

Sid Roth: For sure.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: The first thing that really upset them-

Sid Roth: My son, the minister.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Of course. The first thing was believing in Jesus, that was hard for them, but the second punch was, I'm leaving business school and I'm going to be in full-time ministry. That was very upsetting. Yeah, and I've been in full-time ministry now for 40 years, Sid. 40 years, yeah.

Sid Roth: Okay, some exciting things are going on with you in Los Angeles with young Jewish people. What's going on?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Before COVID, the Lord just quickened that calling, I'm supposed to go to Los Angeles and begin to reach out to the third-largest Jewish community in the world. Behind New York and Tel Aviv, Los Angeles has the largest Jewish population in the world, and when I went there, I could feel the anointing again, drop on me. And I'm seeing young people, young Jewish people coming to faith supernaturally. Two young women, for example, just recently that found us and they sought us out because they had divine visitations from Jesus.

Sid Roth: So what do you mean? Give me an example.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: I'm talking about Gen Z-ers. These are 20-something, young Jewish girls that were not particularly spiritually hungry, they weren't seeking, they weren't being witnessed to, they weren't reading the Bible, and Jesus just came to them. They didn't have a vision, they didn't have a dream. Jesus came to them in physical form and revealed himself to them.

Sid Roth: Could this be the Holy Spirit seeding Jewish people to be just like the first century Jews that led billions of Gentiles to the Lord?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Well, the anointing is all over me right now and I just, yes, this is exactly what's happening. To my complete surprise, Jesus is visiting young Jewish kids and revealing himself to them. We hear about this in Islamic countries in remote places, but it's happening in Los Angeles, before my very eyes. I've never seen this before and I think this is the beginning of the greatest outpouring that the world has ever seen. We're just in the beginning, the beginning of it now, yeah.

Sid Roth: It's a major miracle and this will surprise you, what I'm about ready to say. It is a major miracle Rabbi Jonathan is not permanently already in Heaven. Be right back.

Rabbi Jonathan Burn had a close call with death when his liver failed. The doctors had no hope. Jonathan now says he would do it all over again.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: *I'm Jonathan Bernis and I'm a Jewish believer in Jesus. I was born into a traditional Jewish home and never really taught about a relationship with God. I grew up with the idea that God didn't communicate with us any longer, but I always had a sense that there was something more that I needed to know.*

At the age of six, my grandfather passed away suddenly, and I remember asking myself the question, "What's going to happen to me after I die? Is there life after death?" And that was a question that was burning in my heart to know. Not only that, but also, what's my purpose for this life? I knew that I had a greater purpose than just getting a job and living out my life and then dying. I took on a project contacting people that had died and come back to life. People that had told stories of not near death but death experiences where they were actually transported to Heaven and then came back to tell their story. And out of those interviews I wrote a book. It's called, A Rabbi Looks At the Afterlife: a New look at Heaven and Hell.

But shockingly, the unexpected happened, something that I never imagined would happen. I've recently had a near-death experience, my liver simply gave out and my blood vessels began to erupt and I was bleeding internally and I came within hours of dying. I had to have a liver transplant. By the grace of God through a number of miracles, I survived. One miracle after another. The Lord really spoke to me over a 45-day period in ICU. God showed me when I came out of a coma and the process of literally coming back to life, about rededicating my commitment to the destiny that he has for my life, and I think that's a word for you. He wants you to understand your destiny, to fulfill your destiny. God wants to do miracles in your life. The video will bless you. It's uncut, it's raw, it's just from my heart and three themes that I know are from the Holy Spirit. It'll change your life.

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Sid Roth: Jonathan, why do you call it a major miracle that you're on my show today?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Well, because I, according to most of the doctors that treated me eight months ago, they didn't think I was going to make it. I was diagnosed last summer with liver cancer. I had some problems with my liver a year or so before that.

Sid Roth: Now, I'm not that knowledgeable, but I think that's almost a death sentence.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Yes, it is if it's not treated. Well, in my case, they caught it very early and they said, "You need a transplant," and so I began the process to get on a list. It takes a lot of appointments with different doctors, which I see, I know why now because it's such a major life change. But I began the process, they found it very early. They found that I had liver disease and then found last summer that there was cancer very, very early. At late stage, forget it, unless you're supernaturally healed. And then I began the process of applying for liver transplant and they said, "You're fine, you can keep traveling," and I was starting to feel some fatigue, some of the signs. According to the doctors, this was a fluke. I went to Dallas to officiate a wedding of a dear friend, and I was fine, and then I started feeling fatigued in the evening. Went back to my hotel room and I don't remember what happened until I woke up in ICU a month later. For a month-

Sid Roth: You went into a coma?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Yeah, so what happened just in a nutshell is, my liver basically stopped functioning. I started to bleed internally. The liver just basically gave up. Was told this by my friend who I had called because I wasn't feeling well. I actually started coughing up blood apparently, and he came and took me to the hospital and he prayed as he was taking me to a Christian hospital, Baylor, because he felt the Lord told him to take me to a Christian hospital. Now, according to him, I don't remember any of this, I was coherent, I was talking to him but I was coughing up blood. I was admitted into the ICU, but I went through the admission process so I was able to answer questions and they thought I was fine.

He said, the doctor said to my friend, "There is internal bleeding, it'll take me about a half hour to stop the bleeding." And he disappeared for an hour and a half and came back and told my friend, "You need to call his spouse. I don't think he's going to make it." The bleeding was so severe and most of the doctors did not think I was going to make it. In fact, I just had an eight month appointment with my transplant doctor and he said, "I want to tell you now, you're one in 10. Out of 10 people that were as degraded as your condition was," because they had to bypass my liver. They actually had to do surgery to cut the blood flow out from my liver.

It's very severe and at that point, you can't revive the liver. And he said in that condition, only one out of 10 survived. Well, it was 100% for me because I knew that the enemy had tried to kill me because of my next assignment and the Lord said, "No." My time is not done and I just want everybody... Yeah, if you're following your destiny, and I really want you to hear this, if you're following your destiny, the enemy will try but when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Lord will raise up a standard against him and you will fulfill your destiny. I could have been run over by a truck, Sid. I told my friends this when I came out of it, the first thing I said is, "If I had been run over by a truck, I would've survived because my destiny is not yet complete. I still have work to do. Amen." I knew it.

Sid, I just want to say this, that's supernatural. I knew. I came out of this coma and I said by the Holy Spirit, I could have been run over by a truck and I would've survived because the Lord said no to the enemy and he'll say no to the enemy in your life.

Sid Roth: But you had so many miracles with just this situation. Tell us a few things.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Yeah, so the first thing is, most of the doctors didn't think I was going to make it. At three weeks I was in a coma, everything was going wrong. One of the miracles was that the head doctor, the hepatologist made it her commitment to keep me alive and to get me through this. She heard that I was a pastor, that I was a pastor evangelist in ministry, and that I was involved in a new work in Los Angeles. And she actually, I think had seen Jewish Voice and she made it, it wasn't just her professional commitment, it was her project with before the Lord for me to survive. And her dedication, I didn't even meet her because I was in a coma, but my wife who was by my side the whole time and a couple of our leaders at Jewish Voice were bought by my side, and the dedication of this physician was supernatural. That's one thing. She kept me alive by the grace of God.

The second thing that was absolutely miraculous is that the Mayo Clinic, when they looked at my records, my condition, they said, "We can't do the transplant. He won't survive it." And miraculously they made a decision, which was a risk for them because they're so careful with transplants. They said, "Bring them to Mayo, we will do the operation." That, it was miraculous because it was very rare that

they agree to do it, and they did. They said, "We'll, take the chance, bring him to..." So they flew me to, I was flown to Mayo Clinic and it took work at Mayo also, because I wasn't physically strong enough to endure a transplant. When I was, it took four days, four days to find a liver. Now, yeah, that's miraculous.

Sid Roth: How does it normally, how long would it normally?

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: Months and months and in some cases years to get a liver because-

Sid Roth: Because you have to have a perfect match.

Rabbi Jonathan Bernis: ... it has to be a perfect match. Four days later, they found a perfect match for me, a mirror. It was absolutely God, and I was able to have the transplant four days later when I was ready and it went flawlessly. That is not a coincidence.

Sid Roth: Everyone that is watching us right now, to say a prayer with me. You don't have to go through what Jonathan went through to have your own experience with God. You don't have to go through the trauma. There's an easy way or a hard way. I want you to repeat this prayer out loud. Dear God.

Dear God.

Sid Roth: I've made many mistakes.

I've made many mistakes.

Sid Roth: I'm so sorry.

I'm so sorry.

Sid Roth: I believe your blood.

I believe your blood.

Sid Roth: Washes away every mistake.

Washes away every mistake.

Sid Roth: And I'm clean.

And I'm clean.

Sid Roth: And now that I'm clean.

And now that I'm clean.

Sid Roth: I make Jesus my Messiah and Lord.

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Sid Roth: Thank you, God.

Thank you, God.

Sid Roth: Amen.

Amen.

For his book, Jonathan Bernis interviewed people who experienced the afterlife, but he never could have imagined that he himself would ever become one of those stories. In his DVD, he holds nothing back from his near-death experience as he now shares his personal story and three critical life lessons that you need to know.

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