

Hello, Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world where it's naturally supernatural. After living in Russia under the oppression of communism, as a Jew, my guest embraced a strong faith in Jesus. And today, he has stepped into the realm of miracles. Next.

I've thought 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, Gennady Livshits was born in Russia. He lived as an atheist because of communistic persecution. What led you back to your Jewish faith?

Gennady Livshits: My encounter, first encounter that I had the privilege with. We couldn't do this in the former Soviet Union. We grew up as atheists. We never attended a synagogue. We never had a Bible in our hands. We never had any encounter with our God. It was forbidden. But when we came to Canada, when we immigrated to Canada, then a few years later, we were introduced. Slowly, little by little, step by step, starting get encounter with our-

Sid Roth: Why did you go to the synagogue?

Gennady Livshits: Well, because we've never been before in a synagogue. We were forbidden to have a synagogue. It was illegal. So we didn't have any. At no persecution, we could openly express our traditional views and worship and have fellowship.

Sid Roth: But you still felt an emptiness. Explain that.

Gennady Livshits: Well absolutely, because when we came to Canada, I had my goal to establish my life in a different direction. And I didn't understand that I could not do it, because I really could not fulfill my goal. I was looking for something that it was not probably for me from the beginning. So because of that, I began to fall back into a depression and dissatisfaction. And when I would go to the synagogue and have some fellowship, that would release us a little bit. But you know what the best was in a synagogue for me at the time?

Sid Roth: No.

Gennady Livshits: It was after the service.

Sid Roth: Why is...

Gennady Livshits: It was a good meal with a little vodka that they were giving. Yeah, you can have a little drink and had no problems.

Sid Roth: I know you're kidding, but you're very serious.

Gennady Livshits: I am serious.

Sid Roth: That that was the draw that kept you going, food and vodka.

Gennady Livshits: Yes, definitely because I was a social drinker. I mean, I would have some alcohol on weekends. And because I was depressed, because I was going through some tough times, alcohol was my partner.

Sid Roth: Now you had a new friend. Tell me about this friend.

Gennady Livshits: Well, we begin to hear some radio programs on our local radio in that small town, and it was in Ukrainian language. So I thought to myself, who is this person that is speaking very well Ukrainian? And I could understand that. So we got connected with these people, but we didn't understand what they were talking about. We didn't know that they were talking about Jesus. They were talking about God. It was a Christian program, but the language. And that brought us to them to have an encounter, to have a fellowship.

So when we begin to talk to them and they begin to talk to us, they begin to tell us about the miracles that they saw, I was shocked. I said, "Just wait a minute. What miracles are we talking about? What God are we talking about? And tell me, what are you all about?" So they begin to explain to us that they love the Jewish people. I said, "You love the Jewish people? Ukrainian? I mean Gentile? We used to have persecution from Gentiles. Now you're telling me that you're loving the Jewish people?" I said, "Why?" He says, "Because we know the Jewish God." I said, "There is a Jewish God?" They said, "Yes, there is a Jewish God." I said, "What's His name?"

Sid Roth: Wait a second. You were raised, at that point, you would've been an atheist still.

Gennady Livshits: I was completely atheist. To me, God was not existent. And I said, "What are you talking about Jewish God?" I said, "What's His name?" He says, "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." I said, "Really?" He says, "Yeah." I said, "How come I don't know about this? I'm going to the synagogue and I never get any information about this. Just tradition. Just tradition." So I thought, "How is it that you know about my Jewish roots more than my parents do?" He says, "Because I read the book." I said, "What is the book?" He says, "The Bible." I said, "No, this is a Gentile book." He says, "No, it's a Jewish book." And we were arguing like this. And he says, "Compare. Look at the Torah if you can and see what the Bible says. It's all the same." But you know what draws to them? Their kindness, their love.

In my house, before I was born again, us nice Jewish people, we swore a little bit. We were arguing a little bit almost every day, but a little bit. It was a normal thing. But you come to their house, you feel peace. They don't argue. They don't swear.

Sid Roth: Did you really feel a peace in their house?

Gennady Livshits: Absolutely, and this is what draws with my wife to them, that we actually had a refuge, refuge place in their house.

Sid Roth: So when things were just too tough, you knew if you went to visit these friends, strange-

Gennady Livshits: That would disappear. That would disappear.

Sid Roth: But there you would've a peace.

Gennady Livshits: We would never argue with my wife in their presence. Never. It was forbidden. I felt in my heart you could not.

Sid Roth: Now something after your new friends introduced you to Yeshua, something very supernatural scared you.

Gennady Livshits: Yes.

Sid Roth: What was that?

Gennady Livshits: It was a year later, as we were talking to them, they gave us enough information to call upon the name of the Lord. Enough information. And I was at home and I said, "Lord, here I am." And I said, "If You are real, and if as they say Jesus," and they said quite often, "Yeshua is my Messiah." I said, "You're going to have to show me." And He did. And not the next day, not the next year. Right away, right in the spot.

Sid Roth: And you were so hungry, and this is what I find with Jewish people that come to know the Messiah. We have been deprived for so long of knowing God experientially, where you get so hungry for God. Is it true that you went to the Jewish synagogue on Saturdays and a church on Sunday, you were so hungry?

Gennady Livshits: Absolutely true. But the Rabbi didn't know about this. I was-

Sid Roth: Was there ever a point where the Rabbi found out?

Gennady Livshits: Yes, he did. At one time, it was a wonderful service as always in the synagogue. And that day, our Rabbi began to compare certain things, and he began to teach about the golden calf as Jewish people have created in the wilderness. I was already aware of certain things in the Bible. I was reading the Bible and praying and so on. And then he says, "Next." And I'm sitting in the middle of the crowd in a synagogue and he says, "Next, the Gentiles, they made the same golden calf by raising Jesus to themselves." And I didn't know why, but the Holy Spirit rose me up and I stood up in the midst of them. I said, "No, He is our Messiah."

Sid Roth: Did you really do it that way?

Gennady Livshits: Absolutely. I stood up and I said, "No, He is our Messiah."

Sid Roth: It was almost like a righteous indignation came over you.

Gennady Livshits: It was anointed. I didn't know about that time that I was anointed by the Holy Spirit to speak these words with power, with power.

Sid Roth: And what happened?

Gennady Livshits: What happened? There was an evil spirit in a woman in that synagogue, and they had a good business in Saskatoon.

Sid Roth: And she...

Gennady Livshits: And she was a very good businessman. But that evil spirit stood her up and says, "That is not the place to talk about Jesus here." And I said, "Why not?" And she says, "Sit down." And the Rabbi says, "Everybody quiet." So after that service, he took me to the office and said, "Gennady, do you believe in Jesus?" I said, "Yes, why not?" He says, "Why?" I said, "Because I have accepted Him through that encounter." And he says, "Okay, I have a book for you that will teach you how not to believe in Him. That He's false Messiah." I said, "Okay, I'll read your book if you'll give me a promise." He said, "What promise?" "I will give you some scriptures to read about Him." I already was aware of the scriptures in the Old Testament, the prophecies about Yeshua. I said, "Will you read it?" He says, "Yes, I will, if you'll read my book." I said, "I will read your book."

So we made a covenant. I was giving him scriptures and he was asking me to read this book. And that book was so anti-Jesus. It was written by who knows what, and they were twisting the stories. I let this book aside, because it was bothering me, but I was still giving him scriptures. About three weeks later, we were talking to him outside. He says, "Gennady, I see there is no hope." I said, "What do you mean?" He says, "You cannot dance on both weddings. You cannot be a Catholic," he says. I was never a Catholic. I was born again, Jewish. I was fulfilled Jew. I never became a Catholic. He says, "You cannot be a Catholic and you cannot be a Jew." He says, "You cannot dance on both weddings. You cannot come to the synagogue." I said, "Okay." So this way, they actually stopped me from coming to the synagogue.

Sid Roth: I tell you what. When we return, I'll introduce you to Gennady's Russian Jewish wife, Svetlana. Wait till you find out how she reacted to her husband's belief in Jesus. Be right back.

God brought Gennady and Svetlana from Judaism to faith in Jesus the Messiah, and then brought them and their children to a secluded place to encounter Him face-to-face. They share heartfelt lessons from their journey as they moved from Russia to Canada, experiencing ups and downs in family challenges, faith and religious beliefs. Join them and you too will be transformed by learning to lean on your Beloved.

Gennady Livshits: *You'll hear about our Jewish background, how God has changed our mind from being atheist and religious, to have a mind that would have a relationship with God. He took my wife, myself, my children, into a solitary place in the forest, during wintertime in Canada. For what reason? For what purpose? Is to have an encounter with Him. He took us to Himself to introduce His love and His fellowship to us. I guess He couldn't do this in any other way, because we were busy. We were busy even to pray. We never spent quantity and quality time with God. That's why we begin to learn how to pray.*

If you want to have an intimate relationship with God, it's not through what you do. It's to know Him. Find that seclusive place. Seek God in that quietness, by not even talking to Him, but receiving, by worshipping, and God will speak to you. Your prayer life is going to be changed. God will give you much greater anointing, because in that quiet place, you are face-to-face with God. The power of God is going to manifest in much greater way. God is waiting for you. Take five minutes a day, increase to 10, 15, 20 and go as far as you can. But be in the presence of God because the fullness of joy is in His presence. And you will find yourself so much more victorious than ever before.

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Sid Roth: Svetlana, who is Gennady's wife, could not practice her Jewish faith under communism. But she had such a supernatural love for all Jewish culture and poetry and literature. Then, God visited her. I want to find out how Svetlana reacted when Gennady came home and said, "I believe in Yeshua."

Svetlana Livshits: Yes. Sid, I'll tell you, I reacted very badly. Nicely to say, I thought he's crazy. It was a shock to me. And I thought, my husband is no more Jewish. He's Gentile and he's a Christian. And to me, Gentile and Christian is the same. And I thought, that's it, I'm losing him. We are not together. I even wanted to divorce him. It was a very bad experience for me, because for a Jewish person raised in a Jewish surrounding like me, even though I was very atheistic and never believe in anything, but I couldn't understand how can we Jews to believe in Jesus. It was absolutely forbidden. It was absolutely no-no. It was almost like abomination. And not knowing nothing about our history, not knowing nothing about our Jewish roots and even the Bible, I never read the Bible, I still had a prejudice that Christian and Jews don't mix, because of persecution, because of terrible anti-Semitism. And that was a perception in my mind. And I felt that he's going to be anti-Semitic even. I was really negative about his newfound faith.

Sid Roth: And of course, you had help from the invisible world.

Svetlana Livshits: Yes.

Sid Roth: I mean, literally, I think the devil would've been very happy if the two of you had divorced over that issue. But then God began to move in with a dream.

Svetlana Livshits: Yes, that something happened, and God is amazing God. I'll tell you, I still till today, I'm amazed at what He'd done in my life, in our life. I was jealous. I saw the change in Gennady, almost like instant change. It was a transformation of her character, his nature. He was a different husband, a different father. He stopped swearing. He stopped drinking. He was not arguing with me anymore. He was very patient, though I was not. So I was really amazed, and deep in my heart, I was jealous. And I wanted the same transformation that he had, but I didn't know how to get to that point. I know that he did not pretend. I know that was supernatural, and I didn't really believe in supernatural. I wanted to, but I really didn't believe. Even when I read the Bible, I was just thinking, "Okay, God talk to Moses. God talked to Abraham, to Noah, to David. They heard Him. Why I can't hear Him? There must be something wrong, either with God or with me."

Sid Roth: So you had a dream. Explain that.

Svetlana Livshits: Yes. One night, we came late home and Gennady went to pray to his room. He usually went to pray at the prayer room, and I went straight to bed. It was very late. So that night, I had a dream, very amazing dream that completely transformed my life. I was desperate and hopeless. And that same feeling that I felt in my heart was resemble in a dream, because I found myself in a dark house with no windows. Absolutely darkness, hopelessness, desperation, depression. Everything negative that it could be found in human soul, it was there. And I was alone, see. I was alone with no hope, with no one to guide me, nobody care and I was so lonely.

Suddenly, I heard the knock of the door, and I came to the door very surprised of who can come and visit me in this kind of hour, in this condition. And when I opened the door, I saw Jesus, Yeshua. I saw Him so vividly. I saw Him so brightly. To me, he appeared as a human being, not in His glory, but He was dressed in a beautiful Middle-Eastern clothes like it was in the time of the Bible. And I noticed the holes on His feet dressed with sandals. And His hands, I noticed the holes in his hands. And He came to me with piercing eyes, piercing through my soul and completely healing all my desperation, my loneliness, my shame, my guilt. Everything that was in me, it was like His eyes took it to Himself. He said, "Come to Me and I will give you rest."

Later on, I found that scripture in the Bible. And later on, I found a scripture, another scripture in the Bible, when I begin to read the Bible about the door. "Though I stand at the door and knock, and whoever opened the door, I will come and dine with him." So I said, "This is my Jesus. This is what's happened. Gennady, this is what's happened with me." And Gennady, when I told him the dream, he was just dancing. Honestly, he was dancing.

Sid Roth: Hey, come on. People use that... Was he-

Svetlana Livshits: You was jumping, honestly.

Sid Roth: Were you jumping, Gennady?

Gennady Livshits: I was jumping, but I cannot dance. It's not my nature.

Svetlana Livshits: Well, it was his joy.

Gennady Livshits: I was dancing not in sync with my hands and my feet. It was a crazy dance, but it was a powerful anointed dance.

Sid Roth: But you think that's something. Gennady, you said, everything in your life changed when you went to the forest. What happened?

Gennady Livshits: I didn't go to the forest. The Lord brought me there. I would never by nature to go to the forest and be there for six months. There's nothing to do there. I'm not a forest guy. I'm a city guy. God took us to the forest, because God decided and He predestined for us certain things in our life to accomplish. And this is why today, we are in a ministry still. We are doing things for the Lord. But without this experience, me personally I would think, I would never be able to make it. And what the Lord has done is this. Raising up a guy from ground zero, being an atheist, passing through all this levels of life, including the new tradition that I was encountered with, taking me to the realm of his intimate relationship with God that I never believed. I was an atheist. And that took that experience in the forest, and He began to speak to me audibly.

I begin to have an encounter with God, face-to-face. Praying, not five minutes, 10 minutes, half an hour. I was praying for hours. Now, God taught me how to pray, how to be in His presence. Why? Because it is through that encounter face-to-face with Him, He has released into my life the fire that I've never had in my life. And I'm so thankful to God that He has done it, because even today I am on fire. The fire is still in me, and Sid, it is increasing. It is increasing.

Sid Roth: And you had, actually, we don't have time to go into it, gone through a period in your life where you actually lost all hope. And you were broken and hopeless, and you reached out to God despite that.

Gennady Livshits: Amen.

Sid Roth: But I want you, are you in a hopeless situation? Are you in a dark room like Svetlana was in her dream? God wants you to be in His light, in His glory. There's none righteous, no, not one. That's what God says. But God wants to exchange your uncleanness for His holiness. And holiness is not what you think. It's not religious, it's relationship, it's relational. Repeat this prayer out loud, mean it to the best of your ability, and watch what God does in your life. 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 my sins.

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Sid Roth: Jesus, thank You so much.

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Sid Roth: I'm clean.

I'm clean.

Sid Roth: And now that I'm clean.

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Sid Roth: Jesus, come and live inside of me.

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Sid Roth: I make You my Savior.

I make You my savior.

Sid Roth: You washed away my sins.

You washed away my sins.

Sid Roth: But now, I make You my Lord.

But now, I make You my Lord.

Sid Roth: Amen.

Amen.

Sid Roth: Gennady and Svetlana, look into the camera and pray what God shows you.

Gennady Livshits: Thank you. Father, in the name of Yeshua, I pray for everyone today specifically who is suffering physically and emotionally. I pray, my Lord, that your spirit will reach out to them right now, in the name of Yeshua, Yeshua our Jewish Messiah. He's there for you to touch your life. Father God, I pray for their physical actually, physical healing in Jesus' name. Hallelujah. I pray my Lord that this back and the arms will be healed instantly right now, in Yeshua's name. And I pray that you will rise up from that wheelchair. You will rise up from your misery right now. You'll rise up from anything that you encounter in right now and suffer, in the name of Yeshua. Just raise your hands to Him. Raise your hands to Him and say, I receive.

I receive.

Gennady Livshits: I receive my miracle.

I receive my miracle.

Gennady Livshits: In Jesus' name.

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Gennady Livshits: Now rise up and walk and do something that you could not do, because God is there to heal you and to deliver you and to set you free.

Sid Roth: Behold in Yeshua's name.

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