

On It's Supernatural: Serial killer Son of Sam wrote a letter threatening to kill this man if they ever met. See what happens when they do.

Can ancient secrets of the supernatural be rediscovered? Do angels exist? Is there life after death? Are healing miracles real? Can you get supernatural help from another dimension? Has the future been written in advance? Sid Roth has spent thirty years researching the strange world of the supernatural. Join Sid on this edition of It's Supernatural.

SID: Hello, **Sid Roth** here. Welcome to my world, where it's naturally supernatural. Do you realize, just as I'm doing this introduction, God is beginning to heal people in their back and neck and in their hip. God is such a good God. My guest, **Don Dickerman**, looks like a nice normal person, but you have prayed for approximately how many people that have been set free from evil spirits and curses?

DON: Through our one on one deliverance ministry and corporate deliverance ministry, probably over 25,000.

SID: You just don't look like someone who's set 25,000... Not only that, most of them are in prison. You went to something like 700 prisons, and you would tell people about God, they would have genuine experiences with God, and they'd get out of prison, and you would be happy, and the next thing you'd know, they'd be back in prison. This must've been very discouraging for you.

DON: It was. Not that I felt like a failure, but I couldn't understand why guys would get genuinely born again, fall in love with Jesus, read their Bible, go to Bible studies, get out of prison, and only make it five or six months and they're right back in the cycle. That became so frustrating. I remember praying about it many times, "What am I missing?"

SID: There was one particular time that you prayed a very special prayer about being a deliverer.

DON: Yeah. I remember that well. I was in Galveston after some prison services. I told my wife I was going to take a couple of days to fish and relax. But I remember one afternoon, coming in from the fishing piers, frustrated. I just climbed up in the motel bed and wept. But I remember, in that prayer I asked, "Why can't I be a deliverer?"

SID: You didn't even know what you were saying, did you?

DON: No, no. But my heart was sincere. Why can't I get people out of bondage? What am I missing? I didn't know, when I said "deliverer", what was ahead.

SID: That it was literal. So you went to a prison, and one of the workers there had a vision about you. Tell me about that.

DON: This was probably six months later. I was preaching in a federal prison, down in Three Rivers, Texas, below San Antonio. There was an officer seated in the chapel, which is pretty unusual. He was with the inmates. After the service, he came up to me and made conversation. He told the officer on duty, who was stationed in the chapel, "I'll walk him to his car. I want to talk to him." So we headed across the prison grounds, and just talked about where he went to church and so on, that he was studying for the ministry. That's why he was off duty and came to the chapel, because he was going to be a Christian counselor, and is now, in the prison system. But after we had prayer on the parking lot, I left to go back to Corpus Christi where I was staying,

and he was going back to Beeville. So we're on the same road without knowing it. I pulled over to a little gas station grocery store to get a Dr. Pepper and some Fritos or something, before I headed to Corpus Christi. Well he pulls up right behind me, and he gets out of his car like he's T.D. Jakes or something. He's just bouncing, like "get ready, get ready." He came over to the side of the car and motioned for me to let the window down. He had so much excitement in his voice. He said, "While you were preaching, I had a vision of a big black pot. You were standing in the middle of this pot, and there was oil bubbling all around you. Not boiling, just bubbling. All around this pot, there was a sea of sick people, and the stench from their sickness was nauseating. It went up into the heavens. Then that oil began to bubble up and cover you. As it ran down your arms and touched the people, they were healed. Get ready brother, God's fixing to pour it out on you." And I know. I don't know how to explain...

SID: But you come from an evangelical, Baptist type of background, so this is kind of new for you.

DON: Yeah, it was real new. Something I'd longed for. I'd seen thousands of people receive Christ in prisons. Literally thousands. But I'd never seen anyone healed. I'd never seen anyone delivered.

SID: Shortly after that, when you would speak, you wouldn't even pray for them, you didn't even know how to pray for them, and what would happen?

DON: When I left the prison, I couldn't keep tears out of my eyes. Part of my prayer was "God, I don't know how to do this. They didn't teach me this." What I felt the Holy Spirit told me was "You just keep preaching." Well, I started getting letters from inmates who would tell me "I know you don't know this, but while you were preaching, heat came all over me. I used to have this, but I don't have it anymore."

SID: People started falling. That's kind of unusual for a Baptist.

DON: Yeah, it was. Sometimes guys would come up for the altar call, and before I would even touch them, they would fall.

SID: The Spirit of God would just put them on the ground.

DON: I knew what it was, but I didn't know what it was. I didn't know how to make it happen, I didn't know how to not make it happen.

SID: Tell you what, when we come back in a moment, I want to find out about the first major healing that occurred with Don. Many of you, your back's cracking into place right now. Necks, bones of all kinds are cracking into place. When we come back, you're going to find out about such an amazing miracle. There is power in hearing someone else talk about a miracle. You're about ready to be healed. Yes, you. Be right back.

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SID: Hello, **Sid Roth here with Don Dickerman.** Don, you were more amazed than anyone

when people started getting healed, but then you started having visions. When you've had a vision from God, how accurate is it?

DON: I guess I have to say I don't have them very often. But every time something is revealed to me in a service situation, it happens.

SID: Tell me about the first healing.

DON: The first healing... I went through a revelation, a vision. It was at a unit in Huntsville, Texas. It's a big prison with maybe 400 people in the chapel. There was a praise group singing before I was to get up to preach. So I'm sitting off to the side, and I had a mental image. I could see an ugly, jagged-toothed rat inside someone's colon, just gnawing away. I didn't know, I'd never had anything like that happen. I didn't know what to do with it. I felt like the Holy Spirit was telling me somebody was going to be healed of that situation. So when I got up to speak, I mentioned that. I revealed what I had seen. I said, "Somebody here with that condition is going to be healed tonight." Well, an inmate jumped up and ran down the aisle and said, "That's me, that's me." I prayed for him, and he went back to his seat. But he wasn't the one. So at the close of the service, as the inmates were filing out back to their cell blocks and dorm areas, an inmate came up and put a note in my pocket. He hung around as I was shaking hands with guys, and he said "Sir, would you read that note right now?" So I pulled the note out and read it, and it said, "I'm the one." Then he began to tell me that he'd just gotten back from John Sealy Hospital, medical place. They'd diagnosed him with a colon problem, but said, "Since you're going home in a few months, it can wait till you get back in the free world." He lifted up his shirt, and there was a knot right around his belt area. I knew, when he did it, that that was it. It was like what I saw. I said, "Well, I want to pray for you right now." I put my hand right on that spot and commanded the demon powers to leave him and healing to come. He threw up blood and bile, ugly situation. But some other inmates got towels and cleaned it up. I walked to the back door with him as he went back to his cell. He said, "I don't have any pain." Well, I don't know who he is, and I leave the prison, he's back in the cell block. So it was the next month when I was back at that prison. He met me at the chapel door, and the first thing he did was lift up his shirt. He said, "Brother, it's gone. I haven't had a pain since then."

SID: You must've been as shocked, pleased, and surprised as him.

DON: Yeah. Sometimes it overwhelms you, because I knew I didn't have anything to do with it.

SID: Speaking of being overwhelmed, I am overwhelmed with your book, because this is the most practical, easy... Someone doesn't deal with fear, they deal with rights. Legal rights. This is for someone that needs self deliverance, or someone that needs to pray for someone else. What are some of the signs that someone may need to be set free of a demonic spirit? It may be inside someone, it may be outside someone, it plain doesn't matter.

DON: Well Jesus said, "Cast them out", so that's what we do. To me, it's pretty simple. I find there's four principles involved, and these apply to anyone, anywhere. The first principle is, you either have demons or you don't. If you do have demons, then it must be that the demon has some kind of legal permission to be there. That could be unforgiveness, it could be generational curses, a number of things. But it must have permission. The third thing is, there is no permission that cannot be cancelled. We can repent of anything. Jesus' blood covers everything. Then the fourth principle is, once those legal consents have been cancelled, the name of Jesus is absolute authority every time.

SID: You have some insight in here. I guess it's from having so much experience one on one. One of the things you said, I've never heard before. I've heard it's very important to forgive, because Jesus said "I'll forgive you the same degree you forgive other people." However, I never heard that once you forgive, you command the spirit that was attached to you because of the unforgiveness to leave. So people forgive and they still have that oppression.

DON: When I first encountered that, it was through... I don't have conversations with demons, I have confrontation with them. But they do speak many times through the individual. I've had demons, when I commanded them to leave, I said "Do you have permission to stay there?" "No." "Well, why are you there?" And the response would be "No one ever told me to go." So they become like squatters. I would find that somebody would say "Yeah, I had a period of unforgiveness in my life ten years ago, but I repented of that." Ok, but the demon's still hanging out, because he wasn't cast out.

SID: It's time for the squatters in your life to leave. And it's so easy, it's so simple. There is no fear involved, it's just plain faith in the integrity of someone stronger, your Big Brother, Jesus. When we come back, you're going to hear an interview I did with one of the most notorious prisoners in Ireland. I think he stabbed fifteen people by age 14. By the time he was 17, he murdered someone. This is such an amazing story. We'll be right back after this word.

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SID: Hello, **Sid Roth here with Don Dickerman.** Do you remember Son of Sam, David Berkowitz, the mass murderer from the New York area? Well, Don wrote a letter to David. How did he respond to your letter while he was in prison?

DON: That was in 1978. He'd just been sentenced. I didn't know the guy; I just knew what the headlines in the papers were. But I'd seen people saved in prisons, so I wrote David a letter. I said "David, God still loves you, and Jesus can save you." He wrote me right back and said, "If I get out here, I'll kill you."

SID: Well he didn't get out of there, but you went back into the prison to speak, and he came up to you. What did he tell you?

DON: This was ten years later. I was in his prison, not knowing he was there. After the service... I didn't know what he looked like. After the service he came up to me and put his arm around me and said "I want you to know, I appreciate you being faithful over these years, coming into these dark places with the light of the gospel. By the way, my name's David Berkowitz." I could look in his eyes and tell something had happened. I said, "David, are you saved? Are you born again?" He said, "Yes sir, I got saved a couple of years ago." No one knew his story. He said, "I know the media will get a hold of it and twist it. But yeah, I love Jesus."

SID: Then you became friends. One prisoner can't write to another prisoner, so he asked you to write to one of the most hardened prisoners in Ireland. Tell me about that.

DON: He had read in some paper about Eddie Ferncombe, the most notorious criminal in Ireland. A feared criminal. He said, "Would you write to this man and witness to him like you did to me?"

Well, of course I did. Over a period of several weeks of writing, Eddie accepted Christ by mail. He asked me if I had any tapes of services or teachings. He said, "I have a little tape player. Can you send me some?" So I gathered a handful of tapes and mailed them to Eddie. He wrote me. In a couple of weeks I got a letter from him. On one of the tapes, I had done a corporate deliverance. *Kind of silently address those issues in your mind and choose to be free from them. I'm going to bind them...* So I sent him that tape, and as he was listening to it, demons began to manifest in him. They couldn't be still. He was trembling and sweating. So he told his chaplain about it the next day and asked the chaplain if he'd help him. He said, "The chaplain laughed at me." Well, he asked me in the letter if I would consider coming to Ireland to minister deliverance. He said, "I know what my problem is." Well, I didn't know how I'd get to Ireland, but I felt God's Spirit telling me to go. So I went to Ireland, eventually met with Eddie. I told Eddie "There's a qualification. You can't have any unforgiveness in your life", because as we talked, I could sense he did. He said, "I can't do that, brother Don. I can't." He was going to kill the man that snitched on him. That was his plan, to get out of prison and do that. I said "Eddie, I can't help you if you can't forgive. I went back two days later, and he came out with a big smile on his face. We're in a super isolation area, he's got four officers escorting him, he's in waist chains and ankle chains and handcuffs. But he had this big smile on his face.

SID: What did the prison think about you going there?

DON: They couldn't understand why I was there, and I wasn't sure I could explain it to them.

SID: "I came to set someone free of a demon."

DON: One officer that was escorting me back to that area... And it was a dungeon. It's where they kept the IRA prisoners in Portlaoise, Ireland. He said "Are you like David Wilkerson?" Well I knew what he meant. I said "Yeah I am." He said, "Well you're welcome here lad." We went back to Eddie's area. They had a plexiglass booth where an officer sat to overlook, to make sure nothing went wrong. So while they're bringing Eddie back to that area, I looked at that officer and thought, "I don't know what he's going to think if Eddie screams or makes some kind of noise." So I went over and tapped on the glass. I said, "Sir, I just want to explain to you what I'm here for, what I'm going to do." I explained the deliverance process. As I was warning him of what might happen, he said, "Help yourself lad, help yourself." Eddie came in, and we sat down across from each other, just like you and I are. He said, "I did it, brother Don. I forgave." And you could see in his eyes, it was real. We went through the process of binding demons and commanding them to leave, and they did. And Eddie's been out of prison for...

SID: I tell you what... He's been out for how long??

DON: I think for maybe six years.

SID: I caught up with Eddie, and he is out of prison, and I interviewed him by way of radio. I asked him some questions about what it was like to be set free of these evil spirits. Let's go to that audio interview.

SID: What was it like before you went through deliverance?

EDDIE: I was just on a road to destruction. I was very violent and very evil.

SID: Describe to me what you felt like right after you went through deliverance.

EDDIE: Ah, I felt peace straight away. Peace. I was in a bad place at that time – mentally. After the deliverance everything just kind a lifted.

SID: And you also told me you felt really drunk in the Spirit. Explain that.

EDDIE: Yeah, I was actually giddy – happy!

SID: Imagine that. This is what he said to me. When I said, "What does it feel like?" he says, "It feels like I'm stoned." Here he is in the worst prison of prisons, with no hope for any future, hating, just wanted to get out to murder another person. And he feels the love of God. God is so good.

DON: Yes He is. We see that all the time. Not to that extreme, but when someone's in bondage and they're freed, while it may be relative, it's freedom nonetheless. My experience is that most Christians are in some kind of bondage.

SID: Either they're oppressed or they have some sort of addictive part of their personality.

DON: Generally, I think the rule of thumb is... A question I get a lot is how do you know if it's the flesh? Sometimes you can't know, but when it becomes irrational anger, irrational fears, anything to the extreme, generally that's a demon spirit.

SID: One thing I read which was interesting, even fear that God isn't going to forgive you of your sins. That is demonic. I'll tell you something. I am so excited to make his new book available to you, because it's so simple. The only fear you have of a demon is the fear the demon gives you. When you have faith, you understand that the demon is far more afraid of you than you're afraid of that demon. I urge you to get a hold of this book, because it is going to transform your life. It's one of those mentoring tools that's necessary.