

SID: Welcome. Welcome to my world where it's naturally supernatural. My guest is the son of one of the greatest healing evangelists in history. He's the son of Oral Roberts. His name is Richard Roberts. But this is what you don't know. Five months ago he was activated to a new level of healing. He gets about 20 letters a month from people that have been to their doctor that were healed of cancer. I am expecting, I'm telling you, there's a word called "expectation," I am expecting the greatest outpouring of miracles we have ever had. We're ready for a Holy Spirit explosion.

*Is there a supernatural dimension, a world beyond the one we know? Is there life after death? Do angels exist? Can our dreams contain messages from Heaven? Can we tap into ancient secrets of the supernatural? Are healing miracles real? Sid Roth has spent over 35 years researching the strange world of the supernatural. Join Sid for this edition of **It's Supernatural**.*

SID: I believe that Richard Roberts has done a lot of TV, has his own television show. But something special is about ready to take place here. Now you had such a privilege as a young boy to travel with your father. I want to remind you of something right now and I want you to see it. I would like to have the rolling [video] of his father and I want you to watch, especially watch this young child as he prays with a child. Let's see the rolling right now.

[begin video]

Oral Roberts: Be healed from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet. Heal those little legs. Heal them. Heal the little hip. Lonnie, the thing that you're feeling is God's presence. You feel something going all through you. That's the Lord's power on you. That's what's going to make you walk. Bob, you hold those. Mrs. Black, you step over back there at the end of the platform. We'll soon know what God has done. Put him down there, [unintelligible]. Everybody, mind on God now. Step back, Bob.

[end video]

SID: Richard, you told me about four months ago, five months ago, there was a prophecy and you started moving in miracles beyond anything you've ever done before. Tell me about that.

RICHARD: Well Sid, the healing ministry actually began in my life as a little boy, as you said, growing up in my dad's ministry, and the effectively through me in 1980 after Lindsay and I were married. But something happened last September. Our mutual friend, Hank Kunneman, a pastor in Omaha—

SID: The guy that prophesied everything you see before it was here.

RICHARD: Yes I know. He told me that there was an even greater level of healing, especially concerning cancer and incurable diseases, and that the numbers of healing would dramatically, and by the way, someone is being healed right now of a migraine headache, he said it would dramatically increase. Within 30 days it happened in October and it's been happening wherever I go since then. There's a sciatica nerve being healed right now in the name of Jesus. You're watching.

SID: I have to ask you this though. Like right this second when you said this person being healed of the migraine, etc., what is it? Is it inner thought? Is it, what's going on inside of you?

RICHARD: Sid, I actually feel the pain and then I see a person healed of that ailment or affliction, and then when I say it, it's released. Suddenly as you were talking, I got this sharp pain right here and all of a sudden I saw someone with a migraine headache being healed, and then I said it, and then that pain left. And I felt pain go down my right hip and down my leg, and I saw someone being healed of sciatica problems. And as soon as I said it, that was released. That pain was released from me. That's how it operates through me. I don't know how it operates through others. That's how it operates through me.

SID: Okay. Tell me what happens? You're walking through a shopping mall with a microphone in front of 10,000, a hundred thousand people.

RICHARD: Right.

SID: TV cameras and flashbulbs, well there aren't flashbulbs any more. I don't know. But it's just you and you're walking down a shopping mall. What happens to you?

RICHARD: If I see someone that's ill, compassion comes up. You know they said of Jesus in Matthew 14:14, he went forth, he saw a great multitude, he was moved with compassion. Compassion is an irresistible urge to remove the problem, to reach in, take hold of the problem and pull it out. And that comes on me whenever I see someone ill in a shopping mall, in a theater, in a restaurant, in an airport. It just, I have to get over close to them. If I can't touch them I want to breathe a prayer over them as I walk by. That's the compassion of the Lord.

SID: The most exciting thing that I read about your dad, you witnessed. Your dad went into, they used to have tents of the people who were paralyzed.

RICHARD: Yes.

SID: Or in stretchers and things like this.

RICHARD: Yes.

SID: And he went into that tent and there was someone dying of cancer, and the smell was so horrific because the guy was dying.

RICHARD: Yes.

SID: Tell me what you observed.

RICHARD: Well I was there. My father stretched out his hands to pray for him and instead of praying for him, he just threw up because the smell of the cancer was so bad. And my dad turned and walked out of the, what he called the invalid tent. He walked out, just left me there standing. I was just a little boy, but I remember it like it was yesterday. But a moment or two later he came

back in and he got up on the hospital gurney that the man was laying on, and laid his hands on him, and then took him in his arms, and prayed for him. And then we went on back into the main service. And I never understood until years later after my mother went home to be with the Lord, my father and I were talking one afternoon in his home, and we were reminiscing. And I brought up that subject to him, and I said, “Dad, I never understood why you left and why you came back.” And he laughed, and he said, “When I got outside, I said to the Lord, this is too difficult.” He said, “I was being opposed so heavily by the media at the time. Here I’m trying to get people saved and healed, and people hated me.” And he said, “It’s too difficult. I can’t do this any more.” And he said, “I got outside and the Lord spoke to me and said, ‘If you’re not willing to pray for him then you’re not worthy to be my child.’” And he said, “That’s when I came back in the room and I took the man in my arms and prayed for him.” And my dad was like that until the day he went home to be with the Lord. If he saw someone ill he had to get near them. And if he couldn’t touch them he had to at least reach out his faith and prayed for their healing, and that compassion is on me. Just stretch your hands out towards me right now. Not that my hands have any power because they don’t, but they’re hooked up to the one who does. So in the authority of the name of Jesus, I pray right now for the compassion of the Lord, here it comes, for the compassion of the Lord to flow right through me right into you. From the crown, here it comes, from the crown of your head even to the soles of your feet, that you, like Jesus, will be touched by the infirmities of the people, and it will cause you not to make you move away from them, but a way, a move toward them for healing in Jesus’ name.

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SID: So Richard, you have decided, you’re a pastor’s son and you do what a lot of children of that comes from pastors, evangelists.

RICHARD: Sure.

SID: You wanted to explore what the world was like. You wanted to be a professional singer. You wanted to be a professional actor.

RICHARD: In a way I did.

SID: But your mom was the obstacle. Tell me about your mom.

RICHARD: Well she said, “Son, you’ll never get away from my prayers.”

SID: I love it. It’s true.

RICHARD: No matter my idea, no matter what I went through, all that I said and did, and all the aspirations that I had to be a nightclub entertainer, and although I was singing in clubs and I was offered a job at the Sahara Hotel in the lounges singing and doing summer stock theater, and all the things, I did singing in clubs, I couldn't get away from her prayers.

SID: Tell me about your toe. That's what I want to hear.

RICHARD: My toe?

SID: I want to know about your toe.

RICHARD: Well a prophetic word had been given over Lindsay and me about the healing ministry. And she and I took that word and began to confess it along with the Word of God what things, so ever you desire, Mark, Chapter 11, what things so ever you desire, "When you pray believe that you receive and you shall have it." She and I began to confess a healing ministry. I knew the day was coming, but I didn't know when. And we didn't announce it. We just talked about it amongst ourselves. And she and I prayed, and we held on to that word we had from God. And she and I were, I don't know where we were, but we were in a service. And I was closing, and in the last moment I heard myself say this: "Lord, heal that man's big toe." And there was a snap in my own toe, like a bone moving. And I said to myself, well I wonder why I said that. I closed the service.

SID: That's called a mind bypass.

RICHARD: A few weeks later I got a letter from a man who said, "How did you know about my toe?" He said, "My toe was broken and I had been to the doctor, had it x-rayed." And he said, "I was in your service that night and when you said, Lord, heal that's man big toe, my toe snapped." And he said, "I went back to the doctor and had it reexamined and it showed there's no break." He said, "What did you do?" And I wrote back and I said, "Well I didn't do anything except say what I felt the Lord had me say." Lindsay pointed her finger at me and said, "This is the beginning of your healing ministry." I said, "A toe?"

SID: Well you got to start somewhere, Richard.

RICHARD: Never despise a small beginning. And so Lindsay said our faith together. She and I believed God. And it was in April of 1980 when we're in Albuquerque, New Mexico and people began to get healed in numbers: blindness, deafness all in the same service, people coming out of wheelchairs. And I remember, Sid, I remember it so well, she was sitting out in the crowd. She hated sitting on the platform. She wanted to be out in the crowd so she could watch and pray like she's doing right now. She's praying right now for me on this program. But she sat there and I saw her. She just nodded her head and she said, "This is it. This is the fulfillment of what happened with that toe."

SID: You know, as a young boy you learned so many wonderful things from your dad. You were actually able to go and observe him and watch what he did. But there was one time that it had a major impact on you and the way you explain it, God wants us healed. But we have a part in the

equation, and you learned this when you had, what was it, 22 warts on your hand? Tell me about that. How old were you?

RICHARD: I was about ten. I had 22 warts. One of the greatest lessons of my life, and you know, as a boy I played baseball and basketball, football. I played everything you could play. And the warts were spreading, 22 of them, and they were bleeding because, you know, I used my hand a lot, and it hurt when I threw a baseball and so on. And my dad came home and said, "I'm going to pray. I'm going to believe God." Well I expected a miracle because that's what I always expected when my dad prayed for me. And we sat down in the bedroom, and he said, I want you to release your faith. And I said, "Well Daddy, how do you release your faith?" He said, "Through a point of contact." And he saw the look in my eye that I didn't know what he was talking about. He said, "Point of contact is something that you do and when you do it, you let your faith go." He still saw that I didn't understand. So he pointed to the wall and said, "Do you see the light switch?" "Yes." "The light switch, son, is a point of contact. It has no power in itself, but it's hooked up to the electronic company, like when you flip the switch the lights come on." He said, "Your faith is like that. God has given," he gave me the scripture from Romans, "God has given to every person the measure of faith." He said, "Now your faith in your heart was not meant there, meant just to stay there. You've got to release it just like you flip that switch. So when I pray for you, let your faith go." And so he prayed and I was believing, and I came to a point in his prayer where I just, not knowing what to do, I just said, "Faith get up. Get up to God." I was just a little boy.

SID: You have to become like a little child in order, that's what you were doing what the Bible instructs us to do.

RICHARD: Exactly.

SID: But you already were a little child.

RICHARD: Exactly. I looked at my hand. Every wart was still there. And he said, "Now son, we have prayed and we have believed. Now let's expect a miracle."

SID: Do you know, that's where most people miss it? When the warts are still there they say, well I guess nothing happened.

RICHARD: Well and it didn't happen the next day or the next day, or the next day, or the next day, or the fourth, the fifth, the sixth, the seventh, the eighth, the ninth. But the tenth morning I awakened and looked at my hand. Every wart had totally disappeared. What lesson I learned, after he prayed, I learned how to hold on to my faith and to believe. And you're right. That's where many people are today. Because they don't see an instantaneous miracle, they don't understand that the healing power of God is working. And sometimes it takes a while for the healing to be complete, but it happened, and I've never had another wart on that hand, you know, as long as I've lived.

SID: Tell me, I believe it was Nicaragua in a tent that there was a person, a woman who had ten years of back pain. No, it wasn't a tent. It was a taxi.

RICHARD: Yes. I was in a taxi on the way to a crusade. The driver of the taxi was talking about his mother who was ill. She had back problems for ten years and he asked me to pray for her. And I said, “Can you get her to the service?” He said, “No, she’s six hours away from here.” I said, “Can you get her on the phone?” Because I knew there was no distance in prayer. And so through a translator, he got her on the phone and we prayed together. And I really discovered the Scripture in Psalm 107, Verse 20, “He sent his Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.” So I said to her, “I just sent the Word to you for healing in your back,” through the translator. The translator translated it. And then the next day I learned that she began to be healed that moment and after a few days, after ten years of back pain, it was completely gone. And I learned that day there is no distance in prayer.

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SID: I was just telling Richard during the break, I don't, can you feel, can you feel, can you feel at home, there is a, it's like a river of God's Spirit.

RICHARD: There is.

SID: It's so wonderful. The whole world has to experience this liver [meant to say “river”]? Liver? You know, he just did it to me. Someone's liver has been healed right now. Someone's liver is being healed right now.

RICHARD: Did you hear what you said? To feel this liver.

SID: Oh, I heard what I said.

RICHARD: That's compassion.

SID: Yeah, but let me tell you something. That was not rehearsed.

RICHARD: No.

SID: That just came when I was talking about the river of God's Spirit that it's here right now. There is something, I remember reading years ago that your father wrote and you teach on it also, and it's got to do with supernatural languages, tongues.

RICHARD: Yes.

SID: He said, the Bible says, “Pray in your understanding and pray in the Spirit.” And your father taught, get into a flow. You pray with your understanding then you pray in tongues in the Spirit then you pray with your, and he said, sooner or later when you pray with your understanding you’ll actually be interpreting your supernatural language. Tell me a bit about that.

RICHARD: Well that’s the Apostle Paul who taught that when you pray in tongues you don’t know what you’re saying. You’re praying the mysteries of God. Your spirit is edified. You feel better, but you don’t have understanding to go along with it. So Paul said, “What will I do? I will pray with the Spirit and I will pray with the understanding.” When a person gets saved the Holy Spirit comes in and bears witness with their spirit that they’re a child of God. So every Christian has the Holy Spirit. They may not pray in tongues, but they have the ability because the Holy Spirit is in them. All right. What does the Bible say the Holy Spirit is doing? He’s interceding. He’s praying, Romans tells us, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, in a straight line prayer to God. Paul taught that we have an opportunity and an ability to tap into the Holy Spirit’s kiosk, [speaking in tongues]. We can pray in tongues and tap into the Holy Spirit’s prayer any time we like. Now many people who pray in tongues only pray at a moment of great joy or in terrible sadness. But it’s something we can do every day. We can tap in, I’m not talking about the gift of tongues. That’s different. I’m talking about your own daily devotional prayer language. We can tap into that prayer, and then as you said, when we stop and pray in our own language, we get God’s response back to us because the Holy Spirit is taking what’s inside of us that we don’t have the ability to express in human terms. He takes what’s way down on the inside of us and takes it up to God. But the scripture says he knows our hurts, he knows our needs, he knows our afflictions, he knows what’s in us. He’s taking that to the father. And then when we pray in English we’re getting God’s response back to us, and many times it’s a direct interpretation or it’s a direction, or it’s a new way, a new idea, a new concept, a new way of doing something, a new innovation, something brand new on the scene. And that’s something that I do every day of my life, not because I’m better than anybody else, because I need help. I need to know what to do.

SID: So if someone has been praying in tongues but they don’t really understand, teach me. Teach me. That’s me. I’m talking about me right now.

RICHARD: I’m talking about people, and what you’re talking about, I believe, is people who just pray in tongues, but they don’t complete the prayer.

SID: Yes.

RICHARD: They’re doing just a half a prayer.

SID: Yes. Tell me how you do it.

RICHARD: When you pray in tongues, stop and begin to pray in your own language the very first thing that God brings to your mind, the very first thing. Say it out loud and as you practice it, as you do it over and over again, you’ll get into the flow that you were talking about a little earlier. And as you pray in tongues and then stop and pray in your own language, you’ll find that you’ll begin to say what you’ve been wanting to say to God and you’ve not known how or you

get his interpretation of what he wants you to have or to do. When I don't know what to do, I pray in tongues and then I stop and I pray in my own language.

SID: And I'm not saying throw your mind out, but if you could make your decisions from God, do you realize how much better it would be? Do you realize how you'd never make mistakes? We need God more than ever.

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SID: Next week on ***It's Supernatural***. My guest was a career criminal. His extended family consisted of drug dealers, drug addicts, pimps, prostitutes. He had 34 members of his family in prison as of now for murder. I mean, this pervaded the whole family. He had an encounter with the Messiah. He learned about bloodline curses, began to break them on himself, on his family, his extended family and he has a passion to help you break. Now by the way, these curses can be things like sickness, like poverty and their bloodlines. And you can stop it, and his passion is to help you. Are you ready?

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