

*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: Hello. Welcome. Welcome to my world where it's naturally supernatural. My guest was a career criminal. His extended family consisted of drug dealers, drug addicts, pimps, prostitutes, fatherlessness. 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 bloodline. It's passed through the blood and you can stop it, and his passion is to help you. Are you ready? Now I have John Turnipseed here with me and we were talking a bit about bloodline curses. What is your understanding of a bloodline curse?

JOHN: My understanding of a bloodline curse is if you can look back into your family and certain things, devastating things, not just like a cold or anything. I'm talking about things such as like cancer and things of people being unemployed and prostitution or sexual immorality and things of that nature, or people going to prison, if you can trace that back one generation it might be a mistake, an abnormality. But if it happens in two or three, there's definitely something going on there and you'd better address it right then because it can carry on into other generations.

SID: Now you don't look old enough for that, but you tell me that you traced these things in your own family back four generations.

JOHN: Yes, starting with my father. My father got shot at a young age, did a robbery at a young age, went to prison and abandoned us as a father. I got shot at 16, abandoned my kids and went to prison for ten years. My son Little Johnny got shot 17 times, abandoned his nine kids and went to prison for 15 years, and his son got shot at a very young age in his teenage years and is doing life without the possibility of parole. Every generation it got uglier and stronger, and that's when I knew that I had to do something.

SID: That's an interesting point. I hope you didn't miss it. He said that each generation it was getting worse in his family line. How big is the Turnipseed family that you're talking about?

JOHN: We are the largest family in Minnesota. A family reunion for us is a couple thousand people.

SID: Wow. And how many would you say percentage-wise has this curse affected?

JOHN: I would say in most of the generations, probably 75 to 90 percent.

SID: You were raised in a loving home. You had a good childhood in Alabama.

JOHN: Yes.

SID: All of a sudden, uprooted to Minneapolis. Let's take a look at this clip.

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Man 1: I was six years old when the boogeyman started to haunt me.

Woman [screaming]

Man 1: I prayed he'd go away, but I guess when your father is the devil you can't expect God to answer your prayers.

Boy: Virgil, come!

Man 1: You can't take the boogeyman down.

Boy: Don't make me beat you again!

Man 1: You'll find someone who can.

Man 2: Ever since I was a kid I ran these streets by whatever means necessary.

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Man 3: Oh one more thing, John, you walk in my courtroom one more time, just one more time, you will not see another human being for as long as you live.

[end video]

SID: You know, it's hard to even comprehend this lost, scared little boy went on to become a gang leader, a pimp, a drug dealer. He was shot, stabbed, abducted, addicted to cocaine, armed robberies, in and out of prison. How did that happen?

JOHN: Well with a father not being around and nobody to supervise me, I was basically, my father wasn't there, the head of the household. My mother was sick and hurt, and I would venture out into the neighborhood. And down the street from where I lived, because there was no authority over of me, a group of pimps and thugs took me in and they showed me what I thought was love. And I went, I grabbed and held onto it for all I could, and it led me to penitentiaries and everything. I was pulling armed robberies at 12 years of age.

SID: But you were raised in the church.

JOHN: Yes.

SID: Your father was raised in the church.

JOHN: Deacon.

SID: And how does someone that has a little bit of teaching, just a little, do cold-blooded things such as you did?

JOHN: Well I was raised in the church, and when I was six or seven years old my grandmother told me I was going to be John the Baptist. I was going to be a preacher, so I would practice preaching at five and six years of age, and it was my destiny. We had intact families down there. Everybody was married, no alcohol. Everybody went to church and worked hard. Good family. And my father comes up here by himself and a couple years later when we came up here, he was

not the same person. He went from being my hero to the boogeyman and he, I was scared of him. I didn't like him and he beat my mother every single day, and I couldn't understand. And I prayed every day for God to stop it in my little bitty mind all by itself and it didn't happen for me. And one day I stopped praying and I became very angry at God, and I thought, that's it. All that stuff you guys have told me, my grandmother, that's hocus-pocus. That doesn't work. I prayed and he still beats my mother. So how does a nine-year-old child deal with that?

SID: But when you got involved in this life of crime, wasn't there even a twinge saying, this is wrong, I shouldn't do this, a twinge of remorse?

JOHN: At first. Pretty soon, the conscience gets put to sleep.

SID: It's called seared.

JOHN: And then it's gone.

SID: You told me that when you were involved in these things it was almost like a high.

JOHN: Absolutely. There was no greater thrill to me than going and putting a pistol in someone's face and humiliating them, and making them give me all their money.

SID: You hated your father, as you explained. But then you became just like the one you hated.

JOHN: Absolutely.

SID: You became just like your father. That curse that was haunting you was causing you to move in these areas and probably even giving you that high that you had for crime.

JOHN: Oh absolutely. The curse that came upon me became so strong in me that I was able to persuade others to follow me. I was able to, I was 18 years old. I was in prison for the first time with a thousand men and I took over the prison, just had them following me to this path that I was on, and because I was so taught so well how to influence people for my own benefit that I was able to send a lot of young men down a very dark path.

SID: But you had some good role models in prison. Did you really want to change?

JOHN: God kept sending angels to me.

SID: What do you mean?

JOHN: He sent, I wouldn't go to school and one day I wanted to do weightlifting and this weightlifter told me that he wouldn't teach me weightlifting unless I got my GED. So I went and studied the book and took the GED test a week later and passed it. And then there was another guy who came and visited me in prison and told me I was, insulted me by telling me I was a total waste of human life because I wouldn't educate myself. And I went to school and got a degree in computers. And there was a guy named Father Cappucci [sp], a Catholic priest, that when I

would act up he was the only one that could calm me down because I knew he was one of God's boys and I didn't want to offend him. So God kept sending, he never, I didn't realize it until later on in life, he sent the cavalry to me, to prepare me.

SID: God is so good.

JOHN: He is that good.

SID: Now you hated your dad.

JOHN: Hated him.

SID: Wanted to kill him and when you had a child it would be different, but it wasn't.

JOHN: It was not different. My first child actually came into the world. She was, I was shot, the mother was shot and she was shot by a gunman that was trying to kill me. We all lived, but I brought that evil, that evil followed me into my household and tried to execute my family.

SID: It's all part of that curse.

JOHN: All part of the curse. But the angel of God, the mercy of God was there.

SID: Your life was in and out of prisons. You had a skill, but you were living a double life, a life as a normal person and a life because that curse would not leave you alone. You were going to be arrested. You knew it. You were in your office. A television crew showed up. Describe that to me.

JOHN: I had been caught, put in jail and arraigned on probably a couple hundred felonies. And I agreed to plead guilty to 50 of them if they would let me out to finish teaching a class. See, I was, when God had sent those angels I had gotten the skill of teaching and I had students. So I went back to teach these students. Nobody knew I went to jail and I was going to go to prison. I barricaded myself in my office and I started crying. I started crying. I wanted to kill myself and something from my childhood came to me: my grandmother telling me just, "Boy, just reach to God. Reach to Jesus." That's what that voice came to me. And I asked him right there, right there I said, "God, if you are who my grandmother said you are, you have to come right now." And he came right then and there. And I know he came. I call him the gangster. When that gangster came into my life, you know, I can't describe it. I cannot describe how I felt that moment. I got up. Everybody was waiting outside my office. I came out smiling. I had dirt all over my suit, mud running down my face. I didn't care. Jesus came and got me.

SID: He was real.

JOHN: He was real.

SID: I'll tell you something. When we come back, you think you have problems, 50 felonies, a judge that hates him. He's facing ten years to life. He could be put away forever. But the same God that rescued him, the same God that is ready to rescue you, it's a miracle. I'll be right back.

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SID: Just before John was arrested, he asked God for two things. What were those two things?

JOHN: I asked him, I knew I was going to jail and I let my children down once again. I said, "God, I want my children to forgive me and to love me one more time. And Father, I want to teach again" because I was a licensed teacher and I knew it would be taken away. I loved teaching so much. I wanted to teach again. And that's the only [thing] that I asked. I didn't ask him not to go to jail. I didn't ask him anything else.

SID: The judge could have put you away for life. Sentencing day, tell me about it.

JOHN: Sentencing day comes around and in Minnesota we have the career criminal division, and when they prosecute you these guys are, they have no sympathy, no empathy for anything. It's like you have crossed over the line. You have went over the sentencing guidelines. They're, you know, we're going to put you away for as long as humanly possible. Well the prosecutor that was prosecuting me, all of a sudden wasn't there that day, and this guy really disliked me. He had prosecuted my son, my cousins and everybody. The judge had seen me time and time again, and was just tired of me. But that day, I had like nine months before I came for sentencing, and the judge told me, he's seeing something different in me. And my lawyer was arguing for the ten-year, you know, let's get him ten years. And I told my lawyer, "Just chill out, man." And the judge said, "I'm going to give you probation. I don't know why."

SID: No time in jail?

JOHN: No time in jail.

SID: That's a miracle. So those two prayers you prayed, I think God instantly answered them.

JOHN: He instantly answered them. And the place that I got shamed and got arrested at, that the cameras came to, they not only rehired me, but they promoted me.

SID: When you were talking about that day when the cameras were there, I saw crocodile tears coming out of your eyes. Why?

JOHN: There's no way to explain when God does what he does and how blessed I was to receive it. I owe him everything and he did it for me, for me right there and then regardless of my past or anything. He did it for me.

SID: Would he do this for anyone if their past was even worse than yours?

JOHN: He would do it for any one of his children in an instant.

SID: Would you pray for the ones that are looking right now, and you know who you are, because God has been dealing with you and he loves as much as he loves John Turnipseed. He loves as much as he loves me. He loves you enough to die for you.

JOHN: God, you know us. We're your babies. Father, sometimes we are disobedient. Sometimes we do not do what we're supposed to do. But father, you told us that you loved us so much in John 3:16, that whoever believed in you shall not perish, but have everlasting life. And Father, we're your babies. We need you in our life. Knock down the barriers for the ones that don't believe in you, Father. Just knock the barriers down and let them know that you're there, Father, because only until you come will they know how great you are, Father. So please, Jesus, just give us unyielded, unrestrained favor, today, Father, even if we don't deserve it, Jesus. Amen.

SID: You know what? The Bible says if you confess your sins he is just and faithful to forgive you of all, all, all, no matter what you've done. Real quick, tell me the first message you ever gave, your first sermon.

JOHN: My first sermon, I gave my life to Christ and I went back to school to become a minister. I went to a funeral that another pastor was supposed to do. I get a phone call because he's not there and it's from a cousin of mine that tells me, "Hey, Johnny," that's what he called me, "I'm just telling you this because I know you're at that funeral. The pastor ain't showing up. The pastor owes us a whole lot of money and for drugs and I'm just telling." Yeah, it's hard to believe. "And until Monday, he's gonna stay right here. So tell the family." So I went to the family and I told them, I didn't tell them whole story. I just said, "The pastor won't show up." And I said, "But I'm a pastor." "You are?" And I said, "Yeah." And they asked me, "Well would you do the service because the funeral home is waiting." And I said, "I will." And when I got up to speak the crowd there, I heard cursing.

SID: They know about you.

JOHN: He's a pimp. He's a thug. You know, he did this to me. I mean, all of this. And God just, I felt him. And I went up and I opened the service up with John 3:16. And I'll tell you how I said it. I said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him, even Johnny Turnipseed, shall not perish, but have everlasting life." And then I told them, "I don't know about the God you serve, but the one I serve said that and meant that, and I'm going to do this service." And I got a standing ovation.

SID: Well now. What about that large extended family of pimps and fatherlessness, and prison, and murders, 34 members of your family serving time for murder right now? What's going on with all of that family?

JOHN: Most of them that are in prison are saved.

SID: What percent would you say are saved?

JOHN: I would say 90 percent. I would say 90 percent. My children are saved. My brothers are saved. We are no longer raising criminals. We're raising hopefully little preachers, you know. That's my greatest hope. That's bigger than the president in my family.

SID: Okay. With your family, you broke the curses. How can people watching you right now break the curses over their family, whether it's sickness or whether it's divorce, or whether it's prison, or whether it's addictions? Whatever. How?

JOHN: What I had to do with my family is we had to sit down and come face to face with these are the things, and be honest, that are plaguing our family, okay: the prostitution and the gang, and the drugs, all of that, father absence, men walking away from their children. We had to say some very unpleasant things about the reality of who we were. Okay. And then in agreement with each other we had to act on it. And then we had to arm ourself because the enemy came and he, man, did he ever come. When I started talking this message he started attacking my family more than he had, because before he could just leave us alone because we were doing it all by ourself. But once we started, we armed ourself with the Word and the blood of Jesus Christ and stuff that he had to back off. He had to back off.

SID: Did you hear that? He armed himself with the Word of God and the blood of Jesus. That's why they had to back off. And I tell you the devil, the curses, are backing off in Jesus' name.

JOHN: Amen.

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SID: Next week on ***It's Supernatural***. My guest says we were created to be feared by the devil. Do you agree with that? Do you want to find out why and how, and start doing it?

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