

Hello. Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world, where it's naturally supernatural. My guest has a master's from a Baptist seminary, doctorate from a Methodist seminary, and would you believe he loves to cast demons out of Christians, oy vez!

*Sid Roth has spent over 40 years researching the strange world of the supernatural. Join Sid for this edition of **It's Supernatural**.*

SID: I'm seated here with Rodney Hogue. Rodney.

RODNEY: What up?

SID: You're just going to a nice Baptist seminary and there's a guest lecturer and he's going along, you like what he's saying and all of a sudden he starts talking about demons. Why did you get so rattled?

RODNEY: Well, actually it was all over with. The class was over and I'm just talking with this ... And it was a pastor, and he was just telling us about his day. And he said, "Today we ministered to three people who had demons." And first of all I got pretty excited because I'm thinking, oh my goodness. I mean here we are, this is New Testament stuff. So I'm thinking, we're going to do something here and I'm going to learn something. And then he said, "And two of them were Christians". I go, "Oh no."

RODNEY: The first thought to my head, I don't believe in this. I just don't believe this. Now, in reality I never had really thought this thing through. I mean, I didn't really have a developed theology because it just never crossed my mind. But I just had this strong thought that I just don't believe in this. Now I realize those thoughts, they weren't my thoughts, but at that time I thought those were my thoughts.

SID: Sure. Someone has a thought, you think it's your thought, not necessarily coming from you, but go ahead.

RODNEY: Yeah. So I said, "I don't believe in this." But the next thing was, I had to get out of there. I'm like, I got to get out of this place, I made an excuse, oh my goodness, I need to go home. I'm in my car and I'm driving home and I'm thinking, how does this happen? How does a Christian have a demon? I'm just wondering how this is happening. And then the Holy Spirit invades my thinking and speaks to me so clearly, it wasn't audible, but it was pretty close. And he says, "Rodney, that's what you have." [laughter] I said...

SID: Anyone want to hear from God? Anyone want to hear that?

RODNEY: Well, I mean, I just got mad. I mean, I was like, I wasn't even thinking that at that time, I just got mad and I said, "You can't have me. You don't belong to me. In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to leave me," and I felt this thing leave me.

SID: The thing you don't believe that Christian's can have.

RODNEY: And that's what I thought. I go, oh no, I've just had an experience that I don't believe in. But I wasn't telling anybody, I didn't tell my wife. I certainly wasn't going to tell this guy. I had to think this thing-

SID: There's a big debate, and so let me address the question head on. Can a Christian have a demon?

RODNEY: Well, I did and I'm a Christian. But one of the things I had to work through is really the language that's in the New Testament, because that, word demon possession, that word possession is really not a very good translation from the original Greek.

SID: What should it be?

RODNEY: It should be, a person has a demon. It is the word, like the subject, the verb, echo, and then it, really, the dema. So a person has a demon.

SID: So it could be a Christian has a sickness.

RODNEY: Yeah. In fact, it's used like that, Christian has a sickness. John the Baptist had a camelhair coat. You know Mary had a child. I mean it's like a person has this or a person has an offense. It's not that a demon has a person. The other time that it's used, it's a verb. It's a very general verb, [foreign language], so it could talk about the guy at the Gadarene or it could talk about, listen, I just have a spirit that's harassing me. So the word oppressed probably better describes about a person having a demon. Because a Christian cannot be owned by a demon, but they can be oppressed by one.

SID: Well, it's a fine line. Some say a Christian could not have a demon in their spirit, but they for sure could have one in their flesh, just as you could be sick in your flesh. Is that a sin? No, it's a sin if you could get rid of it and not get rid of it, and you just keep it the rest of your life. But, okay, tell me about, real briefly, your first deliverance.

RODNEY: My deliverance happened by seven months earlier. And by this time I'd moved to Washington State and I'm pastoring a church. My wife set up an appointment for me to minister to one of our young ladies that she thought had a demon. By this time, my wife and I were talking about this. She invites her over and I asked my wife, "Why did you do this? I never done this before. I don't really know what I'm doing." But she said, "You are her pastor, so you should be the one," So she pulled a pastor card out on me, and I had to do it.

RODNEY: So she came over and I got a little bit of phone instruction, but I really didn't know. So I didn't know how to start this thing. So I mean, I've never seen one. So I thought, well I'll just read scripture. Maybe I can stir them up. So I read scripture, but that didn't work. So then I said, "Well let's pray." So we all bowed our head and closed our eyes and prayed, which by the way, do not close your eyes when you're ministering in this area.

SID: Why?

RODNEY: Well, because you want to see what's going on.

SID: Okay.

RODNEY: You want to observe this stuff, so you don't want to close your eyes to a demon, but nobody told me the rule, so I didn't know. So I got our eyes closed and I'm praying. As soon as we finished praying, I'm looking up, my wife's looking up, and she couldn't open her eyes. I go, "What do you mean you can't open your eyes?" She goes, "I can't open my eyes."

RODNEY: I looked at my wife and I said, "What did you get us into?" But I said, "In the name of Jesus, I command those eyes to open," and boom, they opened. And I go, whoa it worked. And then she couldn't hear me. She was deaf. And then I said the same thing, "In the name of Jesus-"

SID: Was she naturally deaf?

RODNEY: No, all of a sudden...she sees my lips moving, but she can't hear a thing. So then I said, "I command those ears to open," and boom, they opened up. And for the next several hours, several hours, that was the worst experience of my life. And I don't know if they left because we drove them out or we wore them out, but they ended up leaving. But by the end of the night, I looked at that face and I saw a face of freedom and I said, "Lord, I don't like the mess, but I love the face." I'll do it for that.

SID: And in that glory, what happened?

RODNEY: And in that glory she got set free.

SID: You told me something else that's very important. As this gift developed in you to set people free, you began to ... Well, I had a thousand people that got set free, you began to look at them as individuals, not a corporate or just a job to do, put a bandaid, goodbye. Tell me that difference.

RODNEY: When I first started ministering in this area, I had a job to do and I didn't see the person as a person. I had a job, I'm going to cast the demon out. And so that was my agenda, and I would have even sacrificed you on the altar of my agenda to get that thing out. Then the Lord began to show me people as he sees them.

RODNEY: So there's a heart of compassion that began to rise up within me that I shifted from just having an agenda to see the person is the priority. The person is what's important. So their freedom needs to be a love encounter with Jesus and so I had to shift how I did it, and the Lord did it by letting me see the person as he would see them. Every person has value. Everyone has significance.

SID: Well I'll tell you what, many believers have, and it's through ignorance, opened doors to the demonic. Rodney will expose the open doors when we return.

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SID: You know, Rodney, are you afraid of demons? You've prayed for thousands to be set free. Are you afraid of demons?

RODNEY: The demonic uses the same strategy; it's fear, it's intimidation and it's deception. They want you to fear them. They actually do things so that you will be afraid. For example, if somebody manifests, that thing is simply manifesting so you'll back off, so you will be afraid. And so people come into an agreement with that. Oftentimes that fear that that person is feeling is not their own fear. It's a fear that's being projected on them by that spirit. So they're feeling this sense, I got to get out of here, I got to run, this is scaring me, because they don't recognize they're not experiencing God's authority. They're actually experiencing that.

RODNEY: One of the things I think that's important is that when we're ministering in this area here, that we need to pull out the authority that's inside that believer. In the book of Acts, and in the gospels, there's a process in which a deliverance happens where I have the authority of Jesus and I'm bringing the kingdom of God into a place. So therefore the way that ... This modality is me with the authority of Jesus, advancing the kingdom, bringing his kingdom to a place, demons manifest, and we're casting them out.

SID: So what do you do when you feel fearful?

RODNEY: Well, basically that, to me that's a sign that you're history, because you just showed me that, you just played your cards. You're there and now I know you're there.

SID: Many Christians through ignorance have opened doors. Tell me about these open doors.

RODNEY: Well, Ephesians chapter four verse 27 says, "Do not give the devil an opportunity," and he's talking to believers there. That word opportunity sometime is translated as a foothold or a place, "Do not open the door to the enemy." So what happens is that the enemy is looking for legal loopholes, for legal rights, for legal inroads into a person's life. So he will simply just, he just can't jump on you anytime he wants to, he's got to have a legal right, and he will stretch it if he can. Even though it's not quite a legal right, he will simply go for that.

RODNEY: And when he comes in, he comes in usually in one place, not the whole person. So you're not going to get the Gadarene. He's going to move in the block, he's going to go into one house. And if he can get in that one house and establish something in that one house, then he's going to go for the next house, and the next house, and the next house.

RODNEY: What happened with me? I just had some places that I kept in the dark, places that were in secret, the place I was ashamed of. And I wasn't bringing that place to the light, so there was an inroad into my life. Now he didn't have me completely because I'm walking with Jesus,

I'm on staff at churches, I'm leading people to Jesus and all this stuff. So I'm doing a lot of the things I should be doing, but that dark place? I had an open door and that's where he was wreaking havoc in my life.

SID: What about, well give me some specific areas that are open doors.

RODNEY: For example, habitual sin. You're in control at first, but then it controls you. If you're in the occult, you're actually calling on demons, you're opening yourself up to that. Maybe it's a cult, which is you're just worshiping another god or other gods, or maybe a perversion of Jesus. It could be involuntary exposure to evil, it could be—

SID: Well, such as watching television or movies that are ...

RODNEY: A mother ministered to her child who basically ... Her husband, who wasn't a believer, years and years ago brought the movie *The Exorcist* home. Not *The Exorcist*, *Poltergeist*, and showed it to the four year old kid and she ended up having to do ministry to that. So he didn't choose to do that, he was just exposed to that.

SID: What about things like Ouija boards and all of this mind reading and magic and all those things.

RODNEY: That's the occult because you're calling on a spirit other than the Holy Spirit, which you have no permission to do that.

SID: All right. Yeah.

RODNEY: And there's things like drugs, and I'm not talking about taking something your body needs, like an aspirin or blood pressure. It's something your body doesn't need. Unforgiveness, that's a door. Hurt, woundedness, trauma. I mean anytime you're in a weakened state, the enemy wants to take advantage of that.

SID: I'll tell you what, I'm going to take a risk. You know I do that every once in a while. Rodney will pray for deliverance corporately when we return.

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SID: Rodney, you ever bump into people that have demons that refuse to leave?

RODNEY: Yeah, from time to time.

SID: But you have all this authority. How come?

RODNEY: Well, one of the things that happens with some people is that there is an agreement where there's a lie that they have believed that's embedded within them, that actually manifests in their identity. For example, let's say a person has a victim spirit and it's just there. They just see them as a victim, so they have an identity as a victim there.

SID: I have met people that are deaf and I say, "Can I pray to have your hearing restored?" And they say, "No," because they like their deaf community.

RODNEY: Yeah, yeah. You see if I have a fly in this cup, I can either get that fly out by pulling it out or I can stick this cup under the faucet and just turn on the faucet and let it flush out. So a lot of demons, we're able to get them out if we just pull them out. We're casting them out, we're driving them out. But ones that are stubborn, that are stuck in a person's identity, those are the ones we have to displace. We just have to bring truth. We have to bring the light to come into, and show light into the areas of their heart, and begin to expose all of those embedded lies and bring them into the place of truth. And it just, actually just forces and displaces the darkness when we do that.

SID: Give me an example of a lie that people embrace.

RODNEY: Well it's like, I don't have any power. I don't have any authority. I'm a loser.

SID: Or I can't be healed.

RODNEY: That's a lie.

SID: Other people can be healed, but I can't be healed.

RODNEY: Yeah. And if I embrace that lie, then I basically impede healing because I've embraced something that's not true. I can be healed because God says I can be healed.

SID: Well, here's what I believe. There's such a presence of God in this studio, even before my guests come, but now it's even stronger. I believe you can pray corporately and set a lot of people free. Why don't you look in the camera and pray as God directs.

RODNEY: Well the first step is this, only Jesus is going to set you free. So first of all, you have to have a relationship with Jesus because he is your deliverer. You may have learned coping skills, but only Jesus can set you free. So you're going to have to invite Jesus to come into your life, to be the Lord of your life, to forgive you of your sin. And you're going to have to make a decision that today, I'm going to follow Jesus completely. And if you would like to surrender your life completely to him, I want you to repeat after me.

RODNEY: Just say, "Dear Jesus"

Audience: Dear Jesus.

RODNEY: Come into my life.

Audience: Come into my life.

RODNEY: Forgive me of all my sin.

Audience: Forgive me of all my sin.

RODNEY: Today I choose to follow you.

Audience: Today I choose to follow you.

RODNEY: I make you my Lord.

Audience: I make you my Lord.

RODNEY: I give you my heart.

Audience: I give you my heart.

RODNEY: My mind.

Audience: My mind.

RODNEY: My desires.

Audience: My desires.

RODNEY: My future.

Audience: My future.

RODNEY: All of me.

Audience: All of me.

RODNEY: Now belongs to you.

Audience: Now belongs to you.

RODNEY: Thank you Jesus.

Audience: Thank you Jesus.

RODNEY: For coming into my life.

Audience: For coming into my life.

RODNEY: Now, if you prayed that prayer, you know Jesus came into your life. Now Colossians chapter one verse 13 says this, "That Jesus delivered us from the domain of darkness and he transferred us to the kingdom of his son." So therefore darkness no longer has authority over you. So if you prayed that prayer, or maybe you've known the Lord for some time, but you find yourself in bondage, I just want you to know that it is your birthright to be free because you're not in that domain anymore. You're actually in the kingdom of God, the kingdom of his son.

RODNEY: So now that Christ is inside of you, it's time to exercise that authority. So I just want you to repeat after me. "I am a child of the King,"

Audience: I am a child of the King.

RODNEY: Everything Jesus bought and paid for..

Audience: Everything Jesus bought and paid for..

RODNEY: ..is my inheritance.

Audience: ..is my inheritance.

RODNEY: I'm united with Christ.

Audience: I'm united with Christ.

RODNEY: I died with him.

Audience: : I died with him.

RODNEY: I was buried with him.

Audience: I was buried with him.

RODNEY: I rose with him.

Audience: I rose with him.

RODNEY: I'm seated at the right hand of the father.

Audience: I'm seated at the right hand of the father.

RODNEY: Far above all rule.

Audience: Far above all rule.

RODNEY: All authority.

Audience: All authority.

RODNEY: All power.

Audience: All power.

RODNEY: Every name that is named.

Audience: Every name that is named.

RODNEY: Not only in this age...

Audience: Not only in this age...

RODNEY: ...but in the one to come,"

Audience: ...but in the one to come,"

RODNEY: Therefore..

Audience: Therefore..

RODNEY: ...I have authority over the flesh.

Audience: ...I have authority over the flesh.

RODNEY: I have authority over sin.

Audience: I have authority over sin.

RODNEY: I have authority over the demonic.

Audience: I have authority over the demonic.

RODNEY: I have authority over sickness.

Audience: I have authority over sickness.

RODNEY: And because I have authority of Jesus..

Audience: And because I have authority of Jesus..

RODNEY: ...I break every assignment of hell off of me.

Audience: ...I break every assignment of hell off of me.

RODNEY: I break every curse of hell off of me.

Audience: I break every curse of hell off of me.

RODNEY: I break every curse that's come down from my ancestors.

Audience: I break every curse that's come down from my ancestors.

RODNEY: I break every curse that's come from the world around me.

Audience: I break every curse that's come from the world around me.

RODNEY: I break every curse that I've put upon myself.

Audience: I break every curse that I've put upon myself.

RODNEY: For the weapons of my warfare.

Audience: For the weapons of my warfare.

RODNEY: They're not fleshly.

Audience: They're not fleshly.

RODNEY: They're divinely powerful.

Audience: They're divinely powerful.

RODNEY: To pull down the strongholds of darkness.

Audience: To pull down the strongholds of darkness.

RODNEY: I can do all things through Christ.

Audience: I can do all things through Christ.

RODNEY: Because greater is he who is in me...

Audience: Because greater is he who is in me...

RODNEY: ...than he who is in the world.

Audience: ...than he who is in the world.

RODNEY: Amen.

Audience: Amen

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