

Hello, Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world, where it's naturally supernatural. My guest says constant attempts of witchdoctors trying to kill him, prepared him for slaying dragons. Dragons? Next.

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

SID: When I take a look at the life of a great man of God, that's recently went to heaven, Reinhard Bonnke, and I had no idea, but his ministry had 80 million documented decisions for Jesus. I mean, that rolls off my mouth, but that's a lot of people Daniel.

DANIEL: Yeah. It's over a million people for every year of his life on average.

SID: Now at 28, you'd been working for a while for Reinhard. At 28, Reinhard calls you and your wife into a meeting. Before you tell us what he said, did you have any idea he was going to say that at that meeting?

DANIEL: No. My job was a behind the scenes job. I was carrying his Bible and all these things. And then he looked at me one day and he said, "You're called to evangelism, aren't you?" I'd never shared this with him because I never wanted him to feel that I had any ulterior motive for serving him. And I didn't. My ministry was him, but I said, "Yes. When I was, when I was a boy, even seven years old, I felt called into the nations to preach the gospel." And he said, "Well then, you need to go do that." And he fired me. And he sent me away. And then a couple of years later, he invited me to begin ministering with him here and there. But up until the moment he said, the words that you're talking about, I never dreamt that he would say it.

SID: What did he say to you and your wife?

DANIEL: He said to me, "Daniel, the Lord spoke to me, and this is what he said, 'The anointed must be appointed.'" And he said, "I believe God has anointed you to carry this ministry on and I want you to do it." And I think I sat there with my mouth open for what seems probably like five minutes, not knowing what to say. Because as you said, I was 28 years old and still wet behind the ears. And the idea that I could lead one of the greatest evangelistic ministries in the world in history was absolutely daunting for me.

But Sid, somebody said something to me back then, it was a reporter from South Africa. She stood up in a press conference and she said to me, very, in a hostile tone, she said, "Young man, how do you expect to fill the shoes of a man like Reinhard Bonnke?" And I think she called out the elephant in the room, everybody was thinking this. And for a second I felt intimidated. And then the Holy Spirit touched me. And I said to her, I said, "Lady, actually, I don't intend to fill the shoes of Reinhard Bonnke. I've been given shoes by the Holy Spirit. And my confidence is that as long as I stay in my shoes, the grace and the anointing will be there." And that's been the story ever since.

SID: Now, you've written a brand new book. It's called Slaying Dragons. For starters, what's a dragon?

DANIEL: Well, the metaphor of a dragon is used in scripture very often. In fact, Satan himself is described as that old serpent, the great dragon, in Revelation. So that's the end of the book. And then at the beginning of the Bible, the very first story is about a serpent that's tempting. So it's the serpentine monsters that the Bible uses as a metaphor for these demonic forces and these demonic powers that we wrestle with. And the Bible says, something that Christians often lose sight of, it says that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities. Powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world. In other words, what the Bible is telling us is that the real battle, even though we often are struggling and grappling with things before us, tangible things, visible things, what the Bible makes it very clear is that these are not our challenge. The real struggle is the one in the spiritual realm, the war that we can't see with our eyes. But what happens in that battle determines the outcome on the earth. So it's very important that Christians understand.

SID: Tell me a couple examples of... We know about the dragons you've faced, witchdoctors, et cetera in Africa and places like that, but what kind of dragons does the housewife, the student, the businessman, the trash collector, what kind of serpents are they facing?

DANIEL: Well, I read an interesting story in a British newspaper a while ago. The headline, if I paraphrase it, it said a man's a rock python, eight foot rock python named Tiny, kills him in his sleep. And I was thinking about that. And I was thinking, that man's snake probably started out as this cute little pet he brought home from the pet store. And he coddled it and he nurtured it and he raised it. And that was the beast that eventually took his life. And I thought, what an appropriate metaphor for what so many Christians and what so many believers and people experience in their lives. Because the reality is, the things that we struggle with, the things that take people down, things like addiction, things like divorce, problems with relationships, problems in jobs, all these different things, the darkness, the bondages that destroy people's lives, they very often start as a small pet. And we are the ones that feed those things. We nurture them, we coddle them, and then they end up destroying our lives.

So one of the great keys is to learn how to identify those things when they're young, when they're small, and kill them in their inception, smash those eggs.

SID: Now you have had a number, a lot of people come and want to do you harm, witchdoctors, et cetera. Tell me, pick out one witchdoctor that came to kill you. I mean, to kill you.

DANIEL: Yeah. Well, this was also a story in Nigeria. And I had to get the backstory of this later from the local pastors. But, in Africa, this is the place where voodoo originated. And so it's very well known, witchdoctors, witchcraft, animism, we call it Juju, which is just all this witchcraft.

SID: Now some people watching us right now, they think that's just, that's not true. But this is a real demonic....

DANIEL: Go on one trip to Africa, you won't need any more convincing. It's real. It's very, very real. And so there are different levels of these witchdoctors doctors, even in the minds of the locals. And some of them, in their minds, are good. Some of them are bad. What we know, we

understand that all of that stuff is evil, but in their minds, there's good and bad. Well, this lady was bad even by voodoo standards. One of the pastors told me, he knew of 10 people that this woman had cursed to death, two of them were relatives of hers. And see, why this lady was feared is because her job was to put curses on people that would kill them.

Well, when we come into a city for one of our campaigns, Sid, there is one group of people that's not very happy about it. And that's the witchdoctors.

SID: Why?

DANIEL: Because when we come in, it's an amazing thing, their witchcraft stops working. There was a man that came to a campaign, a witchdoctor, he was furious. He said his business is that you go to his house, he has these stones out on the lawn.

SID: You buy them.

DANIEL: No, you pay money. You stand on a stone and you hear what he would convince you is the voices of your deceased ancestors. And so he came to us. He was very mad. He said, "Ever since you came to the city and started preaching, my stones aren't speaking anymore."

SID: Now for those that don't understand, if it's not their dead ancestors speaking, who is speaking?

DANIEL: Well, the Bible describes this as familiar spirits. It's demons, really, it's demons. And this again is what Paul is talking about. This is what we're wrestling against. These demonic powers that can't be seen but they're very, very real nonetheless. So let me come back to my story with this lady witchdoctor. I'm in the meeting there and she has come to the event to curse me and to kill me. So she's standing off to my right hand side somewhere in the audience there. I'm preaching, not even aware of her presence. And she's got these talismans and fetishes and charms. I don't know what all it is. I don't even care. But she's over there getting ready to hurl some curse at me. And all of a sudden, just as she's about to pronounce that curse, the power of God hits her. She falls to the ground, starts screaming, writhing on the ground like a snake, and foaming at the mouth.

SID: No one touches her?

DANIEL: No one touched her. I didn't even know she was there. And this is when I became aware of a presence. I see this crazy woman writhing on the ground, screaming hysterically. And what do you think that I do in a moment like that? I keep preaching. And I'll tell you why I keep preaching. Because there's half a million people in front of me, we paid for that platform, I'm not going to give it to the devil. He can go find his own platform. So I keep preaching, but we've trained the local pastors. See, here's the important thing. The Bible says, my people perish for lack of knowledge. So we've trained those local pastors, what to do when this happens, because we know it's going to happen inevitably at some point in one of these four or five day meetings.

The local pastors grab her. They take her out back. We have a tent behind the platform. We call it the snake pit. That's where we cast out all the devils. And the local pastors, this doesn't have to be some famous evangelist that wrote a book about it, the local pastors are able to cast the demons out of this famous powerful witchdoctor. Because the reality is Jesus said to the ordinary believers, "I'm going to give you power over serpents and scorpions and all the power of the enemy and nothing will by any means hurt you." So the best part of this... The best part of this, they bring this lady to me on the platform live, this is in real time. The demons have just come out of her. They led her to Jesus. She received Jesus as her savior. And she stands there before me on the platform. And this is how she introduces herself to me.

She said, "I came here tonight to kill you." And I thought, "Well, it's nice to meet you too." She said, "But instead of killing you, tonight I've become a believer in Jesus. Because tonight I've seen that your Jesus is more powerful than my witchcraft." And that's the great triumph of the gospel.

SID: How old are you now Daniel?

DANIEL: I'm 38.

SID: He has personally documented 21 million decisions for Jesus under his ministry. Is everyone fighting spiritual warfare?

DANIEL: Yes. This is actually the whole Christian life, again, is framed biblically in this worldview of spiritual battles taking place. And when you begin to see this you begin to realize that this is what it's all about. For example, you read in the Bible, you see there's Moses and there's Pharaoh. And so it looks like there's this showdown between these two men. What you don't realize is that behind these two men, there are spiritual forces. Really both of them are representatives of a bigger spiritual battle. The war is really not Moses and Pharaoh. It's not the children of Israel versus Egypt. It's God versus Satan. And both of them is working through their representative. When you get this worldview, what you realize is that God is working to accomplish his purposes and to defeat the power of the enemy through us, through those that believe in him, through those of us that he saved.

And it takes this battle, even for the housewife, even for the garage mechanic, it lifts it up to this new level because our responsibility is to bring the Kingdom of God into the world, and to bring these forces of Satan to heel, wherever we go. That's why Jesus said to his disciples, "As you go preach, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils. Freely you've received, freely give." That's our mission statement as children of God.

SID: You've talked a little bit about this, but my favorite chapter in your book is, How to Slay your Pet Dragon. What do you mean by that?

DANIEL: I was having a little bit of fun with this chapter because there's a very popular movie out called How to Train your Pet Dragon. I thought that's what most people are doing, training and nurturing their pet dragon. I said, what we need to teach people is how to kill that pet dragon. Because again, if you let that thing grow, it may be cute now...

SID: It may devour you.

DANIEL: Yeah. What we need is we need God to give us the grace to see the end from the beginning, so that we begin making the right choices in the moments where we have the ability to take care of those things. Because I'll tell you what, when a dragon is full grown, it's a monster. It's very difficult to bring under control in our lives. So may God give us the wisdom. And that's what I wrote this chapter for is, how to recognize those things and how to snuff them out while they're still young.

SID: You teach that we have everything we need to be victorious, to win. We have so much to cover. I want to make sure Daniel has time to release this gift of miracles he operates under. So be sure to log onto sidroth.org/daniel, after this program ends to see a special ministry segment. Daniel has seen every miracle in the Bible multiple times, even the dead raised, next.

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SID: So, you had seen what all these miracles that literally erupt when Reinhard spoke. Did you think, "What's going to happen if nothing happens?" Did you have that thought?

DANIEL: I did have that thought. And in fact, I asked evangelist Bonnke about it. And I was terrified. I said, "Pastor Bonnke, what if nobody gets healed?" And his answer to me changed my life. I think it will change other people's lives too. This is what he said. He said, "Daniel, if you pray for nine people and not one of them gets healed, pray for number 10 as though everyone before had been healed. Because your experience does not change the word of God." And I learned a lesson there from our man of faith.

SID: Boy is that good.

DANIEL: Yeah. I learned what it is to be a man of faith is not that you always get the outcome you desire, it's that your trust is anchored in the word of God. And I would just encourage you, my friend, maybe you have not yet seen that breakthrough that you're looking for in the supernatural. Keep going, keep trusting, keep holding on to that word. You will find the breakthrough and the Lords is not a man that he should lie. He'll come through for you in Jesus name.

SID: Why this big emphasis on miracles? Why... I mean, so okay, your evangelist, you need it. Why does the average believer need to walk in miracle?

DANIEL: Well, I mean, first of all, why wouldn't they? Why would a person want to just live a life on this lower level? When there's this whole world of supernatural miraculous life that you

can live in. The whole Christian life is supernatural, or it is nothing. Because you can't even be saved without a supernatural miracle. I would say the greatest miracle of all. Jesus said, "Unless you are born again, you cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." So Christianity was intended to be supernatural from beginning to end, and you can't live in this world without tapping into it.

SID: Now you said, I know you've seen the dead raised. Tell me about one case.

DANIEL: Yeah well, interestingly, the case that I'm about to tell you about, I just had a repeat experience of that three days ago.

SID: Well, which one was better?

DANIEL: Okay so....

SID: No, I'm teasing.

DANIEL: Actually this—

SID: I mean, which is better? Which dead person was better?

DANIEL: Well, let me tell you the story. So I was in the city of Sapele, in which is another city in Nigeria.

SID: Yeah, I'm going to have you do both, how about that?

DANIEL: Okay.

SID: A little voice in my ear told me that.

DANIEL: I'll do both. So this mother had come to the meeting with her child who is very sick, and many people come to these meetings because they need a miracle obviously. And so our services are very long. This is not like in America, where that you're in and out in 45 minutes. Some of these meetings last six hours. And so during the meeting, the child died. The boy, he collapsed during the meeting, she tried to get him to wake up. He was dead. And so we have a medical tent on the field. She took him to the medical tent. Doctors examined him. They said, "There's nothing we can do. He's dead." They said, "Why don't you take him to the evangelist, let him pray."

And so she stood there at the steps of the platform for hours waiting for me. And by the time I got down there he was dead as a doornail. I mean, his body was already beginning to smell bad. And when I got down there, I didn't know at the time what was wrong with her, but I saw this lady holding this limp body. I knew it was something terrible happening. And so I went over to pray for the boy and she let go of him. I caught him in my arms.

SID: I'm glad you caught him.

DANIEL: Yeah well, I didn't know. I didn't know he was dead. I thought it was... just something wrong. I prayed for about 30 seconds handed the baby back to the mother, got in the car, drove away, and as we're driving away, I could see behind me, just this eruption of joy. And I didn't know what was happening until the next night we arrived on the field. My campaign director came and got me. He said, "Daniel, I have a surprise for you tonight." And he took me around the back of the platform and there was that little boy running around, playing, totally healed, totally well, not sick anymore, raised from the dead.

And so now this is just a few days ago now. Almost the exact same thing happened when I was at this last campaign in Nigeria, just last week. And it was a mother, this time it was a little girl. I was paying more attention this time. Because it was so similar to that other experience, that she put this dead baby in my arms. And I made sure I... There was no heartbeat. There was no breath. Little eyes rolled back in her head, such a beautiful face. And I prayed and I handed the baby back to the mother and a few minutes later, she came back to life. And so this is what we're seeing. Jesus is alive. He still heals the sick, raises the dead, and does all kinds of miracles.

SID: You received a word from God about what's going to happen in this decade.

DANIEL: Yes. The Lord spoke to me about this decade a couple of years ago already and said, "This coming decade will be a decade of double harvest." And so we are... Here's the thing, when God gives a word like that, you have one of two choices. You can either just dismiss it as hyper faith rhetoric hyperbole, or you can grab a hold of it by faith. And so our whole ministry is grabbing a hold of this by faith. We are believing God for 150 million people to be saved over the next 10 years. And not only that, Sid, but I'm believing that this next decade is going to spark the greatest movement of evangelism in world history. 10 years from now, the world will not look the way it looks today. It won't be one or two or three great evangelists out there doing all these big meetings. It will be tens of thousands of people all over the world reaping a super massive harvest before Jesus returns.

SID: There are people that are sleeping giants, they're believers, but they're sleeping giants that are watching us right now. I want you to talk to them, to wake up.

DANIEL: Well, my friend who that's you, and maybe you know that it's you. Maybe you know that since you were a child, there has been a calling on your life for some purpose. You know that your purpose in life is not just to collect a paycheck, to go 8:00 to 5:00 every day, to raise a few kids, and then die. You have this sense in your spirit that God created you to do something for eternity. He created you to do something that matters. I remember evangelist Bonnke saying to me years ago that when he was a boy, he was one of several brothers and one of his brothers wanted to be a doctor. The other one wanted to be a lawyer. But when his dad said to him, "Reinhard what do you want to do?" He said, "Dad, I realized something the other day. I realized that with my mortal hands, I can help to build God's eternal kingdom. And with my mortal lips, I can help to preach the eternal gospel."

My friend, listen to me. There is only one thing that matters in this world. A life lived in the will of God. The Bible says that the one that does the will of God abides forever. And you say, what is the will of God? My friend it's very simple. Peter tells us that God is not willing. It is not the

will of God that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. And Daniel says the ones that lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever. And I want to challenge you to stop just living for the lower pleasures and the lower satisfactions of this life, but to take hold of that calling for which God created you. Begin to run that race because all of heaven is cheering you on. These are the last days. This is the greatest moment in history. And I say, if not you, who? If not now, when? If not here, where? It's time to rise up and take your place in Jesus name.

SID: It's time to say "Hineni, here am I."

DANIEL: Yes.

SID: That's what it's time for. We've added a special extended ministry segment for you. Just log on to sidroth.org/daniel, after this program ends. I want Daniel to speak like he was actually in Africa at one of his meetings and I fully expect the same miracles, the same impartation of experiential knowledge of God that is normal whenever he speaks to take place now.

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