

Hello, Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world, where it's naturally supernatural. My guest was minding his own business, just watching TV at home, suddenly flames of fire bursts through both openings of his study, wrapped around the entryway and exploded into lightning. That's in his home inside. He asked the same question you would, what just happened? 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: My guest David Edwards wants to invite you. I mean, that means you, you that are watching me right now to experience the presence of God in the elements of creation. He's talking about natural elements being supernaturally affected by the spirit of God. David, what do you mean by natural elements or kinds?

DAVID: We've seen the four elements of creation, earth, wind, fire, and water. We had the fire of God up here. We had a lightning strike inside of a building. In one meeting, we even felt what was like rain drops or mist coming down. And so all of these elements have combined to reveal something new that God's speaking today.

SID: Now in 2016, you first were aware of what God was doing, what happened?

DAVID: So me and my wife Alessia were sent out on a ministry trip by our spiritual father. And as we went out, it's the first time we were sent out as family and going to a church, we've had some of these encounters happen in our private life, but this is the first time we felt like the Lord wanted us to share these encounters with some other people. So we're in the middle of the meeting and I began to share about the wind of God that we'd experienced blowing through the room. And I had everyone put their hands out in front of them to look for the wind of God to blow, and a gust of wind rushed in. Some people's hair fluttered. Some of the notes that people were taking, the pages flipped over, one of the pages even fell out.

SID: How does the wind go inside of a building?

DAVID: That's a great question. God's in control. In these encounters, I wanted to make sure it wasn't the air conditioner, so I was aware of what was happening in the room. And the Spirit of God really came in there.

SID: Give me an example of the demonstration of God's presence in your own home.

DAVID: So, one day I was praying and it [was] one of those prayer times when I wasn't really feeling much and I had to discipline myself to stay in His presence. I was coaching myself, just hang out, you don't need to go get some coffee. And I thought, what would happen if I just stayed here in His presence and I did it just for Him, not what comes with Him, but just for Him alone? And as I thought those thoughts, all of a sudden I heard bang, bang, bang. It sounded like somebody ran up on my front porch, but by the spirit, I knew it wasn't the UPS man. I knew her friend wasn't stopping by, somehow I knew it was an angel of the Lord and the next instant, my entire house began to shake and vibrate in the presence of the Lord.

DAVID: Now, I've been in a couple of small earthquakes and this was different. This was like a fine buzzing or a fine vibrating. It was almost as if the drywall, the studs, the foundation, and the beams all began to praise God, by the fact that the Presence of God was in the room.

SID: Well, I understand from friends of mine that have died and gone to heaven and been sent back, that in heaven, everything is alive. It's almost like heaven invades earth in these instances. That's what it sounds like to me.

DAVID: Absolutely. One of our favorite verses is Romans 8:19-22. And it says, "All creation groans for the sons and daughters of God to be revealed." Even it says, almost like you're standing on tiptoe, like where are the sons? Where is the family of God? And I think we're the family of God, because God is supernatural, and for His sons and daughters, we are by nature, supernatural beings. It says that we're new creations, our *ktisis*. So when we show up the creation itself responds to heavenly family.

SID: Now, in the resources we're making available, you teach on how to steward these encounters, explain that.

DAVID: So I think there's a heart of expectation. There's so much power in the word expectation because we wake up in the morning believing that God's going to move. I don't plan of what to change if God shows up, I plan for God to show up and then we can make the adjustments there because we were willing to give Him preeminence. We want to give Him first place in everything that we're doing. God's always moving. It's by His nature, He's moving, He's doing things in our earth. And if we have eyes to see what He is doing and take our eyes off what He isn't doing, then I think that will create an excellent spirit of expectation.

SID: You also talk about revisiting these moments.

DAVID: So an encounter, I think anything given from heaven to earth is eternal because it came from eternity. Now, some of the times when heaven touches us, our spirits can absorb like a sponge a lot more than our minds can at the moment. And so on some of my encounters I've revisited them. I would pray and meditate and go back into the encounter. I would revisit that encounter and then realize, oh my gosh, God did so much more in that moment than I realized my first time through. God is so good, so glorious. And just a moment in His presence energizes us, it transforms us. I got delivered from things I didn't even know I struggled with in God's presence because it sticks with you. It energizes you, and it fuels you for the future.

SID: In this stewarding, you seem to be very careful that it's not a natural thing, and you don't want to attribute a natural event to God Himself.

DAVID: We want to protect the integrity of the encounter. Whenever we go into an environment, we observe what's happening in the natural, we felt the voice of God blow through many times but I'm also making sure I don't attribute the wind of God to the fan that's sitting right next to me or to the air conditioner. One time, the wind of God came into a group of youth students that we were ministering to. Now, it's one thing to feel the wind of God by yourself, or to pray for someone in the prayer line, but the wind, that God isn't something you can fake for a

room full of teenagers. And so that was challenging because I knew the Lord wanted me to share this encounter with them. There was a talk about purity and wow, what if we highlight purity, with an extravagant touch of God's presence? And so after the talk on purity, I said, "I think God really wants to touch you guys. I feel like the wind of God is going to blow through the room."

DAVID: I thought I was going to have to pray to coach them into it, before I could even open my mouth the wind of God blew through the room. The teenager's eyes went wide open, their mouths dropped.

SID: Talk about grabbing a teenager's attention, when a wind blows in a room, if that doesn't do it, I don't know what will.

DAVID: One young man began jumping up and down going, "I've never seen anything like this before." When you have His presence, He authenticates His presence. You don't have to fake the encounter, you don't have to manufacture something because people know when you're being genuine, they know when you're being sincere. But I want to make sure I've measured the environment so that our testimony is true when people hear it.

SID: Some people are wondering right now, well, that's interesting what he's saying, but what good comes from it? What fruit comes from it? Do you know people when they experience the wind, as an example, their faith is elevated and they get healed. Tell me one person who got healed.

DAVID: One time, my wife and I were shopping and I like to shop, but maybe not as much as she does. And we were in the store. And I finally said, "Honey, I think I'm going to go sit in the car." I'd put my grumpy pants on that day. And as I was piloting and walking out of the store, I turned around the clothing rack and I saw down the end of an aisle, there was a lady there and she had a pink cast on her foot. Holy Spirit, even though I was grumpy, wasn't bothered at all, whispers to me and says, "Her." I said, "Really Lord, can't you see I'm grumpy?" But I knew that heaven wanted to touch her that day. I wasn't quite prepared for how extravagant it would be. So I walk up politely and say, "Hey, how's it going? Oh my gosh, what happened to your foot?"

DAVID: She said, "I severely sprained it and I just got out of the hospital." Ah, I said, "Do you mind if I pray for your foot?" So I leaned down in the middle of the department store to put my hand right over her foot. And as I did, it felt like there was a stream of water blowing across the bottom of the store. And I was shocked. I looked up at her and I said, "Do you feel that?" And she went, "Uh-huh," I said, "How's your pain level?" She said, "It's gone." She even felt the wind through her cast.

SID: So what happened?

DAVID: Completely healed.

SID: You're home with your wife. You're watching TV. Tell me what happened to you, that if that didn't elevate your faith, nothing would.

DAVID: Even things like watching TV or we're just getting some natural rest, we never try to divorce ourselves from the awareness of God and what He's doing even in our home. But we were aware just hanging out and then all of a sudden an explosion of fire wrapped around intro ways to my study, my kitchens here, my intro way is here, it came out of the study, wrapped around, turns into lightening, it flies out through our living room, through the fireplace. And I'm sitting there like, what? But that wasn't on TV-

SID: Now, did your wife see that too?

DAVID: She saw it too. Yes. And we looked at each other and naturally I jumped up really quick to make sure the house wasn't actually on fire.

SID: Hit by lightning.

DAVID: Yes. And we went in there and we looked at each other and we're like, the fire of God, that happened in Pentecost. Even at the Azusa Street Revival, the fire brigade was called several times because they saw flames coming out of the top of the building. And so we sat there in awe and wonder, wow, Lord, the fire of God is present even in our home.

SID: Well, there are such things as counterfeit signs and wonders. How do you know it's not counterfeit?

DAVID: Is the encounter leading me to Jesus? The devil doesn't want to lead anyone to Jesus.

SID: Of course.

DAVID: Does the encounter lead me to Jesus? Because the point isn't the encounter itself, the point of the encounter is to lead me to more and more of Jesus. When Elijah was on Mount Sinai and he had the similar encounter with the elements, the wind blew and crushed the rocks, the fire came, but that wasn't the end of what God was doing. Like I was doing, was speaking something fresh and speaking something new to Elijah. And when we had these types of encounters, I believe God's on the move. He's doing something fresh, revival. I think we're right on the precipice of the greatest revival in history. And when the children of God grab whole of their identity, they know who they are, just like the sons of Issachar, they know what the plan of God is and what they should do. I think we're in the season, that's ready for abundant harvest.

SID: Speaking about the move of God that is coming, as He is talking, the water level or the move of God is getting higher and higher. What if you're inside a large tent with a thick canvas covering and suddenly the canvas ceiling disappears revealing the heavens, impossible? Here comes the proof. Be right back.

*We'll be right back to **It's Supernatural.***

[music]

[commercial]

[music]

*We now return to **It's Supernatural.***

SID: David, you have a brand-new book on everything we've been talking about. It's called *Mystify*, operating in the mystery of God. Why did you write this book?

DAVID: When I open the Bible, for me it's a story of supernatural encounters of people who've gone before us. And it says, the Bible that how the witnesses surrounds us. And I believe that they're handing us the baton to take the move of God into the new generation. So when I read those stories, it was an invitation for me to put myself in the story, I wanted to experience God the same way our heroes of the faith experience God. And so when I began to have my own encounters that are similar to encounters in the Word, I also wanted to share that with the world so they can know that they're sons and daughters of God, that He's a good Papa, His desire as for us to experience Him in all the ways that He's made Himself available.

SID: Would it work for anyone? Would God demonstrate Himself that strongly for anyone?

DAVID: We're all His kids. He loves to give good gifts to His children and He doesn't withhold anything from us. So He's making Himself available through these extraordinary ways. I think that's why the stories are in the Bible. It was to let us know, this is who God is. This is what He's doing. And this is what He does for us, to us and what He does through us.

SID: You're at a tent meeting and a very supernatural sign occurs. In fact, I've never heard of this happening before. Tell me what happened.

DAVID: So we're at the tent meeting with Leif Hetland and Katherine Manola and we're standing up front and worship is going, now this was amazing set of days. There were many people saved and many people healed during these meetings. And we're sitting there in worship and a young lady runs up to me. She said, "Can I show you a picture I just took with my cell phone only a couple of seconds ago?" I said, "Okay, sure. I would love to see it." Now, when she put the phone in front of me, I promise you I was not prepared for what I was about to see. As I looked down at the picture, it showed the aisle of her friends. And that picture angle was looking back up towards the ceiling of the tent that we were under. Only when I looked at where the tent should have been it faded out into the cosmos, it's as if you saw a picture of heaven touching earth inside the photograph, even the poles, whoa, they were holding the tent up. The stars began to shine through the poles.

DAVID: Now, there was no time for this to have been photoshopped, I'd seen this young lady at a few meetings prior, and I knew that she loved the Lord and she was just as much in shock and awe as we were to see that picture like that.

SID: So this particular woman's expectation was sky high. That's the purpose of these signs and wonders. And so what happened the next day?

DAVID: Thing about encounters is that they always lead to more encounters and more of Jesus. I might know Him like this one day, but that spirals up or it expands so I can know Him even more that day. And after the meeting, the young lady's heart began to burn. She was looking at the picture that night. So the next day she came to the meeting, not only ready to take pictures and create memory stones of the tent revival, she came expecting to see God do something else

in the supernatural. And we weren't too far in the meeting when I look over and I lock eyes with her and I see her coming my way and I started getting goosebumps. I knew that she had something because her heart was so full of expectation to see God move. And so before the meeting began, she had come around the tent and looked in different places and was just taking pictures.

DAVID: And in one of the pictures, the one that she showed me, the cosmos, the stars, the heavenly glory had replaced the tent canopy. Now, this was a large wedding tent and it went up to the center and to a point it dips down again, went up whoa, to the point and dips down again. And what you should have seen in the picture was a very faded white tent canopy because the lights were on underneath it with worship going, but that's not what you saw. When you looked at the picture, you saw the cosmos shining out of the tent canopy. Now, normally that would have been up in the sky behind the tent, but what she captured was a prophetic glimpse of everything that was happening in the spirit. She was able to capture in the picture with the glory in the heavenlies shining right through on the photograph.

SID: You make it clear that signs and wonders and experiences are not, get this, not our destiny.

DAVID: Our destiny is Jesus. If it's from Him, it's always going to lead back to Him. A genuine encounter is an encounter in His presence. His presence mean His face. I never leave an encounter like this wanting to do something other than fall on my knees and thank Jesus for touching me in such a beautiful and amazing way. The Bible says, if we go into our inner room and pray what we experience in private, God will show in public. But there's a flip side to that I believe, when we get to experience God in public, that becomes a bottle of alabaster that we get to take from that experience. And then when no one else is looking we get to go back, we get to lay at His feet, to pour out that experience on His feet. And just say, "Jesus, I worship you. I love you. I adore you. Thank you that we are able to experience you in such an incredible way."

SID: Very important, before David prays for you right now. Repeat this prayer after me, mean it to the best of your ability. Out loud, dear Jesus, I've committed many sins, I believe you died for my sins and by your blood, by your stripes I was totally forgiven. Now, that I'm forgiven in Jesus name I ask you to be my savior and Lord. David pray.

DAVID: What if you thought, Lord, I'm going to put my hands out there and I am going to reach for the more of you that's available right here, right now, today. I believe that some of you that are watching, you've been waiting for a season where God's breaking through. I think that season and that moment's right now, God's breaking through, heaven is invading your life. Begin to look for Him. If you have financial needs, look for Him as the answer to your finances. You have physical needs, look for Him as the answer to your physical needs. But most of all, I believe that some of these amazing encounters are love letters to you from a good Papa. He wants to know that He adores you and that He loves you. And I believe that you're going to experience, because this isn't just for me, this isn't just for people in church history, or even in the Bible, God is making Himself available in a brand new, glorious and powerful way. So Jesus touch your people with your encounters and with your glory, that they may know you more in Jesus name.

SID: And that's the purpose of my life. That's the purpose of your life, to know Jesus more.

[music]

[commercial]

SID: Next week on, ***It's Supernatural!***

Mike Hutchings: God desires to release wholeness and healing, but often healing is obstructed by scars from painful past experiences. This is the spirit of trauma. When the spirit of trauma is broken, healing can finally break through. So join me on the next *It's Supernatural* with Sid Roth and once and for all break the spirit of trauma and get your life back.

[music]