

Hello, Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world where it's naturally supernatural. My guest was a racist, alcoholic, committed first degree murder and sent to prison. End of story? No, the beginning of the best part of his life. My guest says, if God would do that for him, he will do it and even better for you. 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: Welcome to our show. Holy Spirit, we invite you to take full control over this show. My guest, Morris Graves, grew up fatherless and with an absentee mother because she was working two or three jobs. He had no adult supervision. His mother was a strong disciplinarian, but still he grew up increasingly rebellious and wandered deeper and deeper into darkness. His sister became a drug addict. He believed his cousin was responsible for introducing her to crack cocaine. One night Morris, full of hatred and rage, shot and killed his cousin. Morris was arrested, put in jail facing first degree murder charges. Morris, what happened next?

MORRIS: What happened next is nothing short of miraculous, Sid. There in jail, the first night I walked into the jail, I'm carrying my mattress and sheet and this guy peers out from under the bunks. There's four bunks in there, three of them are full. One of them was mine. Gentleman peers out from the lower bunk and he says, "Brother, you don't have to hide your stuff in here. We're all Christians." And obviously I didn't believe that. I mean, we are all in jail. But he spent the next few days, Sid, preaching to the other two guys. Now he wasn't saying anything to me, but I'm listening. And his only sermon is, "You got to serve the Lord. You can't turn to the left. You can't turn to the right." He'd wake up in the mornings, five o'clock in the morning, praying in the spirit, loud and obnoxious.

MORRIS: And I'm talking to my wife on the phone, trying to get out. My lawyer said to me, "The best thing you can do, Morris, is get out on bond because the penal system is so backed up it'd be a year before you actually got sentenced." And so that's what we were trying to do. We realized that wasn't going to happen. And knowing that that wasn't going to happen, I turned to my grandmother's God, wee hours of the morning, everybody sleep. The other three guys are sleeping.

MORRIS: It's October 31st, 1991. The wee hours of the morning. I get on the floor and I begin to ask this God of glory, "I don't know if you are real or not, but if you'll help me get out for this year and spend this last year with my family, I will go to prison for the rest of my life. I'll serve you. I won't turn to the left or I won't turn to the right." I got back up in my bunk and went to sleep after that. Three days later, a gentleman that I had not seen in six years, it was a family here in the Charlotte area. They owned a theater supply. I had worked for them when I dropped out of high school. The father sees me on the news. He finds Denise and he puts up \$100,000 cash.

SID: \$100,000?

MORRIS: That's not all, Sid. That's not all, he puts up his business for collateral.

SID: Well, how in the world would he trust you for not running once you're let... I mean, you're going to prison for life. You have nothing to lose.

MORRIS: That's the funny thing, Sid, because no one in my family would touch that with a 10-foot pole. But here is a white gentleman having no reason to trust me because I was just, when I worked for them, I would hurl out all type of racial obscenities. And I know they were glad to see me go, but God moved in that man's heart.

SID: That has to be God. That's even more reason they shouldn't have given you the money.

MORRIS: Well Sid, that moment, in that moment, God snapped every ounce of racism that was in my heart. I called him that night when I got home, I said, "Mr. Traxler, I just want to thank you for what you did for me and my family." And he says to me, he says, "Well, Morris, you just do the right thing." And that may as well been the voice of God, Sid, because I've been trying to do the right thing ever since.

SID: So they let you out on bond and you were ready now to go back and to serve the rest of your sentence here. Your attorney told you to plea bargain.

MORRIS: I plea bargained, right. I got 15 years. Back when they were sentencing, back in those days, it was different. What they would do, they would offer you a plea bargain up front because the system was so backed up. So he said, "If you don't take this plea bargain for 15 years, they will make sure you get life." Well, I don't have a problem with that. I'll do 15 years. So my sentence was I would serve seven and a half before I was eligible for parole.

MORRIS: Going into the system, learning how to walk with God, I just began to read the Bible as a novel, much like women would read back in those days romance novel. So I would use the Bible as a means of guilt going over that wall. Anytime I opened the Bible, I would be on the battlefield with David or walking along the shores with Jesus, just sitting there under his teachings. It was an amazing, amazing ride.

SID: So a miracle happens. Four and a half years you're supernaturally let out of prison. You started a prison ministry. Your wife comes to the Lord. Then you started a fast-growing church, but something went wrong, very wrong. What?

MORRIS: Well, we went from having a service in our living room in a years' time. It was amazing. We went from having a service in our living room to a hotel, to a storefront, to knocking the walls out on that storefront. But Sid, what I was not prepared for is the pride that rose up in me as I looked over that congregation, seeing this work that God had done through me. And I convinced myself that I had done something and that was the beginning of the end. Everything began to tumble. And when it crashed, I fell hard.

SID: But God's still looking out for you. He takes Morris, he puts him in a good congregation. The pastor restores him, but he's having a problem. He just can't get a job for obvious reasons. And then someone was on the pastoral team that worked for our organization and he said, "They're moving to Charlotte. They may have a job for you." He applied for work with us and a

miracle happened. I knew your background. I knew what you did. It's not something that is wisdom to have hired you. I knew all of that, but God was saying, "Give him a chance."

MORRIS: Amen.

SID: And you know what? I am so grateful to God that I did give him a chance.

MORRIS: Amen.

SID: Morris, when I got to know you, you were condemning yourself. I mean, literally beating yourself up for the murder. How did he finally forgive himself? How did he finally get totally free? Be right back.

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SID: Morris, you have been now working for the ministry for 11 years. And when you were hired, you were given instructions. You talked to those that are good supporters in the ministry. What were your instructions?

MORRIS: Well, to build relationships with those that came alongside of the ministry to support them, pray with them, walk alongside of them as if I was a spiritual caregiver.

SID: And you know what? He's also progressed into other areas. He hosted a show called Supernatural Languages. You're about ready to do one TV show on prayer. But what did you learn here at the ministry? You grew up in a fatherless environment.

MORRIS: Well, first of all, I learned integrity from watching you, Sid. I mean, you set the bar extremely high when it comes to integrity and it has become natural for me. I mean, I don't have to wrestle with doing the right thing. It just instinctively, Holy Spirit on the inside of me, lets me know son, this is the way, walk ye in it. And I thank God for that. But I got set free here, Sid. When I came here, do you remember me, the guy that would start sharing his testimony and break down like a little girl crying and just losing control? And I remember....

SID: You could not forgive yourself.

MORRIS: I could not forgive myself. But you did something, Sid, just out of the heart of love that you have. And I'm sitting in my office one day and you call me down to the studio. Joan Hunter was here. You remember that day?

SID: I do.

MORRIS: And so you want her to pray over me because you've had enough. You want to see me get delivered, praise God. So I'm telling her my testimony and after I finish the testimony, you're sitting right over there in a chair looking, you're just observing everything. And after I finish telling her my testimony, she looks at me and she goes, "Ewe." I'm like, okay, did this just happen? But you, Sid, you jumped up out of that chair, I mean, like a spring chicken. And you said, "That's not who he is now." That empowered me in that moment. See, the anointing rising up out of you demolished the yolk, that it kept me in bondage for so long and I haven't been the same since. Well, obviously you know I haven't been the same since.

SID: Look, God is speaking to Morris. When he talks to our partners, God actually showed you how to pray for our partners. Explain that a little bit.

MORRIS: Well, I was praying to Father. See, I want to excel in what I'm doing here because I feel so connected here. So I said, "Father, I want the donor to experience, really experience the power of agreeing with someone. So I want it to be as if we are together in the same room." And God gave me these instructions to first of all, have the partner to take a position of resting, resting in the presence of God. And say, "Listen, you take this position of resting and that is a position of saying I've seized from my own labor and now I'm receiving this prayer from a Pastor Morris." And then we go into a worship. If the Lord leads, I'll sing a song, only if the Lord leads though.

SID: I didn't know you did that. You sing songs to them over the phone?

MORRIS: Oh, I'll do it.

SID: I'm paying you to sing songs?

MORRIS: And Sid, I've had them cry. I've had them just have to recompose themselves. And I'll say this to, I never pray amiss. When I pray, what we agree on, it shall happen. And Sid, my record is batting a hundred.

SID: Well, I'll tell you what, when he prays, he's praying from all of his heart. I want Morris to pray for you just like he prays for our partners. Would you even sing a song, Morris? I want him to pray just like he prays for our partners. And Morris says what God did for him, he'll do for you. And he is believing even better. We'll be right back.

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SID: Hello. This is Sid Roth here. And Morris, he's a pastor with our ministry and he talks to our large supporters, our small supporters, and God showed him how to pray for our supporters in a very supernatural fashion. But we have so many amazing things going on in the ministry

right now, too many to even talk about. I want you to pick one or two of your favorite projects going on right now.

MORRIS: The first one I would talk about is just the evangelistic efforts that you've put forth there in Israel, in Ukraine. I first started recording the amount of Jews accepting or embracing Jesus as their Messiah back in 2015. Since then we've had an over 11,000 Jews give their lives to Messiah and that is incredible. And the way we do it, the way that we have set it up, where we go in and we go into these areas where Jews have come into Israel having made Aliyah. And we take them on a tour all day long. We order these buses and we take them on a tour. We give them water, we feed them lunch. And at the end of the day, we invite them to come in and hear a lecture on the supernatural, where they come in and the way you do it by asking them, "If anyone gets healed in the midst while I'm talking, please raise your hand."

MORRIS: And people, the power of God is showing up. You've said yourself that if God doesn't show up, you're done. So God shows up and people begin to get healed while you're lecturing. At the end of the lecture, tell them that it's Jesus is the one in the midst doing the healing, give an altar call. And every time over 90% of those Jews in attendance stand up and make a declaration of faith. That is mind blowing to me. I mean, that is probably the most mind blowing thing I can say about this ministry.

MORRIS: Sid, the ironic thing is that back in August of 2021, when they had that massive attack, the Iron Dome was severely crippled. That gave us the opportunity to come in and present them more opportunity to allow us to build bomb shelters, to place those bomb shelters in the most strategic places, places like near schools. We have them near malls, near playgrounds. Where obviously when the bomb attacks happen, you have, from what I understand, moments to seek shelter. And so if you are out in a public place, you're done for. But that's where we came in and we made sure that Jews would be protected. And I'm excited about that and the world ought to be excited about that as well.

SID: And I just got a video from a person we've supported for almost as long as we've been in ministry in the former Soviet Union. You know what this woman's heart's desire is? Go into tiny little cities in the former Soviet Union where they're starving, giving them food and praying for them. And she said her favorite thing is to look for babushkas, these are the women with the scarfs around their head that are elderly and can barely walk because of their arthritic condition. And to lead them to the Messiah. I mean, It's not only what we do, but we spot people that are really doing the job. And Morris's job is not to raise money. Morris's job is to tell you what we are doing, because I know that it's your heart's desire to partner with, really helping people, really evangelizing people.

SID: But there are people watching us that some of you have believed in Jesus as Messiah since you were so little, but you've never known him. You've never really made him your Lord. Maybe your insurance policy, but you've never made him your Lord. Right now say this prayer with me, believe it's to the best of your ability. Repeat it out loud, Dear God-

MORRIS: Dear God-

SID: ... I've made many mistakes.

MORRIS: ... I've made many mistakes.

SID: ... For which I'm so sorry.

MORRIS: ... For which I am so sorry.

SID: I believe-

MORRIS: I believe.

SID: ... Jesus died.

MORRIS: ... Jesus died.

SID: ... Rose from the dead.

MORRIS: ... Rose from the dead.

SID: ... Is seated at the right hand of God the father.

MORRIS: ... Is seated at the right hand of God the father.

SID: ... And by his blood.

MORRIS: ... And by his blood.

SID: ... He has forgiven every sin I've ever committed.

MORRIS: ... He has forgiven every sin I've ever committed.

SID: ... And I am clean.

MORRIS: ... And I am clean.

SID: And now that I'm clean.

MORRIS: And now that I'm clean.

SID: ... Jesus live inside of me.

MORRIS: ... Jesus live inside of me.

SID: I make you my Messiah and Lord.

MORRIS: I make you my Messiah and Lord.

SID: Amen.

MORRIS: Amen.

SID: Morris, look in the camera and I want you to pray for the people. Pray for an individual, but that's you, that's you he's praying for right now. And would you sing a little short song to them?

MORRIS: First of all, I want you to understand this, that the same presence of God that's here with us right now is with you. And you can feel it if you just allow yourself to relax in his presence and let the presence of God rise up right there where you are. Oh, I hear the Father saying, "I want to touch you. I want to heal you. I want to show myself strong in every area of your life." So Father, (singing).

MORRIS: My heart's desire, Father, is that those, Lord, that are carrying the weight of their history, Father, bound up, Lord, to a sin that they do not owe, Father I'm asking you to heal him right now in Jesus mighty and precious name empower them. Even Father, as you destroy that yoke that kept me bound, Father God, to my past, I'm asking you Father, that you would do for them likewise. Saints, it's as easy as remembering the power and the presence of God. If he wants you to enjoy life to the full he wants to hear, your daddy wants to hear that infectious belly laugh rising up out of you. So let it happen. Don't allow the adversary to keep you shackled any longer to a past that doesn't belong to you. You my friend are free in Messiah. Whom the Son sets free is surely free indeed.

SID: Amen. That means so be it.

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

Chad Norris: Hi, I'm Chad Norris and my life became a mess. I spiraled down into a dark period of depression and anxiety. At the end of my struggle, God spoke to me. He wants you to know the hidden message that I learned. So join me on the next *It's Supernatural* with Sid Roth as I show you how to turn your mess into your message.

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