

EXCLUSIVE: Evangelist Ben Fitzgerald Talks European Revival and How He Prophetically Reclaimed a Nazi Monument

The Holy Spirit is moving among this generation in miraculous ways. Charisma reached out to nine “new voices” who are advancing the kingdom of God around the world. Each story is featured in our Charisma January issue, and we’ve posted the transcripts below. This interview has been edited for grammar and clarity. For the full interview, be sure to download the podcast.

Ben Fitzgerald serves today as the leader of Awakening Europe. But this prophetic evangelist, who reclaimed a Nazi monument as ground zero for European revival, was once a drug dealer encountering the supernatural in a nightclub. Fitzgerald shares about his testimony, the importance of mentoring and the way God is rekindling Holy Spirit fire in Europe in this exclusive interview.

So what’s your testimony?

I grew up in a Christian home. My father was a golf professional but heard from God that He wanted him to move to Africa to work for Reinhard Bonnke’s ministry. So he went over to Africa ... to help set up their ministry tent. That’s when Reinhard Bonnke had a tent, and basically called my mother after three weeks of being in Harare, Zimbabwe and he said, “The walls are moving in my bedroom.” She got people to pray for him, told people in Africa, [who] said “Hey you need to pray with the staff of Reinhard’s team.” But it got worse and

worse. And so she said, "You need to come back home."

To cut a very long story short, when I was 6 years of age, on my brother's first birthday, around 10 months after he returned from Africa, he had his first what they call a "mental episode." And he was diagnosed that day after he smashed the front window of our house and went crazy, saying he was seeing snipers in the front yard trying to kill us. He was having all these demonic visions. He was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. So once he had that, he was completely immobilized. They put him on a thing called lithium. Back then, the drugs weren't very—they're much better today than they were then. And it would just knock him out.

So after that, I spent the next four years watching my dad struggle and battle in between prayer, people going to healing meetings, having deliverance, prayer, people coming to try and help him get free of this mental illness. And it got a little bit better. Then it got really bad, worse again. A little bit better, [then] worse again.