

Exclusive: Serial Killer ‘Son of Sam’ David Berkowitz and His Incredible Redemption Story You Need to Hear

Once known as the notorious “Son of Sam” killer, David Berkowitz now calls himself “the Son of Hope,” a title that reflects a dramatic transformation made possible, he says, by the redeeming power of Jesus Christ.

In a gripping interview with deliverance minister Don Dickerman and shared with Charisma Media, Berkowitz opened up about the darkness that plagued his early life, his time in prison and the supernatural peace he discovered through Christ. “I was completely uncontrollable,” he recalled. “This tremendous force used to just come upon me and urge me to do destructive things. Sometimes I’d foam at the mouth or lock myself in a closet for hours.”

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The symptoms eerily mirrored those found in Mark 9, a passage Berkowitz says resonated with him deeply after his conversion. “I see myself mirrored in that,” he said, referencing the story of a demon-possessed boy. “There were so many times when I saw my mom and dad cry for me... They just had no control of me.”

Dickerman, who has ministered to inmates for decades, first reached out to Berkowitz in 1978 after his arrest. “I just

stopped my car, got out a little tablet and wrote him a letter,” Dickerman told Charisma. “Basically said, ‘David, God still loves you and Jesus can save you.’” The response was chilling: “If I get out of here, I’ll kill you.”

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It would take ten years before they met face-to-face. Preaching at the prison, Dickerman was approached by an inmate who thanked him for bringing the gospel into dark places. “By the way,” the man said, extending his hand, “my name’s David Berkowitz.”

Berkowitz had surrendered his life to Christ two years earlier while incarcerated in New York’s Clinton Prison. “After I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I felt a tremendous force of evil just kind of lift up off me,” he shared. “The depression, the hopelessness—it just seemed to lift.”