True Stories of God's Glorious Promise of Life after Death



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God's Promise that Death Is Not the End



HEAVEN IS OUR HOME. That's the wonderful promise God gives to those who love Him. He will take us to live with Him there. "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands." (2 Corinthians 5:1, NIV) But have you ever wondered what heaven looks like, sounds like and feels like?

Experience the vivid sights, sounds, colors and glory of heaven as told by ordinary people who journeyed to heaven and came back. These real-life stories will help you find the answers to some of life's greatest questions such as, "What happens to me when I die?" "Is heaven a real place?" "Will my loved ones be waiting for me?" "Will knowing the truth about heaven change my life here on earth?"

True Heavenly Encounters You'll Never Forget



Many people who have experienced a near-death experience tell of encountering loved ones in heaven who share deeply profound messages with them. Others reveal how "dying" changed them and taught them to live life with more happiness and a stronger desire to make each day about the magnificence of God.



Alma Was Healed in Heaven



A LMA BLAZQUEZ THRILLS to tell others that heaven is real, one of the reasons God sent her back to her earthly body, she says. For over nine years, Alma suffered from a degenerative spine disease. She was only 54, but she looked like a very ill, skeletal 100-year-old. She was in constant severe pain and literally bent over double. Given her continued health issues, she knew she was going to die from complications of the disease. On the night of March 8, 2012, Alma had a violent seizure and before she could come out of it, she knew she had passed over into heaven.

Alma saw herself standing in the midst of a beautiful garden. Standing! Straight and tall! Something she had not been able to do for years. She looked down and saw that the ground sparkled like diamonds. She looked up and saw the bluest sky she had ever seen. Below the sky she saw the gates of heaven and felt eternity all around her.

Then she saw a great orb of immense white light, brighter than anything she had ever seen. Alma knew this meant God was with her. She asked Him, "How can I still be breathing if I'm dead?" God immediately answered her, "Because I breathe for you. I have always been breathing for you." Alma was filled with a great sense of peace and love. She felt her body being healed.

But Alma's heavenly encounter continued, and she saw her life pass before her eyes. She saw many of her relatives—her father, her aunts and uncles, and her maternal grandmother, who was her earthly protector. Her grandmother was smiling at her; Alma said hello to her with her eyes. She seemed happy to see her!

Alma wanted to stay in heaven, but God wanted her to return, and she knew that God wanted her to be a messenger of the reality of heaven. "I was sad to leave, but also filled with the joy of heaven. I returned so I can tell others not to be afraid," Alma says.

Today, Alma feels joy from her near-death experience, knowing that heaven is real. Alma says, "I know that God is everything. He's not just everywhere." She is filled with what she calls "the most profound love."

Alma believes that she returned not only to share her message that heaven is real but also to pray for others. "I didn't understand that until about three years after I returned. I have been praying my whole life, and God wanted me to continue to pray."

Alma's memory of her time in heaven is just as real today as it was in 2012. "I was with God. How blessed am I? I'm just a normal, average person, and I've been to heaven."

HOW I'VE CHANGED SINCE MY NDE

Alma Blazquez's life has changed dramatically since her near-death experience in 2012.

"Since hearing the sound of heaven, I have no interest in listening to music or television or anything like that here on earth. I can still hear the sound of heaven, and I would rather tune into that than anything else. My relationship with God has grown closer as a result. However, I would say that my relationships with people have become more challenging because it is so difficult for me to see people who will not accept Jesus. They are unable to love themselves and others. Oftentimes I have to distance myself from those who will not accept the truth because it hurts me to see them month after month, refusing to accept the one thing that will heal them. Jesus and God the Father are with me all the time, and my angels are my constant companions. I can't see them, but I know they are here with me.

The other major way the NDE has affected me is by showing me the power of forgiveness. When you forgive something unforgiveable, it is so freeing. I blamed my mother for not stopping my childhood abuse so that I could have had a better life. But after the NDE, my anger was gone. I was able to hug my mother and tell her I forgave her and truly mean it. I believe that started her own healing. She told me she was filled with regret and shame for not realizing what was happening to me. I told her that I know what it's like to feel so much shame, but that when we believe in and trust God, He takes away all that guilt and shame. Forgiveness is a great gift from God. Because He first forgave us, He taught us how to forgive others."

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