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True Stories of Transformation from
Near-Death Experiences



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Take a Joyful Journey to Heaven

Alma suffered from a degenerative spine disease for over nine years. She was in severe pain and was literally bent over double. Her spine would shake and shiver. She was only 54, but she looked like a very ill, skeletal 100-year-old. Alma was dying.

On the night of March 8th, 2012, Alma had a violent seizure. And she knew she had passed over into heaven.

“I Saw a Bright, White Light”

Immediately Alma was standing in the midst of a beautiful garden. Standing! Straight and tall! The ground was like diamonds. She looked up and saw the bluest sky she had ever seen. Underneath the sky she saw the gates of heaven and felt eternity all around her.

She still felt alive, but she knew she was not.

Then she saw a great orb of immense white, white, white light...and she knew God was with her. Alma asked God, “How can I still be breathing if I’m dead?”

“I Breathe for You,” God Said

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. She saw her life pass before her eyes. Alma saw many of her relatives. She saw her father, her grandmother, her aunts and uncles, and others.

She couldn’t imagine being anywhere else. She wanted to stay, but God wanted her to return. He knew that Alma would be a good 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.”

“I Felt the Most Profound Love”

Today, Alma’s near-death experience has left her with the knowledge that heaven is real. She is filled with joy. “Now I know that God is everything. He’s not just everywhere, God is everything,” says Alma. She is filled with what she calls “the most profound love.”

Alma believes that not only has she returned to share her message that heaven is real, but also to pray for others. “I didn’t understand that when I first returned. But about 3 years later I realized, oh my gosh, what’s the only thing that I have been doing all my life—praying.”

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.”



You Can Read More

These are just a few of the details of Alma’s journey to heaven and back. You can read the full account of Alma’s remarkable true story in *Heavenly Encounters*. In this NEW book from Guideposts, Alma shares fascinating rich details of her first encounter with Jesus as a young child, her vivid journey to heaven, and how this miraculous event transformed her life.

God’s Promise Revealed... Heaven Is Real!

During His time on earth, Jesus promises that He will take you to be where He is. That place is heaven. It’s a real place and is described in the Bible as God’s dwelling place. God promises us that death is not the end. It’s the beginning of a new and glorious life. The great theologian, C.S. Lewis describes heaven as reality itself. “All that is fully real is heavenly,” says Lewis. The great evangelist Billy Graham called heaven his home and said death is the doorway to heaven’s glory.

Read on for more compelling stories of others who have traveled to heaven and back. Be inspired and comforted with the unshakeable truth that heaven is real!



God Gave Bud a Vision of His Future

Bud Evans was a young soldier—just 19 years old—on night patrol on the outskirts of Hawija, Iraq. He was sitting on the top of his Humvee as it patrolled what his unit thought were quiet streets. Suddenly, the soldiers were under attack. Rockets were headed straight for Bud’s unit.

Bud grabbed his machine gun, jumped off the Humvee and ran for cover while firing his weapon to help his fellow soldiers run to safety too.

“It was an ambush,” said Bud. “Bullets were flying all over and I was pinned down.”

He Was Shot But Felt No Pain

But it was about to get much worse for Bud. A rocket exploded very close to Bud, and he was hit by shrapnel. Blood was pouring out of him. He was then shot and felt immense pain. He instantly couldn’t breathe. He was choking on his own blood.

Then, suddenly, Bud felt no pain. He felt like he was floating, and his entire life was being played out before his eyes. He heard a voice saying, “Babe, I love you.” Bud knew it was his wife, but Bud didn’t have a wife! That feeling of love engulfed Bud, and he also heard two little voices saying, “We love you, Dad.” God had given him a vision of what his future could be.

“I Felt So Peaceful.”

Bud felt so peaceful and knew he wanted this family—his family that unconditionally loved him. He decided to live. Bud was sent to a hospital in Germany. It was a long recovery, and he was later medically discharged from the Army.

He met a girl named Jen. Bud knew it was the same girl he heard in his heavenly vision. Two years later they were married and are the proud parents of a girl and a boy. Bud shares what his life is like today in *Heavenly Encounters*—yours to read FREE for 30 days!



“I Felt God’s Loving Hand Touch My Shoulder.”

*P*aula was in a horrible car accident. The car slammed into a huge tree. Paula remembers feeling the crash, yet felt no pain. She also recalls standing above her body hearing her boyfriend cry out, “She’s not dead! She’s Not Dead!” She saw the ambulance driver zip her into the black bag as he pronounced Paula dead.

A Bright Light Filled with Joy and Peace

Then, she saw the brightest light, yet the light didn’t hurt her eyes. It was a light like she had never seen here on earth. She was overwhelmed and simply wanted to know peace and joy. Her life had been chaos and she was living in constant pain—emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

The Angels Sang and Praised God

As Paula reveals, “I knew the only place I could get that peace and joy was with God. I could hear music. I could hear the angels singing and praising God. I started to go towards them, and then I felt a very loving hand touch my shoulder.”

She heard a voice telling her she had to go back. She needed to fulfill her purpose. She remembers saying, “I don’t want to go back! I want to stay. Please let me stay.” She tried to go back toward that beautiful, brilliant light, and the hand touched her shoulder once more. Again, the voice said, “Your time is not up yet. You have to go back.”

A True Miracle

The next thing she remembers was waking up from a coma. The doctors could not understand how Paula had lived through that car wreck without sustaining any injuries. Paula’s near-death experience changed her life forever.

She says, “I can’t wait to go ‘home,’ but until then, I will serve my Father here.”



Source: Near-Death Experience Research Foundation, www.nderf.org

“I Was Standing on the Edge of Heaven!”

*M*elissa’s heart suddenly stopped on the operating table during back surgery. But Melissa immediately felt awake. She looked around and saw her surroundings bathed in a golden haze. Melissa was not in the O.R. anymore. She knew exactly where she was. “I was standing on the edge of heaven,” she says.

She saw vivid colors—turquoise mixed with the blue hues of the ocean and intertwined with gold. She felt no pain, no worry, no fear. She was filled with the most incredible sense of peace and beauty.

Melissa saw a person off in the distance, yet His presence was all around her. It was Jesus and God at the same time, enveloping her in a feeling of love, comfort, and peace that just didn’t exist until that point.

She took a step toward Jesus, but heard the voice of her deceased father saying, “It’s not your time. You have to go back.” Melissa said, “I want to stay with you.” Then she was looking into the eyes of Jesus. She was overwhelmed with love. Jesus said to her, “Everything will be okay. We will meet again soon.”

Today, Melissa faces many challenges, but her time in heaven has given her the strength to carry on. Melissa says, “I know I had to come back and continue living, yet now I know the beauty that is waiting for me. I can’t wait to go back when it’s my time.”

A PRAYER OF HEAVEN

Dear God,

Thank you for your promise of heaven...for the beauty, joy and peace that is your home and where you have invited me to dwell with You for all eternity.

Lord, you are in control of everything that has life and breath. You know every beat of my heart. Help me to remember you in my daily, earthly life and to never doubt that my eternal life is with you in heaven. And when my time comes, please see me safely into your loving arms.

Help me Lord to do your good works here on earth for my family, loved ones, friends, and strangers. Teach me to be more loving and compassionate. Help me to become more like you.

Lord, abide with me all the days of my life on earth and with you in heaven. —Amen

5 Loving Messages from Heaven

Thousands of people have made the journey to the afterlife and come back. Research shows that those who return are profoundly changed by their experience. They come back with powerful messages of love and hope. Here are just a few of the unforgettable heavenly lessons they have shared.

MESSAGE #1: Heaven Is Absolutely Real

Dr. Mary C. Neal was an experienced 20-year kayaker. She was kayaking on a river in Chile when she rocketed down a waterfall. She was pinned underwater by her kayak. Though trapped, she felt calm, embraced in Christ's arms. She saw spiritual beings dressed in brilliant robes of white and a flower-lined pathway leading to a great domed structure. Mary was ready to leave this world, but she was told it was not her time.

“God loves us more than we can ever imagine.” Mary learned. “There’s no question that I learned that God is real and present, working in our world. Heaven is absolutely real.”

MESSAGE #2: Heaven Is Eternal

While ice climbing in Canada, Peter Panagore succumbed to frostbite and hypothermia. He felt his soul sucked out of his body. Then he was floating and a giant gateway appeared. Peter wordlessly spoke to God and was given a choice to go through the gate or return to earth. Peter chose to go back. He became a minister and today counsels the dying and grieving.

“I couldn’t see God, and yet I could sense him winking at me.” Peter recalls. “He wanted me to know that this thing we call life, it’s the blink of an eye. But heaven, that spans eternity.”

MESSAGE #3: God Is Always with Us

Diagnosed with two rare digestive disorders from a young age, Annabel Beam was used to pain. She spent most of her childhood in and out of hospitals. Annabel told her mom she wanted to die so she could be with Jesus, away from the pain of her existence. One day she was playing with her sisters in the backyard. She fell 30 feet into a hollow tree. While unconscious, she met Jesus and an angel. She awoke to find herself cured.

“I hope people learn that He is always faithful to you,” says Annabel. “And no matter how bad things get, He’s always with you.”

MESSAGE #4: There’s a Purpose to Life on Earth

Dr. Eben Alexander III grew up in a religious family, but as a neurosurgeon, the concept of life after death seemed unlikely. To Eben life was generated by the brain and body—without it, how could anyone survive? Then Eben was diagnosed with a rare form of bacterial meningitis, leaving him comatose for a week. During that time, he glimpsed heaven—lush valleys, angels, and a deceased sister he never knew. It left him wondering if heaven is so perfect, what’s the point of life on earth?

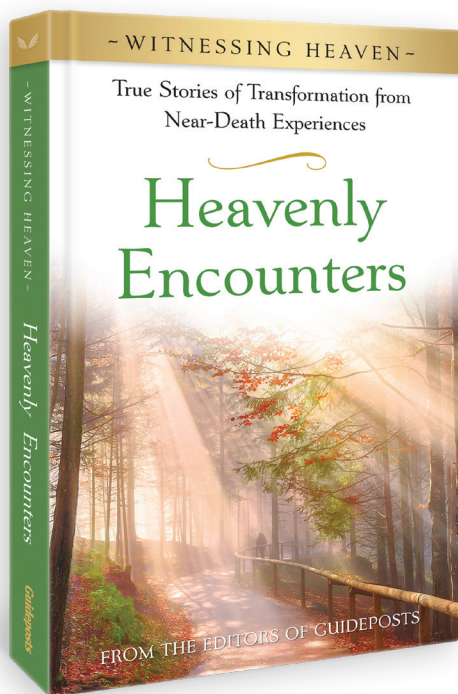
MESSAGE #5: Life Is Worth Fighting For

Bruce van Natta had a lot to live for. He had a devoted family life and a successful business. While at work one day, a logging truck fell on top of him. Bruce felt himself float above his body. He saw angels—massive, powerful men in radiant, white robes. Then a voice called out to him: “If you want to live, I’m here,” the voice said. “But it won’t be easy. You’re going to have to fight, harder than you’ve ever fought for anything. Are you willing?” Bruce fought for his life, and found renewed, eternal strength in God.

“God had sent angels to let me know He’d be there with me through the challenges ahead, that my relationship with Him would deepen,” Bruce explains. “I discovered the strength the Lord offers us.”



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