

8 Things God Said to Me

On Nov. 23, 1998, God gave Bill Wiese a vision of hell, an out-of-body experience, as retold in his book, *23 Minutes In Hell*. At that point in his life, Bill had been a Christian for 28 years. He was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ with a deep love for God's Word. While many have heard of Bill's journey to hell, some don't know that Bill also had a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

As Bill tells it, "After seeing hell and all its horrors, I was lifted up out of hell into a dark tunnel where it was full of demons. Suddenly the Lord appeared to me in a bright light. I didn't see His face but just the outline of a man standing in this bright, pure, holy light. I knew immediately who He was. I said, 'Jesus.' He said, 'I Am.' When He said those two words, I fell to the ground. I don't know if I passed out or died. After a time, He touched me, and I came back to my awareness. I was so very grateful that I was a Christian ... that I had been saved from hell. I didn't want to ask Him any questions. I just wanted to thank Him and praise Him, but thoughts started coming to my mind, and He began to answer them.

"My first thought was, 'Why did You send me to this horrible place?'

"My second thought was, 'Why would anyone believe me? They will think that I had a bad dream or that I'm crazy.'