

Bill Wiese: 'I'm Only Here to Point You to the Scriptures About a Very Real Hell'

Bill Wiese did not write his book *23 Minutes in Hell* to point fingers at non-believers and condemn them to a life of eternal damnation for not believing in Jesus.

The main purpose, he told Sean Hannity on *The Sean Hannity Show* podcast, was to help direct them to Jesus, so they would not have to suffer such a horrible fate for eternity.

"*23 Minutes in Hell* is not a message of condemnation. It's a message of love," Wiese told Hannity. "I actually asked God, 'Why did you send me to this horrible place?' He told me that it was because many of His own people do not believe that hell is real. They simply don't believe that hell exists, and that statement surprised me because I thought all Christians at least believed in hell.

"None of us would ever make it to heaven on our own because none of us are good according to God's standards," Wiese said. "But, once we get born again, we want to live righteously, and we want to live right before God. Our good works won't save us, but we have to trust what Jesus did on the cross, that He shed his blood for us and forgave us of our sins so that we would repent. That makes all of the difference."

A real-estate broker for 35 years, Wiese said he was "minding his own business" when his "out-of-body" experience happened unexpectedly one day.

"I got pulled out of my body and was tumbling down this long tunnel, and I landed on a stone floor in a dungeon in hell," Wiese told Hannity. "I had no idea of why I was there, but I was fully cognizant. The heat was far beyond the ability to

sustain life. I saw these demonic creatures—hideous, ferocious beasts that were not human. I knew I was completely alone and lost. I was taken over to this large pit and heard these deafening screams from people. It's guarantee you it's something you don't want to experience.

"I'm not trying to convince people to believe me about going to hell," he continued. "I'm just assigned to point people to the Scriptures about hell and how real it is. Jesus talked about hell in 46 different verses. That's what He saved us from."

Wiese is also the host of the *23 Minutes in Hell* podcast on the Charisma Podcast Network.

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