

Jesus Saved His Dad from Satanism, and Freed Him from a Dozen Demons: 'The Power of the Cross Only'

For many children, their youth is marked by sports, school, and hanging out with friends. But for Rick Hansen, his formative years involved watching his father, a committed minister and former Satanist, perform hundreds of deliverances right in their living room as people were routinely set free from the chains of darkness.

In his memoir, "The Blue Lady: My Personal Encounter with Dark Angels, Demons, and Spiritual Warfare," Hansen shares the harrowing story of how his father, a Spirit-filled Christian, was lured into Satanism by Anton LaVey and for two years aggressively pursued the kingdom of darkness only to be dramatically set free by Christ in an eleventh-hour deliverance.

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"Heaven Meets Earth" podcast hosts Abigail Robertson and Ryan Bethea sat down with Hansen as he recounted what it was like growing up in a home where exorcisms were a regular occurrence, where spiritual warfare was tangible, and where angels—towering, radiant, and armed with drawn swords—stood guard outside their home as battles raged within.

Hansen shares that much of his introduction into the spirit

realm began with his father, who grew up in a Christian home, but was always drawn to something otherly. He told the hosts that after his father married his mom, he started to take a deeper “trip into the darkness.”

“He was always looking for something more, something other than what he had and always very curious... darkly curious. I guess you could say the typical Ouija board, seances. Not that he was involved, but when he tried to use a Ouija board when he was young, he was fascinated by the sense that he got of a power outside himself, which is what he was always looking for. And that was the impetus that drove him,” he explained.

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Hansen said his father began to complete a religious study on the occult, Eastern mysticism, and “all kinds of stuff outside of Christianity.”

“Obviously, Satan is very strategic. He’s very smart. He knows us better than we do as far as a human goes...[he] knows where we’re weak, knows where we’re like, have a leaning towards something. And [those spirits] just push that button again and again. So they knew my dad was very curious, and they brought things to him that kept on triggering the search,” he shared.

Hansen said one of the things “they brought” was a television documentary on the Satanic Church. He said a voice instructed his father to turn on the TV.

“He’s like, ‘Why? Why would I want to turn on the TV?’ And he turned on the TV, and they were doing a documentary on the Satanic Church. And right at the point that he turned on the TV, Anton Levy was leading a (Satanic) ‘church’ service. He’s like, ‘Wow, that looks really familiar and dark, but very interesting.’”

While watching the program, his father renounced his relationship with God and prayed a prayer inviting Satan in.

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Hansen recalls his father telling him, "In that instant, the amount of hatred that flowed into his body was overwhelming. And he put words together that he'd never known, you know, would fit, and started to curse and everything. And he said at God and specifically at Jesus."

"That was the moment that the demons entered him," he shared. "And from that point is when he just accelerated downward in a spiral and full-fledged for a couple of years worshiped Satan in a very deep and personal and private way."

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