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# 2 CORINTHIANS

Sermon Series



**2 Corinthians 12**  
**Paul's Heart for the Corinthians**

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What do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a rod of discipline, or shall I come in love and with a gentle spirit?

1 Cor 4:21

# Paul's heart for the Corinthians

## 1. Divine authority

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Acts 13:8

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Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.

Acts 13:11



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I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know – God knows. And I know that this man ... was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

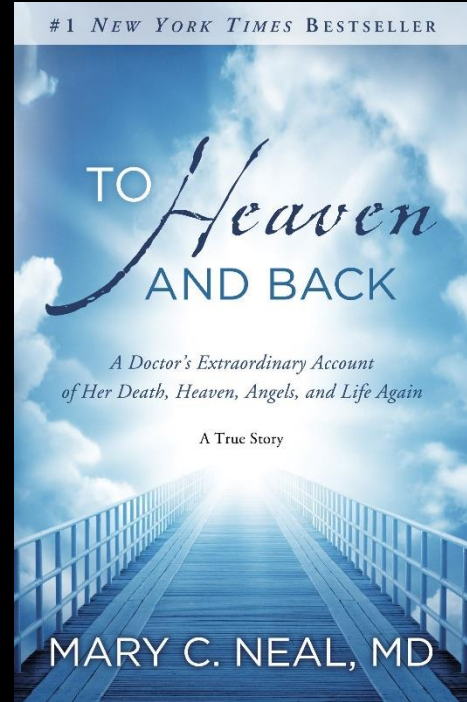
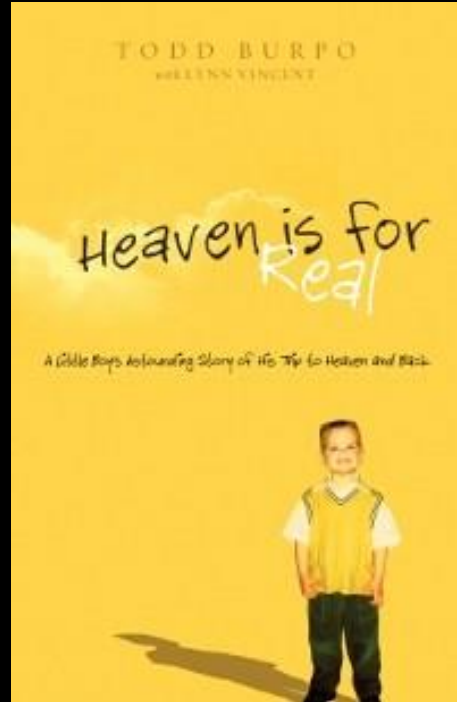
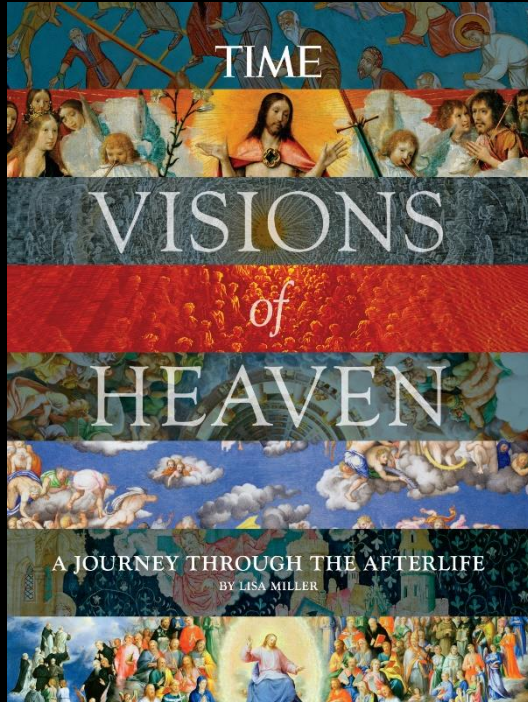
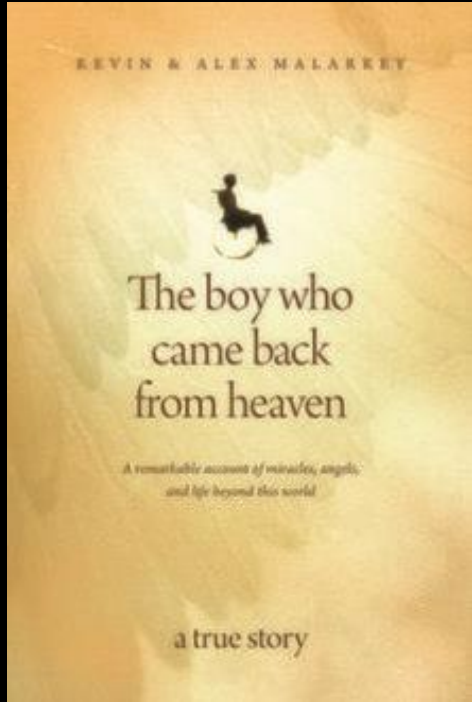
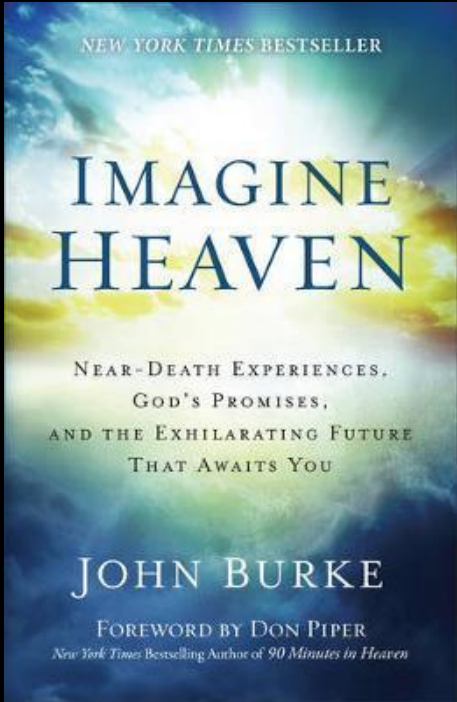
2 Cor 12:1-4

I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth.

2 Cor 12:5-6

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1. Divine authority
2. Humble in service



For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Phil 1:21

Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations.

2 Cor 12:6-7

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

2 Cor 12:7-9



Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

2 Cor 12:7

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Luke 22:31

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of Satan, to torment me.

2 Cor 12:7

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Cor 12:10

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