

## A fascinating video podcast by brother Jeff Schmidt: I Left My Body

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*Near-death experience guest 1301 is Jeff Schmidt who had a meeting with people on the other side during his NDE experience.*

Jeff Schmidt:

As a teenager, prior to joining the [Unification] church, I had an experience in which I was driving a vehicle at a high rate of speed, coming up to a few cars in the right lane, and suddenly one of those cars decided to pull in front of me causing an immediate potentially violent accident. Without any ability to react, I found myself out of my body, in a room surrounded by several "advisors". Time stopped and we calmly conversed about what to do regarding this soon-to-be possibly fatal situation. After several immeasurable minutes, I told them I wanted to take maneuvers to avoid hitting this and all other cars in an effort to take responsibility, and the others and I came up with a plan that would take me off the road and hopefully not hurt anyone. We all agreed, and I proclaimed as such. I then immediately fell back into my body, cut the car to the right, missing the others completely but sailing me off the road partially flying. With no real damage, I headed home after sliding a few hundred feet on wet grass. I believe I should have died that day, and now, I am living in grace on borrowed time. Since then I have never felt as though my life was my own.



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Shortly after that time, I found a place nearby and began praying, telling God how lonely I was since moving and having no new real friends. To my shock, God answered me saying that he too was so lonely! For the next few months, I spent most of my days there, in which I was treated as if I was the original Adam. Walking and talking in the garden, the flowers spoke to me, and so did the trees. Then the battle began. As high of a level I could reach during the day, immense waves of destructive evil spirits attacked

at night - it was a fight of life and death daily. I survived by using the dark attacks as motivation to try to reach higher peaks the next day.

These experiences continued, until one day God was absent. Maybe three days went by with no response, and it was then when I turned rebellious and angry. All the love and grace I was receiving just shut down. Three days later, God came back, and I was shown clearly my fallen nature as someone who turned his back when things didn't go his way. Then I was shocked again when Heavenly Parent told me how much I hurt him! The pain I caused was unbearable, the tears shed day and night from that moment until today were my attempts to try and comfort that aching heart, committing my life to finding a way to rectify the pain I caused. But these tears were also purifying.



After committing to that cause, God told me that if I continued on this course to purify myself alone, I would be destroyed by evil forces before I reached twenty-one.

We cannot take on powerful evil forces all by ourselves. When I had the opportunity to hear the Divine Principle, I realized that True Parents and our family members were my (and Heavenly Parent's) lifesavers and together we can liberate that historical sorrow. One cannot fight alone.

Blessed at that age of twenty-one, somehow instead of dying, I was shocked to have made it beyond what was predicted of me. Now, since the coronation of God and the upcoming settlement into the Chun Il sanctum, all of True Parents' enormous efforts combined with all of ours will finally turn those tears into joy and complete freedom for our most beloved and gracious Creator! Hallelujah forever!

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