PRESS & MEDIA KIT

Accessing the Realms of Heaven

Prayer, Authority, and the Hidden Order of the Unseen World. A media kit for producers, bookers, and journalists.

00 Producer Dashboard

The 60-second booker brief.

WHY SHAUN, NOT JUST ANY PRAYER/PROPHETIC GUEST

Most guests in this space bring one lane: prayer teaching, or discernment, or supernatural testimony. Shaun brings all three at once, seasoned by fifteen years inside Christian publishing and 1,000+ interviews across eleven-plus years on *The Shaun Tabatt Show*. He didn't come to this from the charismatic mainstream, either. He started Lutheran Missouri Synod, encountered the Holy Spirit's power firsthand at a 2015 Voice of the Apostles conference, and has spent a decade since testing charismatic experience against Scripture rather than either rejecting it or chasing it.

BEST SEGMENT ANGLE

Christians are trying to access the supernatural through every door except the right one.

Shaun's core argument: the unseen realm is real, contested, and off-limits to casual exploration, but Scripture gives believers a specific, authorized way in, "to the Father, through the Son, by the Spirit, through prayer." He doesn't debunk the supernatural. He redraws the map most believers were never given.

WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

Portals, gateways, “the backrooms,” astral projection, kundalini, DMT, and open-heaven language have moved from fringe to mainstream, often inside Christian spaces, without any framework for testing what’s real. One of the book’s own endorsers, Dr. John Veal, notes that a simple TikTok search turns up millions of posts under hashtags like #astralprojection and #outofbodyexperience, many aimed at minors. Shaun spent years building the biblical framework this moment is missing.

BEST OPENING STORY

The pastor who said “there are not layers of heaven”

Shaun was sitting in his own church during a sermon series on heaven when his pastor flattened the second heaven into “the universe and the galaxies” and then said, “there are not layers of heaven.” Shaun didn’t correct him publicly. He went home and started writing the book that corrects it biblically. Low-risk (no one is named), instantly relatable, and the direct spark for the book.

MOST EMOTIONAL STORY

Nineteen months of prayer walks with no answer, and the one that came after

While his late wife Lynette battled brain cancer, and for eleven months after she died, Shaun walked the same path before dawn every morning, praying for healing that never came the way he asked for it. He ties his own two-and-a-half years of apparent silence to Daniel’s twenty-one-day delay in Daniel 10, and to the moment he understood that Lynette’s homegoing was itself the answer, “just not the one I was hoping for.”

MOST VIRAL CLIP CANDIDATE

Nine strangers, ten days, one message

Months after surrendering his grief to God during Lynette's illness, nine different people, none of whom knew each other, independently gave Shaun the same prophetic word within ten days: his future wife didn't know she was being prepared, but he was going to meet her soon. He met Nicole shortly after.

Best Question to Open With: "You once sat in church and heard your own pastor say there are no layers of heaven. What was wrong with that, and why does it matter?"

Best for: Prayer & prophetic ministry shows · Charismatic and Spirit-filled audiences · Discernment-focused Christian media · Grief and remarriage audiences · Long-form investigative & cultural-commentary shows · TV faith segments

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01 Press Facts

The Book

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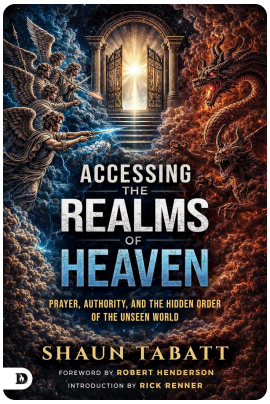

BOOK COVER

AUTHOR HEADSHOT

Retailer Links

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Faith & Flame

The Author

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In-Studio	By arrangement, schedule permitting
Setup	Professional camera and broadcast microphone. Compatible with Zoom, Riverside, SquadCast, StreamYard, Skype. Audio-only backup available on request.
Headshot	shaun-tabatt-headshot.jpg
Site	ShaunTabatt.com
Notable Media Appearances	Currently booking for this title. See select media history from *The NDE Conspiracy* campaign below.

Media History (The NDE Conspiracy Campaign)

The Jim Bakker Show — National television broadcast reaching millions of Christian viewers weekly

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SkyWatch TV — Two-part feature interview on NDE discernment and biblical truth

▶ WATCH PART 1 ▶ WATCH PART 2

The Confessionals — Top-ranked supernatural podcast with hundreds of thousands of listeners

▶ WATCH EPISODE

The Sharpening Report with Josh Peck — Widely followed Christian supernatural podcast and YouTube channel

▶ WATCH EPISODE

Touching the Afterlife — NDE-focused podcast and YouTube channel ▶ WATCH

Things Visible and Invisible (UK) — International reach; theology and the supernatural

▶ WATCH

Also by Shaun

Title	*The NDE Conspiracy: Can We Trust Eyewitness Accounts of Heaven, Hell, and the Afterlife?*
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Suggested Headlines & Lower Thirds

— The Prayer Framework Most Christians Were Never Taught

— Why "There Are No Layers of Heaven" Is Wrong, and Why It Matters

— A Publisher's Biblical Map for the Unseen World

— Portals, Astral Projection, and the Door Jesus Already Opened

— The Algorithm Is Discipling Your Kids

Approved Lower Thirds

— Shaun Tabatt, Author, *Accessing the Realms of Heaven*

— Shaun Tabatt, Publisher, Destiny Image

Bio Variants

50 WORDS

Shaun Tabatt is Publisher at Destiny Image and host of *The Shaun Tabatt Show*, with more than 1,000 episodes on faith and the supernatural. His new book, *Accessing the Realms of Heaven*, recovers Scripture's three-heavens framework and teaches believers to pray from authority, not curiosity. He and his wife, Nicole, live in South Carolina with their eleven children.

100 WORDS

Shaun Tabatt has worked in Christian publishing for more than 15 years and currently serves as Publisher at Destiny Image. He hosts *The Shaun Tabatt Show*, a long-running podcast with more than 1,000 episodes on faith, prayer, and the supernatural. His new book, *Accessing the Realms of Heaven: Prayer, Authority, and the Hidden Order of the Unseen World*, recovers the Bible's three-heavens framework and shows readers how to pray from a position of authority rather than chasing spiritual experience. He is also the author of *The NDE Conspiracy*. Shaun is a remarried widower and father of eleven, and lives in South Carolina with his wife, Nicole.

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02 The Book & the Author

About the Book

Eighty-two percent of American adults now say they believe in, or are open to, a spiritual dimension beyond the natural world. That conversation isn't fringe anymore. It's mainstream, and it's happening with almost no biblical map to navigate it.

Accessing the Realms of Heaven gives readers that map. Shaun Tabatt rebuilds the biblical three-heavens framework, drawing on Paul's own account of being "caught up to the third heaven" (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) to correct a mistake he heard preached

from his own church's pulpit: the idea that the second heaven is simply "the universe and the galaxies," and that Scripture describes no layers of heaven at all. From there, Shaun walks through how God governs the unseen realm, how heaven actually opens (dreams, visions, angels, open heavens), and what happens when people try to force it open on their own terms: divination, astral projection, DMT and psychedelics, kundalini and energy work, and the wider paranormal landscape of ghosts, aliens, and high strangeness.

The book's governing phrase runs through every chapter: access to the unseen realm runs *to the Father, through the Son, by the Spirit, through prayer.* Shaun closes with a chapter-length discernment framework (the Five Tests) for evaluating any spiritual experience, and a final section teaching believers to pray from their already-seated position in Christ, "above the fight," rather than clawing upward to reach a heaven they're told to believe is somewhere else. The book closes with an appendix of seven guided prayers for clean access, discernment without fear, and living from the third heaven down.

Accessing the Realms of Heaven releases November 3, 2026, from Destiny Image.

Part & Chapter Titles

Part One: The Realms Are Real

01 The Three Heavens: The Map Most Christians Never Got

02 The Unseen Is Not Empty: Thrones, Powers, Princes, and Territorial War

03 The Throne, the Court, and the War Zone: How God Governs the Unseen Realm

04 When Heaven Crashes In: Dreams, Visions, Angels, and Holy Interruptions

Part Two: How God Opens Heaven

01 Jesus the Door: Why Heaven Does Not Open on Human Terms

02 The Holy Spirit and Authorized Access

03 When Prayers Hit Resistance: Warfare, Delay, and Breakthrough in the Second Heaven

04 Gates, Doors, Open Heavens: Portals of Divine Access

Part Three: When People Try to Force the Unseen

BEST FOR: SUPERNATURAL CROSSOVER & CULTURAL COMMENTARY

01 Forbidden Fire: When Curiosity Turns Into Trespass

02 Out of Body or Out of Bounds? Spirit Travel, Astral Projection, and the Fight over Access

03 The Chemical Gate? NDEs, DMT, Psychedelics, and Altered States

04 High Strangeness: Ghosts, Aliens, Entities, and the Paranormal Problem

05 Borrowed Light: Kundalini, Crystals, Energy Work, and New Age Doors

06 Seeing Too Much: Seers, Sensitives, Neurodivergence, and Unusual Perception

Part Four: Praying from Above the Fight

01 Test the Spirits: Discernment Without Losing Your Nerve

02 Living from the Third Heaven Down: Union, Seated Authority, and Prayer from Above the Fight

03 Communion over Curiosity: Encounter, Formation, and the End of Spiritual Tourism

Appendix: Seven Prayers for Breaking Through, Staying Clean, and Living from Above

About the Author

Shaun Tabatt

Helping Christians engage the supernatural with biblical clarity.

Shaun Tabatt has worked in Christian publishing for more than 15 years and currently serves as Publisher at Destiny Image. He hosts *The Shaun Tabatt Show*, where for more than eleven years he has interviewed authors, theologians, and supernatural-Christian voices across more than 1,000 episodes, sitting with the people doing the most serious work on prayer, prophecy, and the unseen realm.

He is the author of *Accessing the Realms of Heaven: Prayer, Authority, and the Hidden Order of the Unseen World* (Destiny Image, November 3, 2026), with a foreword by Robert Henderson and an introduction by Rick Renner, and *The NDE Conspiracy: Can We Trust Eyewitness Accounts of Heaven, Hell, and the Afterlife?*

His writing is marked by biblical grounding, pastoral responsibility, and a steady commitment to keeping Jesus at the center, not the experience.

Shaun's formation wasn't charismatic. He grew up Lutheran Missouri Synod. That changed in 2014, when he joined Chosen Books as senior publicist and encountered the charismatic movement firsthand. What began as professional exposure became tangibly real in 2015, at Randy Clark's Voice of the Apostles Conference, where he felt the presence of the Holy Spirit for the first time while attending strictly as a professional observer.

Shaun is a remarried widower and father of eleven. He and his wife, Nicole, live in South Carolina, where he keeps an early-morning prayer-walk practice that began during his late wife Lynette's illness and continues today.

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By the Numbers

11+ Years Interviewing on The Show	1,000+ Podcast Episodes	15 Years in Christian Publishing
58 Endorsements from Prayer & Discernment Voices	17 Chapters, Four Parts, One Framework	

Over a decade of long-form, unscripted conversation — not a guest with a few viral clips, but a host who has done the reps.

Foreword

> *"This is what made Jesus's life here on earth so powerful. He was aware of what was transpiring in the spiritual and unseen realm, and when He came into agreement with it, supernatural things were unveiled. This ability isn't the result of a gift. It's the result of a loving relationship with the Father, which makes it accessible to all of us."*
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> **Robert Henderson**
> Foreword · Bestselling Author of the *Court of Heaven* series

Endorsements

"This is a remarkable, timely, and deeply needed book… consistently points readers back to Jesus, Scripture, prayer, and mature spiritual formation… highly recommended. This is an important book for anyone seeking to understand prayer, spiritual experience, and heavenly realities in a way that is both biblically grounded and spiritually wise."

Jeffrey Long, M.D.
New York Times Bestselling Author, *Evidence of the Afterlife*

"The three-heavens framework he builds from is solid biblical ground, and his emphasis on discernment, spiritual order, and prayer as a lifestyle rather than a crisis response is something every believer in the Spirit-filled world needs to hear."

Alan DiDio
Pastor, Revival Nation Church

"In a time of growing spiritual confusion and fascination with the supernatural, Shaun Tabatt offers a rare combination of biblical clarity, discernment, and Christ-centered wisdom… calls readers away from chasing experiences and back to deeper communion with God through Jesus Christ."

Pastor Lucas Miles
New York Times Bestselling Author · Senior Director of TPUSA Faith

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"Accessing the Realms of Heaven will fan into flame a yearning for intimate communion with Jesus. Shaun Tabatt's invitation to explore prayers that access the third heaven is revelatory, reorienting, practical, and personal. Most of us have wrestled with why some prayers go unanswered—and asking that question often reveals that our souls may need re-centering. This book is my go-to reference for discerning the source of spiritual encounters, because not all encounters are authored by God."

Laura Sanger, Ph.D.
Founder, No Longer Enslaved · Co-author, *Giant Slayers*

"In an age of growing fascination with the supernatural, Shaun Tabatt offers a much-needed call to biblical discernment… consistently points readers back to Scripture and to the only true source of access to the Father—Jesus Christ. This is a thoughtful, balanced, and pastoral guide for believers seeking to navigate these important subjects with wisdom and confidence."

Joel Richardson
Author, Speaker, Bible Teacher

"Accessing the Realms of Heaven is the kind of book the Church needs right now… He affirms God-initiated encounters while making it clear that prayer is about authorized access, not spiritual exploration. This book gives readers a grounded, Christ-centered way to engage the unseen realm without being pulled into confusion or counterfeit experiences."

Tony Merkel
Host, *The Confessionals* Podcast

"This is the rare kind of book that slows you down in the best way. It doesn't hype the unseen—it orders it… Shaun Tabatt reminds us that authority isn't seized; it's received—and that the truest access point isn't a momentary experience, but a deep, substance-based relationship with God."

Darren Stott
Pastor · Founder, Supernaturalist Ministries

"I've watched the Church swing between two extremes: ignoring the spiritual world entirely or becoming obsessed with it in unhealthy ways. Shaun Tabatt refuses both errors. Accessing the Realms of Heaven separates what God initiates from what we try to manufacture… If you're navigating these conversations, this book will serve you well."

Larry Ragland
Pastor, Solid Rock Church · Host, *The Big Picture* Podcast

"Accessing the Realms of Heaven is an invitation for us to cultivate a deeper relationship with God. Shaun skillfully addresses some of the most controversial questions facing the church today while refusing to compromise biblical truth. This book is a mature, pastoral, and compelling work that will help readers fix their eyes on Jesus while learning to discern the spiritual realities of the unseen world."

Bo Kennedy
Author & Host, *The BUMP* Podcast

Read All 58 Endorsements →

03 Cold Open Creative Brief

OPTION A — THE SERMON THAT WAS WRONG

Shaun was sitting in his own church, three weeks into a series on heaven. His pastor got to the second heaven and called it "the universe and the galaxies." Then he said the line that stopped Shaun cold: "There are not layers of heaven."

Shaun didn't say anything. He's not a villain in this story, and neither is the pastor. He's a good man, faithful to his people. But what he said in that sermon is exactly what most of the Western church has been saying for a century, and Shaun says that mistake has cost us more than we know.

[Host]: Shaun Tabatt is a publisher who has spent fifteen years inside Christian books and more than a decade rebuilding the biblical case for what Scripture actually says about heaven's layers, and how to access them without stepping through the wrong door.

His book is *Accessing the Realms of Heaven*. Shaun, welcome.

OPTION B — THE NINE STRANGERS

After years of praying through his late wife's illness and death, not knowing what his future held, Shaun surrendered the question entirely.

Then, over ten days, nine different people, none of whom knew each other, gave him the same message: someone was being prepared for him, and he was about to meet her.

He met Nicole shortly after.

[Host]: Today we're talking about prayer, the unseen realm, and how a Christian is actually supposed to access heaven's authority, not chase it. My guest, Shaun Tabatt, author of *Accessing the Realms of Heaven*, welcome.

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04 Suggested Show Arc

Built for 90 minutes to 2 hours. For shorter formats, Segments 1, 3, and 6 are the essential skeleton.

1. Shaun's Personal Story (15–20 min)

- The 2015 Voice of the Apostles Conference: shaking, heat, being "planted" during Leif Hetland's session, unable to move for the rest of the hour.
- Lynette's question when he got home: "You're so different. What happened to you?"
- Nineteen months of prayer walks during her brain cancer, eleven more after she died, and the Daniel 10 framework he uses to understand the silence.
- The dream of Lynette in heaven nursing Esther Grace, the daughter they lost to miscarriage.
- Nine strangers, ten days, one prophetic word, and meeting Nicole.

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2. Correcting the Map: The Three Heavens (10–15 min)

- The sermon that flattened the second heaven into "the universe and the galaxies."
- Paul's own testimony of being "caught up to the third heaven" (2 Corinthians 12:2-4).
- Michael Heiser's influence (to whom the book is dedicated) and the "ancient supernatural worldview."

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3. How Heaven Actually Opens (15–20 min)

- The governing phrase: to the Father, through the Son, by the Spirit, through prayer.
- Jacob's ladder, Bethel, and why "thin places" are given, not found.
- Duncan and Kate Smith's ministry time on a Father's Day weekend, when grief finally had somewhere to land.
- Jesus as the true ladder (John 1:51).

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4. When People Try to Force the Door (15–20 min)

- Astral projection and spirit travel: where the line actually is.
- DMT, psychedelics, and NDEs: why "real" and "reliably revelatory" aren't the same thing.
- Ghosts, ancestor spirits, and Augustine's fifth-century warning against exactly this deception.
- High strangeness: the four-category framework (neurological, psychological, spiritually deceptive, genuinely unresolved).

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5. Test the Spirits: The Five Tests (15 min)

- The Christological Test, the Fruit Test, the Authority Test, the Community Test, and the Fear vs. Discernment Test.
- King Saul as the cautionary case: real gifting, collapsed character.
- "Testing is not doubt. Testing is wisdom."

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6. Living from Above the Fight (15 min)

- What it means to already be seated with Christ (Ephesians 2:6, Hebrews 12:22-24).
- Why the fight isn't for victory but from victory already won.
- The signature line that recurs from Chapter 2 forward: *test it against Scripture.*

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05 Story Bank

★ = Podcast anchor.

The Sermon That Got the Second Heaven Wrong ★

Shaun's own pastor, mid-series on heaven, calls the second heaven "the universe and the galaxies" and states "there are not layers of heaven." Low-risk, instantly relatable, the direct spark for the book.

Best for: Christian, Podcast, TV **Risk:** Low **Use:** Cold open, core thesis

Voice of the Apostles, 2015: Randy Clark, Leif Hetland, and Getting "Planted" ★

Attending as a skeptical Lutheran-background publicist, not a seeker, Shaun feels electricity and heat during Will Hart's teaching, then finds himself immovably "planted" during Leif Hetland's session the next day.

Best for: Charismatic, Christian, Podcast **Risk:** Low **Use:** Personal backstory, credibility

Nineteen Months of Prayer Walks, and the Answer That Came After ★

Shaun prayed before dawn every morning for nineteen months while Lynette battled brain cancer, and eleven more after she died, with no vision, no sign, no word. He ties it to Daniel's twenty-one-day delay (Daniel 10) and the moment he understood her homegoing was itself the answer.

Best for: Christian, Grief, Podcast, TV **Risk:** Low **Use:** Emotional hook

Nine Strangers, Ten Days, and Meeting Nicole ★

Nine independent people gave Shaun the identical prophetic word within ten days: his future wife didn't know she was being prepared, but he'd meet her soon. He met Nicole shortly after.

Best for: Christian, Podcast, TV **Risk:** Low **Use:** Viral clip, emotional payoff

The Dream of Lynette Nursing Esther Grace

Shortly after marrying Nicole, Shaun dreamed of Lynette in heaven, nursing the daughter they had miscarried the year before her diagnosis, along with a second child he had a quiet sense was still to come.

Best for: Christian, Grief **Risk:** Medium (tender content, handle gently) **Use:** Emotional depth

The Farmhouse in Grey Eagle, Minnesota

Between ages two and five, Shaun and his mother lived in a farmhouse bordering the town graveyard: a car horn and lights activating with no mechanical cause, a chair that moved nightly, glowing presences beside his bed. He now reads it as demonic infestation, held with some humility.

Best for: Paranormal, Christian, Podcast Supernatural Crossover & Cultural Commentary

Risk: Medium **Use:** Crossover story with NDE Conspiracy audience

Duncan and Kate Smith, and Grief Finally Landing

On a Father's Day weekend after Lynette's death, in an ordinary church service, Duncan Smith prays for Shaun and he goes to the floor in tears while his kids watch, concerned, until Duncan quietly reassures them their dad is okay.

Best for: Christian, Grief, Podcast **Risk:** Low **Use:** Emotional hook, theology

King Saul: Real Gifting, Collapsed Character

The Spirit came on Saul and he prophesied genuinely (1 Samuel 10:10), yet his character collapsed into paranoia, jealousy, and violence. Shaun's go-to illustration that accuracy of gifting never equals holiness of character.

Best for: Christian, Discernment-focused shows **Risk:** Low

Use: Theology, framework illustration

The Ghost That Wasn't

Drawing on Augustine's fifth-century refutation of the idea that the dead become wandering spirits, and endorser Larry Ollison's contemporary teaching that what looks like a ghost is most likely a demonic being or a misidentified angel, this story bridges 1,600 years of the same argument.

Best for: Paranormal, Christian, Podcast Supernatural Crossover & Cultural Commentary

Risk: Low **Use:** Crossover with NDE Conspiracy audience

The Algorithm Is Discipling Your Kids ★

A generation is being taught to open spiritual doors through a For You page, with no framework to know what they're inviting in — and almost no one in Christian media is naming it directly. A simple TikTok search turns up millions of posts tagged #astralprojection and #outofbodyexperience, many aimed at minors.

Best for: Supernatural Crossover & Cultural Commentary **Risk:** Low

Use: Investigative hook, cultural-commentary opener

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06 Visual Framework: The Five Tests

A discernment grid for testing any spiritual experience, claim, or encounter against Scripture, drawn from Chapter 15.

Test it against Scripture.

01 **The Christological Test**

Does this consistently point toward Jesus, or away from Him? *(John 16:14)*

02 **The Fruit Test**

What does this produce in character, love, and the virtues of the Spirit? *(Matthew 7:15-20; James 3:13-18)*

03 **The Authority Test**

What door opened this, and does it operate under biblical accountability? *(1 Corinthians 14:29-33)*

04 **The Community Test**

Has this been weighed by the mature body of Christ? *(1 Corinthians 14:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22)*

05 **The Fear vs. Discernment Test**

Does this reveal the person's settled authority in Christ, or their reactive anxiety? *(1 Peter 5:6-9; 1 John 4:18)*

Note for hosts: This is the full framework Shaun teaches in Chapter 15. When multiple tests raise questions, that's the signal to slow down. Strong visual for any segment on discernment, prophecy, or testing spiritual experiences.

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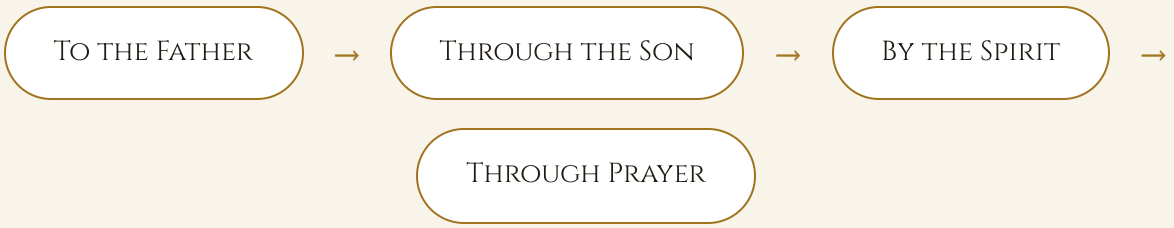
07 Visual Framework: The Access Map

How heaven actually opens, the governing phrase that runs through the whole book.



This graphic pairs with the interactive Three Heavens map on RealmsOfHeaven.com: the first heaven (the visible sky), the second heaven (the contested realm where thrones, powers, and princes operate), and the third heaven (the dwelling place of God, where believers are already seated in Christ).

08 Interview Questions

Top 8 Opening Questions

1. You once sat in church and heard your own pastor say there are no layers of heaven. What was wrong with that, and why does it matter for how we pray?
2. Take us back to the Voice of the Apostles Conference in 2015. You went as a skeptical professional, not a seeker. What actually happened to you there?
3. You walked and prayed for nineteen months during Lynette's illness, and eleven more after. How do you understand that season now?
4. Nine different people gave you the same prophetic word about a future wife within ten days. Walk us through that.
5. What's the difference between a genuine open heaven and someone trying to force one open?
6. Where exactly is the line between a legitimate spiritual encounter and something like astral projection or DMT-induced experience?
7. What are the five tests you'd want every believer to run before trusting a prophetic word or spiritual experience?
8. What does it mean, practically, to pray from "above the fight" instead of fighting for ground that's already been won?

Headline Questions (Cross-Chapter Hooks)

For cold opens, show intros, or a single hook question focused on the book's arguments rather than personal story.

1. You say the standard evangelical definition of the "second heaven" — "the universe and the galaxies" — is a modern astronomy category read backward into the Bible, not what the ancient writers meant. What did they actually mean, and why does getting this wrong matter for how people pray?

2 You make the claim that "God forbids not fake practices but real ones" — that divination, mediumship, and the rest actually work, which is *why* they're forbidden. Doesn't that unsettle the standard skeptical Christian answer that this stuff is all fake anyway?

3 You argue "psychic" and "prophet" can describe the exact same phenomenon — someone receiving information they had no natural way of knowing. What actually separates them?

4 What's the "Jesus Test," and why do you argue it's more diagnostically decisive than anything modern paranormal investigation uses?

5 You write that God "has never once needed a chemical substance as His gateway." Is that a claim you can defend against the flood of NDE-under-DMT and psychedelic-mysticism research right now?

6 You use the story of Nadab and Abihu — priests killed for bringing "strange fire" to the altar — as the framework for the whole New Age chapter. What does an ancient priestly law have to do with someone doing kundalini yoga in 2026?

7 You spend a whole chapter distinguishing "sensing" from "discernment" — arguing sensing is only the beginning, not the conclusion. Where do you think most Christians stop too early?

8 Simon Magus had real power and the wrong authorization; Peter had real power and the right authorization. In your framework, power itself proves nothing. What does?

Full Question Bank (By Part & Chapter)

JUMP TO: PART ONE PART TWO PART THREE PART FOUR

His Personal Journey

— You grew up Lutheran Missouri Synod, not charismatic. What was that formation like, and what changed?

— What was it like to feel "planted," physically unable to move, during a ministry time?

— Tell us about the dream you had of Lynette nursing the daughter you lost to miscarriage.

— What did Duncan Smith say to your kids while you were on the floor grieving during that Father's Day service?

Part One — The Realms Are Real

Ch. 1 — The Three Heavens

— Michael Heiser's whole project was recovering "the ancient supernatural worldview" biblical writers assumed their readers already had. What did we lose when we stopped assuming it?

— Daniel's answer was delayed 21 days by a "prince of Persia" who wasn't a human king. What is that, biblically — and why does it matter that most modern readers skip past it?

Ch. 2 — The Unseen Is Not Empty

— You argue territorial spiritual powers operate through *permission* — human allegiance, agreement, worship. If that's true, what does "withdrawing permission" actually look like in practice, not just theologically?

— Psalm 82 depicts God judging members of a divine council for perverting their assignments. What does that text tell us about authority — both God's and whatever these powers are?

— You draw a hard line between "prayer from desperation" and "prayer from authority." Most people praying through a crisis are, by definition, desperate. How do you tell someone in that state to pray from authority instead?

Ch. 3 — The Throne, the Court, and the War Zone

— You use Robert Henderson's three modes of approaching God — Father, Friend, Judge — and focus on the movement between Father and Judge. Why is "Judge" the mode most Christians avoid, and what are they missing by avoiding it?

— You distinguish confessing a sin from identifying an *iniquity* — a groove worn by repeated choices. Practically, how does someone find their own groove?

Ch. 4 — When Heaven Crashes In

— You lay out "Four Marks of Genuine Encounter." What are they, and what's the most common fake-out — an experience that mimics genuine encounter but fails the test?

— Isaiah, Cornelius, and John all got life-altering encounters that immediately produced obedience or mission, not just a story to tell. What's the difference between an encounter that changes your trajectory and one that just becomes a testimony you repeat?

Part Two — How God Opens Heaven

Ch. 5 — Jesus the Door

— You use Augustine's three categories of false doors — philosophers, the religiously familiar, and heretical imitators. Which of those three is most active in culture right now, and where do you see it?

— Jesus's claim to be the *exclusive* access point is one of the most offensive claims in the New Testament to a modern audience. You don't soften it. Why not?

Ch. 6 — The Holy Spirit and Authorized Access

— You give readers a simple testing framework: does this lead toward Jesus and Scripture, or away from them? Walk me through how you'd actually run a real, contested spiritual experience through that test.

— You describe the Spirit as a Person who intercedes for you, not a force you access. What changes practically — not just theologically — when someone actually believes that distinction?

Ch. 7 — When Prayers Hit Resistance

— You identify three different reasons prayer can feel stuck: second-heaven resistance, personal hindrance, and divine formation. How does an ordinary person tell which one they're in the middle of?

— Your line "we're not fighting for victory — we're fighting from victory" reframes spiritual warfare entirely. What's the practical difference in how a person actually prays?

Ch. 8 — Gates, Doors, Open Heavens

— You warn about "Bethel becoming Beth-aven" — worship of the location replacing worship of God. Where do you see that happening in the current wave of interest in open heavens and portal cities?

— You call Jesus "not just one more sacred location but the Person in whom heaven and earth meet." Does that claim quietly undercut a lot of the "thin places" and portal-city language popular in charismatic circles right now?

Part Three — When People Try to Force the Unseen

Ch. 9 — Forbidden Fire

— Saul went to the witch of Endor out of desperation when God went silent. You draw a direct line from that to people going to psychics today. What's the actual desperation underneath both?

— You lay out four tests for telling a psychic from a prophet: source, method, authority, fruit. Can you run a real, well-known example through all four, live, right now?

— How do you pastorally handle someone who went to a medium after losing someone, believing they made real contact — without either validating something false or being cruel to someone in grief?

Ch. 10 — Out of Body or Out of Bounds?

— You draw a hard line between Peter's rooftop trance in Acts 10 and deliberate astral projection, built on John Chrysostom's phrasing that "the soul was *caused* to be out of the body" — passive, not chosen. Why does that grammar matter so much?

— You cite Steven Bancarz describing being pulled out of his body twice, "wholly apart from my consent." Doesn't that contradict the entire New Age premise that these experiences are consensual and safe?

— You outline a demonic grooming pattern in astral projection practice — initiation, escalation, punishment, control — that mirrors cult recruitment and predatory grooming almost exactly. Was that comparison intentional?

— You sort out-of-body phenomena into three categories: holy, human (neurological), and hostile. How does an ordinary person — not a theologian — actually sort their

own experience into one of those three?

Ch. 11 — The Chemical Gate?

— You use a framework you call "Suggestive, Significant, but Not Self-Authenticating" for NDEs and DMT experiences. What does that framework let you affirm, and what does it refuse to affirm?

— Walk me through the Greyson/Holly Case — what makes it genuinely hard to explain by brain activity alone, and why do you still stop short of calling every NDE revelation?

— You describe what you call the "Two-Conference Contrast" — the same grieving, searching person ending up either at the feet of Jesus or with spirit guides, depending purely on which content reaches them first. What does that say about how fragile discernment is in the current spiritual-but-not-religious moment?

Ch. 12 — High Strangeness

— Culture defaults to "ghost equals the spirit of a dead person." You argue that's not the biblical position. What is, and why does the culture keep defaulting to the wrong one?

— What's the "Jesus Test" for a paranormal entity, and why do you think it's more reliable than anything modern paranormal investigation equipment measures?

— You bring Ephesians 6:12 and the three-heavens cosmology into the UAP conversation. How does that reframe what people are actually seeing when they report a UAP encounter?

— You cite Athanasius: "whenever the soul remains fearful, there is a presence of the enemies" — a fourth-century fear test. Does that hold up against modern accounts of demonic versus angelic encounters?

Ch. 13 — Borrowed Light

— You use Nadab and Abihu — priests who died for bringing "unauthorized fire" to the altar — as the frame for the whole kundalini/crystals/energy-work chapter. Make that connection for people who don't know the Old Testament story.

— If kundalini energy produces real sensations that feel similar to what Christians describe experiencing with the Holy Spirit, how do you actually tell the difference — not spiritually, but practically, in the moment?

— You quote Augustine calling all amulets "either illusions of demons or compacts with demons." Does that verdict extend to Christian objects — crosses, prayer beads, anointing oil — or is there a real distinction?

— Simon Magus had real supernatural power and the wrong authorization. Peter had real power and the right authorization. If raw power proves nothing, what's actually the tell?

Ch. 14 — Seeing Too Much

— You name five different sources of unusual spiritual perception: gift, neurodivergence, trauma, counterfeit, and imagination. How does a person — or a pastor evaluating someone in their church — actually distinguish between these five?

— You cite John Cassian: "wonderful works do not prove pure love" — meaning a real gift can operate through an unholy person. That's an uncomfortable claim inside charismatic circles that tend to equate accuracy with anointing. Why do you think that conflation happens so often?

— You draw a sharp distinction between *exploiting* a spiritually sensitive person and *pastoring* one. What does exploitation actually look like in charismatic church culture?

Part Four — Praying from Above the Fight

Ch. 15 — Test the Spirits

— What are the Five Tests, and can you apply all five, live, to a real spiritual claim someone in the audience might be dealing with right now?

— You separate "accuracy of gifting" from "holiness of character" as two entirely different measurements. Why do so many people collapse the two into one?

— You outline three different modes freedom from spiritual oppression can take — power encounter, spiritual counsel, biblical formation — using a framework from Jack Hayford. Why do so many Christians expect only the first and get discouraged when it doesn't come?

— Your five-step field guide is pause, pray, test, respond, stay connected. Which step do most people skip, and what does skipping it actually cost them?

Ch. 16 — Living from the Third Heaven Down

— Becca Greenwood's line — "we're not fighting for victory, we're fighting from victory" — sits at the center of this chapter. What does that actually change about how someone prays through a crisis, moment to moment?

— You list six elements of prayer — alignment, abiding, obedience, confidence, will-alignment, communion. Most teaching on prayer focuses on one or two of these. Why include all six, and which one do you think gets skipped most in charismatic prayer culture specifically?

— You argue answered prayer is marked not by an immediate yes, but by peace. How do you keep that from becoming a way to spiritually explain away every unanswered prayer?

Ch. 17 — Communion over Curiosity

— Blake Healy says someone who spent real time with Jesus and never once encountered anything supernatural has "won a lottery." That's a striking thing for a book about supernatural encounter to include. Why put that line in?

— The Ephesian believers burned their magic scrolls publicly, at real financial cost. What's the modern equivalent — what are people quietly keeping that they'd need to actually burn, not just stop doing?

— You outline three types of open spiritual doorways: habitual sin, ancestral patterns, and emotional trauma. Which of the three do you think Christians are most likely to skip when they do a spiritual inventory on themselves?

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09 Customization Notes

Prayer, Prophetic & Charismatic Shows

Lead with Segment 3 (How Heaven Actually Opens) and the Access Map graphic. The Duncan and Kate Smith story and the nine-strangers story are your strongest anchors. Close with the Five Tests for practical takeaway.

Discernment-Focused Christian Media

Lead with Segment 5 (Test the Spirits) and the King Saul story. The Five Tests graphic is built for this audience.

Paranormal & Testimony-Driven Shows

Open with a personal encounter story (the farmhouse in Grey Eagle) to establish credibility, then connect it to the biblical framework in Segment 4, and close with the Five Tests. Reflective, story-first tone — comfortable sitting with ambiguity before resolution.

Long-Form Investigative & Cultural Commentary Shows

Open with the Lynette/prayer-walk story for personal stakes and vulnerability, then pivot to the algorithm/minors story as the investigative turn, and land on the Five Tests as the practical payoff. Raw, unscripted tone — minimal devotional language up front, let the framework arrive as the payoff rather than the opener.

Grief, Remarriage & Family Audiences

Lead with Segment 1 in full. The Lynette material and the nine-strangers-to-Nicole story carry this segment on their own. Option B cold open is built for this.

Shows Under 60 Minutes

Use Segments 1, 3, and 6 as the skeleton. Recommended story pair: nineteen months of prayer walks, and the nine-strangers story. Questions 1, 3, 4, 7, and 21 are the essential set.

10 TV Producer Box

Segment Specs

Title	The Prayer Framework Most Christians Were Never Taught
Guest	Shaun Tabatt, author of *Accessing the Realms of Heaven*
Length	6–8 minutes (ideal); 4–5 minute version available
Lower Third	Shaun Tabatt, Author, *Accessing the Realms of Heaven*
Visuals	Book cover, author headshot, the Access Map graphic, the Five Tests card
Format	In-studio or remote, broadcast-quality home setup
Time Zone	Eastern Time (South Carolina)

Three Host Questions

1. What's the biggest misconception Christians have about heaven's layers?
2. What's the difference between chasing a spiritual experience and being led into one?
3. What are the two or three things every believer should ask before trusting a prophetic word or spiritual encounter?

11 Long-Form Podcast Producer Box

Format	Long-form, unscripted, single-take conversation
Length	Confirmed comfort with 90+ minute formats

Subject Matter	Open to taboo and edge-of-culture topics; no pre-approved question list required
Setup	YouTube-ready video with professional camera and broadcast microphone. Compatible with Zoom, Riverside, SquadCast, StreamYard, Skype.
Time Zone	Eastern Time (South Carolina)

12 Book Shaun

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