



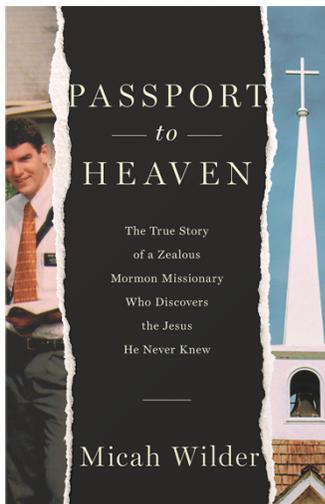
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## **PASSPORT TO HEAVEN**

### **THE TRUE STORY OF A ZEALOUS MORMON MISSIONARY WHO DISCOVERS THE JESUS HE NEVER KNEW**

***NEW BOOK RECOUNTS MICAH WILDER'S DRAMATIC CONVERSION STORY***



**Eugene, Oregon**, (January 12, 2021) — When Mormon missionary Micah Wilder set his sights on bringing a Baptist pastor into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he never imagined how the tables could turn. The pastor met Micah's passionate persuasive efforts with a surprising challenge: to read the Bible through the eyes of a child, letting the Word speak for itself.

"I read through the entire New Testament more than a dozen times during the next 18 months," Micah recalls. "I struggled to reconcile the teachings of my Church with the truths of the Bible, but it was impossible. Encountering the true character of Jesus for the first time slowly -- and painfully -- awakened me to my need for His grace."

Micah Wilder recounts his gripping spiritual journey in the pages of ***Passport to Heaven: The True Story of a Zealous Mormon Missionary Who Discovers the Jesus He Never Knew*** (Harvest House). The details of Micah's transformation – from passionate follower of a religion based on human works to grateful recipient of divine mercy and freedom in Jesus Christ – will be available in print for the first time in June 2021.

"Harvest House is honored to publish *Passport to Heaven*, which is the tale of a modern-day Saul of Tarsus encountering the life-changing love of God," says Bob Hawkins, president of Harvest House. "Micah Wilder has shared his testimony all across North America, and we are eager to help him spread the good news of God's grace around the globe."

Weeks before his two-year mission was to end, Micah Wilder was confronted by LDS leaders about the noticeable change in his faith. Micah confessed he no longer needed the Mormon Church or any of its rites, rituals or ordinances to be saved – only Jesus. This resulted in Micah's mission being cut short as he returned to Utah to face discipline from Mormon Church leaders.

Micah immediately began ministering the Gospel to his close friends and family by challenging them – as he had been challenged – to read the Bible like a child. Many of Micah's loved ones have since come to knowledge of the truth, including his girlfriend Alicia (now his wife of fifteen years), older brother Matt, younger sister Katie, best missionary



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friend Joseph, and both his mother (Lynn) and father (Mike). In 2013, Lynn Wilder shared her own testimony in her spiritual memoir *Unveiling Grace: The Story of How We Found Our Way Out of the Mormon Church* (August 2013).

Harvest House is supporting the June 2021 launch of ***Passport to Heaven*** with national marketing and publicity campaigns. Richard Dutcher has produced a film about Micah's conversion story with the same title as his memoir, "Passport to Heaven" which is set to release in 2022.



**Micah Wilder** was raised in a devout Mormon family and eagerly embarked on a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. During his mission, Micah began reading the Bible for himself and came to understand that salvation could not be earned by his religious merits, but only by faith in the merits of Christ. Micah was born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ while serving as a Mormon missionary. Micah's memoir, *Passport to Heaven*, will release June 2021. Micah is co-founder of Adam's Road, a music and testimony ministry which has shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ in more than 1,000 churches. Micah and Alicia Wilder live with their three sons in Winter Garden, Florida.

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