

Example 1: You're Watching: So You're Dead... Now What? #2- Craig Groeschel

<http://www.lifechurch.tv/message-archive/watch/so-your-dead/2>

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"So anyway, when **I** was a kid **I** went to this neighborhood vacation bible school. It was in someone's backyard. And **we had** a great time all week, **I was** a little kid, **I ate** the cookies, drank the Kool-Aid, they had all sorts of VBS fun. On the last day they **sat us down** in this driveway, and **I never will forget**, all the little kids, **we sat** Indian style, they **put us in a little circle**. And one of the grown-ups **asked us**, they said, "How many of you know for sure, close your eyes and don't look around, how many of you know for sure, that if you died you would go to heaven?" And **I thought to myself**, "There's no way that you can know for sure, I mean nobody could know that for sure." And so they said, "If you don't know for sure, raise your hand." So **we had** our eyes closed and, evidently **I was the only kid** who didn't know for sure, because when **I raised my hand, I was the only kid that they grabbed** and took behind the garage, and two grown-ups looked down **at me**, a little kid, and said, "If you don't accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior then you're going to go to hell (echo), hell (echo), hell (echo)..... That's what it sounded like **when they said it to me**, and I know they were well-intentioned, but **when they said that I would go to Hell**, it scared the you-know-what **out of me** as a little kid. And **I just panicked**, and **I shook free**, and **I ran** as fast as **I could**, eight houses down, back to my house, came in, **hid in the closet**, and cried my little eight-year-old eyes out. "God, please don't send me to Hell." I used to pray as a little kid, "Don't send me to Hell. Don't send me to Hell." I, I'd pray before I'd go to sleep, "Don't send me ..." Sometimes, **I'd be praying and I would fall asleep praying**, and **I'd wake up** the next day panicked, because I forgot to say ten-four, over and out, amen. And so, **I thought** if I didn't sign out and I died in my sleep, because we prayed that horrible prayer. We teach our kids, "If I should die before I wake," ahhh, you know, and, and ... so **what I did** is, I, I gave God extra amen's. During the day, I'd just say, "God, amen, amen, amen, amen," and I'm like, "If I fall asleep and forget to sign off, could You credit one of those extra amen's to my account," because **I was so-o-o-o afraid of going to Hell.**

Bold = Same details

Yellow = First person testimony