



Daylene's Testimony "Opening My Heart"

Remembering my life before I opened my heart and life to Jesus Christ, I was headed nowhere. My life had no meaning or joy. I was always angry and unhappy, and I used drugs and alcohol to hide my pain.

Then one night, when I couldn't stand the emotional hurt anymore, I cried and prayed to the Lord to give me strength and guidance to quit using.

In the week to come, I found myself talking with a counselor. The next Saturday, I found myself signing my son into Sunday school. The next day I took him to his class, then found myself in church reading the bulletin. In the bulletin was my answer from the Lord: "The Most Excellent Way," a Christian support group.

I am now a new creation in Christ.

I have meaning and joy from the Lord in my life. I am now back in school after 24 years. For the first time in my adult life, I have found my way in the Lord. I thank Him everyday for answering my prayers.

My life is changing daily. With the Lord's help I have a new outlook. I am able to let go of hurt and I'm learning to forgive. I know I couldn't have done any of this without the Lord in my life.

I am learning to understand that life is full of things that will be hard to deal with if I try to do them on my own. But with the Lord's help, all things are possible. I know this to be true . . .

I never believed I was worth having anything good in my life before opening my heart to the Lord. ♥



Mary's Testimony

At age 37, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

I'm a registered nurse. A fellow RN knew I'd stopped drinking, but was still miserable. Joan encouraged me to attend the church she had been attending. She knew I had been in AA for about a year. I'll not forget her words—those words changed my life forever: "What do you have to lose? You don't have God in your life anyway." The morning I walked into the building, I knew I had come home.

I grew up in an abusive alcoholic home; was sexually molested by my uncles and their friends at a very young age. At 13, I started to drink. I was ashamed of what happened to me and alcohol made me forget. The spiral of drinking, jail, divorce, neglecting my children on weekends, came to an end March 18, 1981. Thank you, Jesus!

I began to see the hatred I had toward my uncles and asked Jesus to forgive me for hating. Finally, I could see how lost they were. I saw how my actions caused my destruction. I had married so someone would take care of me. I saw how I contributed to the chaos in my children's lives. Jesus forgave me for all of it!

Being a new creation required everything new and training from His Word. Today all my children are saved! There is peace and assurance in my spirit from the Holy Spirit for a purposeful life. I love Jesus so much.

Jesus freely shows us our purpose in life; how to glorify Him. He is truly Redeemer, Prince of Peace, God of the impossible, in Him all things are possible. Bless His wonderful name, just because of who He is! Living and presenting Jesus is a privilege. I've watched Him change countless lives while I've been leading "The Most Excellent Way" meetings. ♥