



Salvation Stories

SALVATION IS A "BEFORE AND AFTER" EVENT!

"We never know the moment of our death. In life, eternal salvation is simply the only thing that we cannot afford to be wrong or confused about."

I want to tell you how much the quote above speaks to me. I want EVERYONE to be saved. Most of the time I never know how to start a conversation about Jesus Christ. Salvation is the most important information to share with other people. We cannot afford to be wrong or confused about this vital issue. Additionally, we cannot afford it, meaning we cannot buy our salvation, it is a gift. Most people do not understand this. That quote speaks to me, beyond measure.

From eternal damnation to eternal life. Thank you Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ was not mentioned one time while I was growing up. Never was I in a church. My sister was born shortly after me. That was about the time my father started using drugs and quickly was addicted.

My mother divorced him and I was shuttled from house to house. I was exposed and heard things that no one should see or hear. My father was lost and broken. I saw him with needles, women, and overall in very horrible conditions.

Mother worked nonstop to provide for my sister and me, as my father was not helping with our provision due to the stronghold of addiction. Within ten years my father met a woman whom he valued more than his own children and moved away to start another family. My mother remarried.

Her new husband did not accept my sister and me as his own. He treated us differently than his children. Being aware of this hatred took root in my heart.

When I was ten, my father moved away. My mother and stepfather both worked fifty- five to sixty hours a week. We had to take care of ourselves. Due to the lack of attention and nurturing I picked up a habit that I would carry for the next fourteen years- porn. This left me with no self respect, no purity and frankly hating myself. This shaped my focus in life as starting high school I immediately met a Christian girl who would try to tell me about God. But I was so blind and deep in my sin that I could not understand.

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So, I now have a heart full of lust and hate. This shaped everything for me during the next five years. The lens that I looked through in life was misshapen to say the least. Here I am in high school, broken, and depressed without recognizing I was depressed. I would mask it by helping others and hanging around people, constantly. Graduating from high school, I was unaware of why I was on earth, or the purpose of my existence. I think this is how most people live.

Before graduating I met my boyfriend. We were together for the next six years. Life got worse. I truly believe God put him in my life (for the biggest reason) that if I wouldn't have devoted my life to him I would have been in much, much more turmoil. After graduating high school, I moved into his family's house with him.

After a couple of years I started to notice all of the issues I have had for my entire life. I became very abusive and in a really deep depression. I could not leave the

relationship because I knew no different. I grew up seeing very unhealthy relationships from my mother and father and others around me.

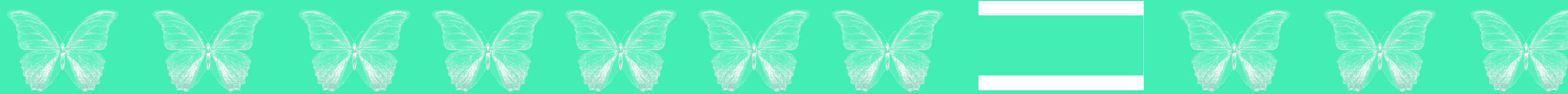
My best friend of ten years had an encounter with God. She began talking to me about Jesus. My heart was hard like stone and being deep in my sin I would listen but I could not hear her. After three years, yes, I said three years of her speaking to me about Jesus and honestly she was there for me as I went through some very rough years, I finally came to the end of myself and gave up my ways.

Before I became conscious of Jesus I became aware of the way I had been my whole life. I thought if I change the way I am thinking, I could change my life. I picked up a self help book, not Jesus Christ. After about eight months I saw changes by being intentional on how I thought.

However I still had a deep yearning inside of me. What I really needed was the forgiveness of my sins! I started to pray! God opened my eyes and lifted the veil! I began to see and think differently than I ever had done so before.

November 2020 I was baptized. I devoted my life to God and almost immediately I became free from watching porn. In reading the Bible, the Word of God, absolutely every single thing in my life changed. I saw I was in deep deep trouble, I needed to repent and ask for forgiveness of my sins. I saw sin for what it truly is, not because someone told me but because the Holy Spirit Himself showed me. For that I am forever in awe of God. I have a deep reverence for Him.

From May 2021 until this day, my life has forever changed. Gaining the mind of Christ, He freed me from every single addiction I had and everything I was in chains to. HE completely freed me from the life I was living because I laid it down at His cross. I am so grateful for His grace and mercy.



God has given me purpose in my life that I could not understand before. It is the sole reason why I am still here. I am on a mission to tell everyone about the one who loves and saves. He saves not only from eternal damnation, but from a life on earth in hell.

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