



# Salvation Stories

**SALVATION IS A "BEFORE AND AFTER" EVENT!**

My Past Life: My name is Rahima. I would like to share my story with you. In intermediate school I was fairly good in my studies, I was better at the high school level. Although not quiet in childhood, I have become quiet since growing up.

I live with my parents, brothers and sisters. I'm the eldest child. My daily activities are different from everyone else's. Sadly, I felt helpless, but financially I've never felt the lack of anything. I don't like hanging out, shopping, traveling, going to parties or anything like other girls. Marriage brokers visit our family regularly. This keeps me depressed all the time, I can't ask anyone for anything, rather it be my parents or whomever. I have already declined 4/5 marriage proposals. One was from the UK and another from an American citizen, I didn't want to marry either of them. I do not want to be attached to someone foolish.

I sat alone at home most of the time. My Father and mother are out most of the time, and my brothers and sisters are often out because they cannot stand to be alone. I want to be able to talk to them. I woke up in the morning often hearing my mother's anger because I am so different from most Muslim girls. I want so much to be able to talk to my family, but they have little to do with me. Sometimes my Mom speaks so harshly to me that it is painful and my migraine headache pain often increases. I am so saddened by these circumstances.

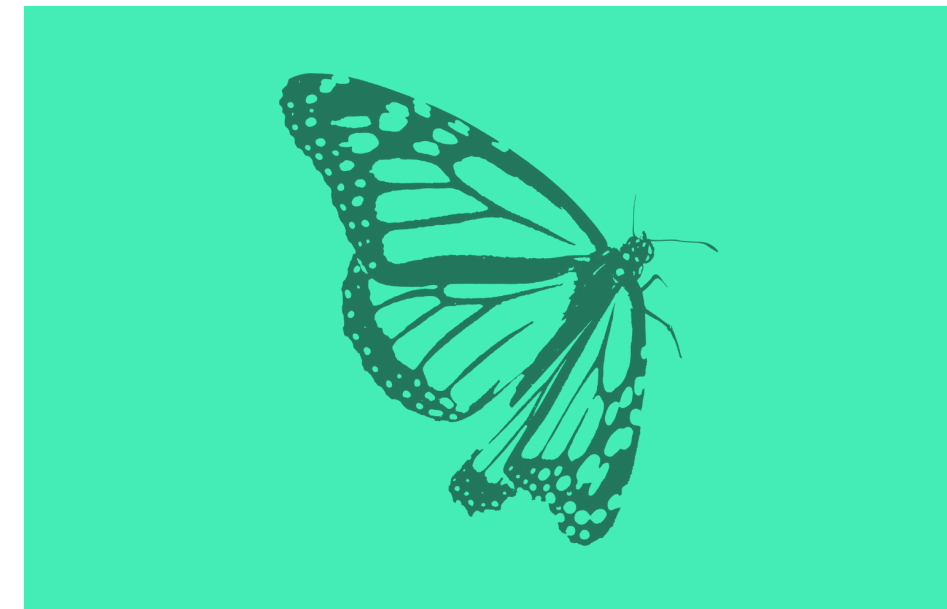
I would get up about noon and have breakfast.. I am mechanical and wooden. No one quarrels with me, though I am constantly upset and it makes me feel

argumentative. My family doesn't like my attitude and distances themselves from me.

Even my best friends cause me sadness, and are angry at my attitude. I have someone in my life. He is very good and values me. Because of the time difference between America and Bangladesh, we cannot visit much.

There were times I felt like committing suicide due to loneliness, but then I would remember the smiling faces of my parents. I know to commit suicide is a great sin. Moreover, my friend who says he loves me would carry a bad memory of my suicide for the rest of his life. I could not get rid of the loneliness even though I wanted to.

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It felt very suffocating. I sat in a dark room much of the day.

**How My Life has Greatly Changed:** I didn't know how much longer I could live like this. But I was looking for someone who loved me so that I would live happily. On 22 June 2023, I was checking my Facebook and I got a video on the page called STM (Salvation for the Muslims) titled "Titanic 3". I found a great quote from the video, *"And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent; Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."* -Acts 17:30, 31

I was very surprised! This was a completely new concept to me. God will judge me justly! I never found any true justice, even in my Islamic faith! After watching this video, I messaged the page. Someone responded to my message. I shared my difficulties with them. They responded to all my questions. One day I got a link that



was about the Salvation Story of Nawshin. It was very heart-touching. I got the following lines which were very helpful for me to turn into Jesus.

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*“I understand that In Christianity, Jesus is God in the flesh who paid for our sins on the cross (1 Pet. 2:24). Because of that, we Christians are secure in Him and do not have to worry about doing enough good works to please God since we are saved by grace through faith in Him, (Eph. 2:8-9). The Bible says that God is love (1 John 4:16) and that He loves all people (Matt. 5:43-48; John 3:16).”*

My burdens are becoming light. I found someone (Jesus) who loves me! Finally, I decided to accept Christ on 28th August 2023. I accept Him as my peacemaker and Savior from all eternal pain.

**My Present Life:** Although my family and friends don't yet know about my faith, they are asking me what has transformed me from such difficult pains. I am preparing myself to share my new faith in Christ with my family and friends. Please keep me in your prayers.

Rahima - Bangladesh

