

***I want to share with you the story of how God saved my life, so that you can know the reasons why I believe in God's amazing power and why I have to show people that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world. Read the facts for yourself, for there is a God who wants you to enter His kingdom.***

From a young age I was serious to find the true meaning of life. It took some time before I got a real breakthrough, but this turning point took place when I was sixteen years old at a Christian youth camp. Just before this time I had gone through some problems in my life. I had so many problems that I was feeling miserable and I didn't think that I had a real purpose to live.

Due to my problems I thought that it would be better to die and go to Heaven than to live on this earth. The devil used this to make me think that my life was worthless. Then it was like a spirit of death was always calling me to die. I had allowed this stronghold to be built up in my mind, that whenever something went wrong, I thought that it would be better to die.

### **TO LIVE OR TO DIE?**

My father had a gun in the cupboard of his room, so without anyone knowing I took the gun, climbed out of the window, and found a place where nobody could see me. I put a bullet into the gun, put the barrel of the gun in the middle of my forehead, said a prayer, and then pulled the trigger to blow my brains out. I pulled the trigger but nothing happened.

What saved me from committing suicide at that moment was the fact that this gun had a safety lock and the gun did not fire. I was in

tears and I was afraid because I thought that it was the end. Really I didn't want to die, so I was crying out to God because I wanted a purpose to live. No matter who you are, God has created you for a special reason and you need to find the special calling that God has for you.

### **TOUCHED BY A SUPERNATURAL POWER**

When I went to this Christian camp, a man was preaching about how God saved his life and had especially set him free from a consuming addiction to alcohol. I felt the presence of God and a strong pressure come upon my chest that made me feel that I needed prayer. The feeling became stronger and stronger, until the preacher asked for those who needed prayer to come to the front. I went straight up and found myself crying and crying; the most I had ever cried in my whole life.

Something amazing was happening. My eyelashes were blinking incredibly fast and when I closed my eyes it looked as if I was seeing a bright light. Whenever I closed my eyes I could see this shining light. When the preacher came and prayed for me, he made a funny 'whoosshhh' sound and some power went through my whole body. Something like an electric shock of power and warmth went right through my body like a wave. It was powerful, but also gentle. It was like a bolt of lightning from Heaven.

When I looked around most of the people who had been prayed for had fallen to the ground. I didn't know what had really happened. I just kept crying. That was the first time that I literally experienced God's power and my life was totally changed and forever transformed.

Everyone needs to know the reality of the spiritual realm. Being touched by God's power opened my eyes. I saw the light and from the day God's power went through me everything was different. My priorities in life were changed. I really wanted to know God and it gave me a great hunger to study the Bible and to pray.

I then felt God calling me to begin preaching and witnessing for Christ on the streets and outside the nightclubs. Over the years I have seen many people change their lives. At first their hearts were hard and they didn't want to listen to my preaching, but gradually they also saw the light of God's truth and that what is written in the Bible is true.

### **THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE**

Another strange thing happened after God touched my life. A person fell to the ground when he was being prayed for and somehow something took over him. Suddenly his hands twitched up in a distorted way. He went a funny red colour and an evil voice began to speak through him in a foul language. It was talking so fast that the possessed person was foaming at the mouth. The voice speaking through him was an evil spirit and his body twisted as the demon was fighting inside of him.

There was an evil presence and the Christians were praying, "In the name of Jesus, I command you to come out." It looks very horrible when you see the demons refusing to let go of a truly demon possessed person. The demon didn't want to come out, but he had no choice because his power is broken. Peace was restored and the person was set free.

Satan is the leader of the demons who work to destroy people's lives. He is the total opposite of God. God is pure, true love, holy and righteous, but the devil is filled with hatred,

wickedness and complete evil. He is a liar and a thief, and he's trying to stop people from being saved.

The devil came to steal, kill and destroy, but Jesus came to set us free and give us fullness of life (John 10:10). Thoughts of suicide were still coming to me, but this bondage was broken as I prayed every day, "O God, give me a desire to live." Suddenly my mind was completely free as I was praying that God would give me my true purpose.

A lot of addictions, depression, nightmares, mental illnesses and falling into all kinds of sinful activities, are the work of evil spirits. Many people even hear voices telling them to do evil things. Satan is not a myth; his handiwork can be seen throughout the world. Satan is an evil dictator and he loves war, death and famine. He also uses the love of money to stop many people from knowing God. Those who are rich are often deceived by the devil, as he makes the most of our natural physical desires to lead us to sin.

### **DO NOT FOLLOW THE DEVIL'S VOICE**

One morning I woke up and in my mind came some pictures of naked women. Then I heard a voice speaking to me. The voice said, "This is not the devil." At once I knew that it was a lying evil spirit, so I rebuked the devil and commanded it to leave. The devil wants to lead people into sexual immorality, but God has called us to honour the marriage covenant and to be faithful. The Bible says, 'Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral' (Hebrews 13:4).

Prostitution, addictions to pornography, homosexuality, rape and sexual abuse of children come about because people have

allowed themselves to be led by the devil. Millions of people have been led astray into sexual immorality, but those who belong to God do not listen to the devil's voice.

### **WHO WILL YOU FOLLOW?**

There are only two kingdoms: the kingdom of darkness which is ruled by the devil, and the kingdom of light which is ruled by the King of Kings, our Lord Jesus Christ. There are only two paths: the wide path to Hell, or the narrow path to Heaven. We have to choose which path we are following, for when people follow their sinful nature they fall into the traps of the evil one.

You have to turn away from the devil's power and turn to the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only Jesus can wash away your sins and make you clean and pure in the sight of God. Would you like to make peace with God and receive eternal life right now? Open your heart to the Lord and begin to pray:

**"Oh Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner. Save me and set me free."**

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