

In 2009 my life truly began! I was a new enlistee with orders to my first base out in the Panhandle of Florida. This was my first time being away from home so I was set on living a lifestyle CONTRARY to the Biblical one my parents raised me to live. I wanted to have a good time and enjoy new experiences. Shortly after I arrived on base, I got married, against my family's advice. I did it to cover up my guilt of lustful pleasures and in a sense "make things right." However, once I got married I began to realize that marriage was HARD and I felt like I was failing in every area.

Then one warm December night, an older gentleman started talking to me in the parking lot. He asked me, "What do you want for your family?" I took a second to think really hard then I replied "I want happiness, good health and financial stability for my family." He took a brief pause to ask, "Is that it?" I assured him it was and then he said something that would completely open my eyes. He said, "All those things are nice and great but I didn't hear you mention anything about God." That statement hit me so hard that I had to immediately end the conversation.

I thought to myself, "my entire life I have gone to church almost four days a week to learn about how much Jesus loves me and takes care of me and provides for me and yet, when asked about what I desire for my family, God was nowhere in my thought process." This realization broke me as I walked to my apartment. By the time I opened the front door, I fell down on my face weeping and crying out to God to forgive me for turning my back on Him. I told Him that I wanted to completely surrender my life to Him. I felt God's presence, personally, for the first time that night and the PEACE that overtook me (which goes beyond anything I could ever compare it to) confirmed in my heart that I was born-again into a new life!

I began going to New Life Deliverance Temple Church more after giving my life to Christ. It was critical that I not only attend Sunday Morning service but also Bible Study! The teachings I received changed my outlook on life and opened my eyes to the fact that Christ didn't die to give us a bunch of rules and regulations so we could be uptight and stuffy; but He died to give us an abundant life, a life full of Love, Joy, and Peace! A life of fulfillment even when current circumstances say, "there is nothing to be happy about!"



I witnessed this first hand. My first-wife called it quits. Everybody that I used to lean on, disappeared. But God NEVER left me and even though it was the darkest time of my life, it was also the best time of my life because I saw God's LOVE on a whole new level! He picked up the pieces of my life and assured me that He would restore my life to a greater degree. And today I can truly say that God did exactly what He promised! Every area of my life has become whole! I now have a beautiful wife, daughter, church family, and friends (which is amazing). But, what Jesus filled me with on the inside is such a treasure! I know that if I don't have anything in this world... I have everything I'll ever need! I LOVE JESUS SO, SO MUCH FOR CARING THAT MUCH FOR ME! I Thank God for Saving Me!