

Miracles that follow the plow :: My Testimony

My Testimony - posted by Angio333, on: 2012/11/29 11:19

I was raised in a nominal Catholic home. I attended a Catholic school until the 8th grade and attended mass every Sunday during that time. The Catholic faith was not an important in my family lives. It was mainly a cultural thing. Both of my parents were Catholic and so were most people in our town. Our church attendance became more sporadic during my high school years.

After graduating high school, I became a paramedic and stopped going to mass unless there was a wedding or a funeral. I still "believed" in Jesus (or so I thought), but in name only. He was basically someone I prayed to when I needed something. I believed that as long as I was a "good" person, I would go to Heaven.

I was very self-righteous. I thought that I was a "great" guy since I was usually honest, didn't sleep around, or do drugs. If you looked up self-righteous in the dictionary, you would have seen my picture.

I ended up getting married when I was 28 years-old. My wife grew up in a Nazarene church and rebelled against her conservative upbringing. About 6 months into our marriage, my wife felt the urge to start going to church again. To keep peace in the home, I let her drag me to church. I hated every second of it. She would bribe me with my favorite restaurants after church if I sang a certain number of songs.

After about a year, my wife realized that she was a false convert and was not growing in the church we were attending – and I definitely was not. She prayed to God that she would find a church where we both would be saved. About a week later, my wife was talking to her mom. Her mom mentioned that she ran into one of her old friends who she has not talked to for years. The friend suggested that my wife and I should check out her church. My wife's mom did not know that my wife was praying to find a new church.

So, we checked out the new church. It was a Christian & Missionary Alliance Church (C&MA). This church was different. I started to actually enjoy church. At the same time, I went back to college. Since it was a Christian college, I had to take a New Testament Survey class (I won't repeat what I thought when I heard I had to take it). The class forced me to read the New Testament.

Since I loved politics, someone introduced me to Brannon Howse's radio show which had a mix of politics and Christian topics. We ended up attending one of his weekend events where I bought some DVDS. One of the talks was by Mark Cahill called Lukewarm No More.

At that point everything came together. God used the new church, reading the Bible, and Cahill's ministry to show me that I was a self-righteous sinner who could not save myself. I repented of my sins and put faith in Jesus and not myself. My wife also got saved around the same time.

Within weeks, I became active in street evangelism and even attended Living Water's Ambassadors Academy. God blessed me by having someone tell me about Paul Washer and other great pastors right after I got saved.

After about a year and a half of prayer and council by other Christians, we switched to a small C&MA church. We did not want to become church hoppers so we took it slow and made the decision through prayer and counsel. The other church was not bad, but it was not a good fit. Over 4,000 people attended the various services every Sunday and we felt lost there.

The new church is smaller – about 50 people. The elders will actually ask you about your prayer life, will pray for you, etc. The preaching is expository and the church does street evangelism. We have been attending there for over 2 years and love it.

The sermons point to Jesus and what he has done for us. The pastor does not compromise and is a great example. In fact, he suggested that I should check out Leonard Ravenhill's sermons.

I am truly amazed that God would save someone like me.

Thanks for letting me share.

Note: The time frames are estimates.

Re: My Testimony - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2012/11/29 12:41

Thank you for sharing your testimony, Angio333.

"Note: The time frames are estimates."

I liked you note and agree, time is not important when your eyes are on Jesus.

Regards, white stone

Re: My Testimony, on: 2012/11/29 14:28

Thanks for sharing Angio, it was a blessing.....bro Frank

Re: My Testimony - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/11/29 22:31

Inspiring.

Amazing all the events God uses to bring people to himself...

Thanks for sharing.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2012/11/30 1:32

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he has so many recorded sermons in arkives

blessings

Re: My Testimony - posted by phoe (), on: 2012/11/30 3:55

Blessed by your testimony brother...i wish such a blessing will meet my family too...

Re: My Testimony - posted by yuehan, on: 2012/11/30 10:02

Thanks for sharing =)

And I'm sure the remainder of your journey with Jesus will be as exciting and fulfilling.

Re: My Testimony, on: 2012/11/30 13:12

Thank you for speaking and writing this testimony of God's salvation in your life, brother! Hallelu Yah! I love to hear thes e testimonies.

"And they(we) overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their (our) testimony; and they(we) lo ved not their lives unto the death." Revelation 12:11

Re: My Testimony, on: 2012/11/30 14:31

thats a wonderful testimony Angio, May He hold you and your wife forever in His Love, neil

Re: My Testimony - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2012/11/30 19:57

Thank you for sharing your testimony, I never tire of hearing about how God visits a soul in mercy. All honor, praise, and glory be to Him!

In Christ,

Ron

Re: - posted by Angio333, on: 2012/11/30 21:55

I have never listened to Tozer's sermons, but I have read some of his stuff. As soon as I finish Paul Washer's new book, I will be reading Tozer's book called Pursuit of God.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2012/12/1 4:00

yep paul washer and aw tozer are amoung my favourt preacers and teacher

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2012/12/1 4:05

oh you havent listened to tozer sermons ,,there are hundreds of clasicical sermons from him here and in sermon audio web site ,,,,treat your self to one of the gretest teachers in the 20th centry,,,he is from the christan and misinary allianc e like your self ,a priceless gem as paul washer is

bless you

Re: - posted by used4him, on: 2012/12/3 9:23

Hi Angio,

I loved your testimony. I enjoy reading about someone who was somewhat "normal". In other words, wasn't a heroin addict, homeless, or into all kinds of sin before coming to the Lord. So many people that I meet or talk to think they are alright, probably because they are not into any blatant sin. If they could just see that even bad thoughts are sin, and are enough to separate us from God, and we need a savior no matter how "good" we seem.