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Karl's Testimony, on: 2005/4/6 22:02

I thought it was time for me to share my testimony.

I sometimes wonder if I have any testimony because I am still His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that I should walk in them.

I want to take this time to apologize to all of you who are well advanced into the Kingdom of God and know far more than I could ever dream possible and I come and post these pathetic rebuttals and to what end?

But regardless of that, I hope you can see past my own frailties.

I was born into a Pentecostal home, where Dad had one wife and one mistress. (they were both sisters). The mistress is my Mother. Ten years before I came on the scene, Dad and Mom gave their hearts to the LORD (and were both filled with the Spirit) at a revival meeting this was before Dad knew Mom. She was 14 and came from a dire poor family and she was there to help raise her older sisters kids. I was Mom's first son and her third child.

I learned later how Mom became Dad's mistress thru him raping her. In those days there was no welfare system or anything like that and being very poor you did what you what you had to do.

Since the get go, I was very much despised in my Dad's eyes, Mom told me he had a terrible jealous streak in him and he saw you as a threat by being close to me.

I never knew Him to be my Dad until I was about 10. Because of the family situation, alot of things were hush hush. When other family members would come and visit Mom would either take us some where or if anyone saw us at the house, we be the next door neighbours kids or something.

But as years progressed those lies surfaced and of course that kind of news spread like wildfire, but no one seemed to care afterwards, Dad was a wealthy man and I think that is why no one bothered to say anything because no one complained of him not being a good provider.

My Mother and I were very close we'd spend much time together. I helped her with the farming and every morning we'd get the old tractor and take the water barrel into the woods where there was a natural spring and used the PTO on the tractor to suck the water up into the barrel, because the barn water supply would always go dry in the summer time.

My Aunt who was Dad's legal wife had a hateful spirit, but this wasn't due to the arrangement with Dad and Mom she was always like that. I remember seeing her Mother and she had the same ways she had, bitter.

She had 10 children while Mom had 5.

Dad was called into the ministry, and because he didn't go, us kids paid for his error. Dad had a way of persuasion, he could persuade you into the kingdom of God and he had a great voice. But he used that those giftings for the world. His singing voice he never used and lost it later on in life.

We had a 3 story house and it was very spacious, and plenty of rooms with an apartment in the basement.

Dad wouldn't go to Church, but he would send us kids to the local United Pentecostal Church. (I glued myself to the Sunday School teacher she had a love that was like a magnet). I went to Sunday School every Sunday but I never came into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Even when I was baptized at age 12 I did it because everyone else was doing it. But I knew what sin was, but didn't know how to get rid of it.

When I was 9 years old, I had two half brothers who were a couple of years older than me and I had one half brother just below me and another brother who was just a tot.

But one night, one of the half brothers forced and sexually abused me. This was the turning point in my life, for 3 years he sexually abused me and I lived in fear of him thinking that he was going to hurt me physically if I told Dad. Needless to say, when I told Dad, he did nothing about it because he feared his wife who was very good in revealing secrets at opportune times.

But the abuses had stopped, but the damage was done. I became a homosexual. I knew that something was wrong, but didn't have the resources to deal with it. Thru puberty I slipped in and out of depressions left right and centre. I just barely passed in schools, I couldn't perform in sports I don't know how I managed to jig that class for 3 years. My self esteem was in the toilet.

I had a father who couldn't understand me, he tried to arrange female encounters to get me straightened out and the very thought of it grossed me out.

On top of that Dad kept telling me that I was stupid and wouldn't amount to nothing, and I believed him. He'd whipped me and smash me up against the wall. One time he rammed my head on the fridge door because I was asking Mom for a glass of water (I think he was in one of his wicked moods). My mother couldn't do anything she was powerless.

Mom told me once, everytime she got down to seek the kingdom of God, I would act up, and she had to stop what she was doing and deal with me, because your father wanted me to be there.

When I turned 15 I was digging around some boxes of old books that was in a closet and found a bible called "Reach out". It was the living translation and I took it to my room and started reading it.

It was here that I came into a relationship with Jesus Christ. What I read, I knew that I was filthy and rotten, I didn't ask Him into my heart, but I knew that He accepted me even with the sin that was in my life. I read that New Testament 3 times and wept thru it all 3 times.

I knew that He forgave me, but I felt no change. All I knew is that I loved Jesus Christ. That is all I ever cared about. I still knew that I had a serious problem with same sex attraction. I would spend hours everyday walking thru the woods talking to my Saviour, everyone around me couldn't understand me, so I took my problems to Him and He comforted me, and I would sing to Him. Until one day the United Pentecostals told me that your not saved unless you speak in other tongues. Well in my condition that was the last thing that I needed to hear, so my relationship with the LORD went from Love to fear. Instead of seeking Him I sought this tongues.

But nevertheless, I was able to overcome and a few other things as well and I begin to have a deep hunger for the Holy Spirit, so I sought the holy Spirit and I when I received Him, I did speak in tongues and I lived in that glory for awhile, until this ugly part of my life reared it's ugly face again.

In time the LORD caused me to see me the way He sees me and I realized that I was not stupid and that I am going to amount to something someday in Him.

I began to ask the LORD to give me friends that would do me some good, and he caused me to meet older people in the LORD, those who had been hermits and have received great knowledge and wisdom from God. These people were nobodies, they didn't have a name, but they had a power in the name of Jesus.

I hated my Dad, but I also knew that this was wrong and I needed to forgive him. With my own strength I tried to write a letter saying that I was sorry, and I'd end up writing something nasty, and with disgust threw it out. But the time came when I said, "LORD, I can't do this, I can't write this letter". And it was there that I felt the hand of God on me and I began to write in the spirit of His grace and wrote a letter out of sincerity and truth, and at the end of that letter I said, "Dad I forgive you".

It was a triumphant moment, that I can't do anything without Him.

Dad was a controlling freak, and I learned later why God had me write those words, because had I said, "Dad will you forgive me?", he would have held that over my head and made sure that I paid whatever thing that I had committed. You see what I mean by us paying for Dad's error for not going into the ministry, he grew worse, he was like a madman at times. The love of money robs you of your sanity.

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He became wealthy and very successful but had no peace, he'd lay awake all night, popping pills to ease the ulcer or the heart burn, and couldn't get any sleep. The holy Spirit would prick his heart at times, but pride kept him from repentance. The devil robbed him of his reward and died poor in spirit.

After that I sought deliverance, I went thru several sessions, there was no manifestations whatsoever. I asked my Pastor, "maybe there is nothing there", and he said, "Oh it's there all right". I got discouraged about the whole thing and never went back.

Homosexuality is the worst form of sin imaginable, it literally changes your chemistry in your body. When a man should be desiring the opposite sex as being normal, the same holds true for the homosexual, the desires he feels is normal to him.

The only thing that separates this is the truth of God's word. Once you know that truth, the only thing is either to fight against it or conform to it and allow God to work this imbalance into normalcy.

This is why I can't really call this a testimony because it doesn't lead anyone to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, because I am still not changed in this area.

If you knew me to talk to me you would know in your spirit that we are of the same breed of believers in Christ.

We have the same Spirit. I have prayed and have fasted 24 days once (not boasting) for freedom from this desire, weeping, and at times I thought my whole insides were going to burst. Only to come back to it when the fast was over.

But not all was lost, I received other things from the word and man you couldn't give enough money to take that truth away from me.

My chief joy is wisdom and knowledge and understanding and love.

I am not an Apostle, nor have I prophesied, I am not an evangelist, I have not led one soul to the LORD, I am not a Pastor nor am I a teacher. I have no biblical giftings, and I don't even know if I have any fruit. But if you put me in front of the Army of the LORD I could sing and praise the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The LORD has done a lot of work in me, he lifted mine head from a sorrowful state, and caused me to be more bold, by giving me a brother in the LORD who didn't mind being touched (in a clean way). This was very important to me. He was secure in who he was and he was as straight as a board. But God used him to mold me into what He would have me to be. He had a charisma about him and that feature rubbed onto me. You see I was very insecure of my own sexuality and still am in some ways but not as it was in those days I needed to reach out and touch someone, and they not being offended if I did.

There is a lot of in between things that happened, but that kind of stuff is not appropriate, I need not glorify the devil.

This word has caused me to do one thing and that is I am going to be careful how I respond to your posts, seeing that I have nothing to offer.....yet!

Sincerely in Christ

Karl

Re: Karl's Testimony - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/4/6 22:52

Karl,

wow, I don't really have any words to say. I do want to thank you for opening your heart for everyone to see. The life that we have been given (our past), we cannot always understand- only the Creator does. my heart goes out to you for the pain you have been through. I do know that the Lord is near to the brokenhearted.

May the Lord lead you into His fullness. May the Lord Jesus be your victory. May you continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

bless you brother.

In Christ, Chanin

Re: Karl's Testimony - posted by lastblast (), on: 2005/4/6 23:43

Quote:

-----I am going to be careful how I respond to your posts, seeing that I have nothing to offer.....yet!

You are WRONG brother.....you have much to offer and have shared some right now in your testimony. Thank you. The Lord is good and know that His Word is True that what He has begun in you He WILL finish.....as He will with each of us.....til the wretchedness is no more. Blessings in Him, Cindy :-)

Re: Karl's Testimony - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/4/6 23:48

Dear Karl...thanks man.

This is really an incredible testimony brother and you know why?

Quote:
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That's why. Not one of those "I"'s can do any of those things, neither can I.

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. The one who abides in me while I abide in him produces much fruit, for a part from me you can do nothing.

Be sure brother, there is fruit, much fruit.

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2005/4/7 0:04

Quote:

-----...I don't even know if I have any fruit.

Brother Karl,

There is profound kindness in you. You have other fruits of the Spirit too. Don't you doubt that. Your post displays courage and hope in the Lord.

I rejoice that you are tenacious enough to fight for complete victory in the area of sexual purity. I think most everyone here would agree that before any of us finds victory over besetting sins, there must be repentance from pride. Pride is where the gloves must come off. We comfort and aid the enemy of our soul with too much padded religion...by sharing your struggle you show a heart for bareknuckled repentance. You have honored, and perhaps even challenged, this community

y by being humbly willing to entrust your story to us. My guess is that your post will generate many powerful prayers from these sincere saints who are eager to fight with you in your spiritual battle. You are not alone!

I believe you have chosen a fitting name for yourself and your unfolding testimony...Healing Waters.

Blessings,

MC

Re: Karl's Testimony - posted by PTywama3 (), on: 2005/4/7 0:06

Karl,

Don't ever believe you have nothing to offer. One thing my father is fond of telling me is that even a ditch digger can tell you how to better dig a ditch. And although my father is not of sure footing, I find the same to be true.

We are all made in the image of God, albiet some believe a fallen image via Adam. I can say this: I believe God has invested in every one of his children. And that is valuable. It may take some time to find out what it is, more time to let God refine it, and yet more time until it is polished enough to where men find it pretty. But God knows its value now, He put it there. He can use it now with more affluency than we can know.

I am unpolished, and unpracticed. I think many of us here would find ourselves that way. Your comments are valuable because *you* are valuable.

God bless,
David

Re: - posted by Spitfire, on: 2005/4/7 6:44

Quote:

----- Pride is where the gloves must come off.

Oh!!! Ain't it the truth!!! That's good Mike.

Karl, your testimony left me speechless. I'm so glad that you shared it! Thank you. I'm really glad you are here with us. Please interact and post your thoughts as often as you would like. My prayers will be for you. Love, Dian.

Re: Karl's Testimony - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2005/4/7 10:34

Awesome testimony brother, my prayers are with you, remember victory isn't a "thing" we are given, it is a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Quote:

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I'm thinking this is how Gideon felt while threshing wheat in a winepress to hide it from the Midianites, and then he heard this;

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, **The LORD with thee, thou mighty man of valour.** (Judges 6:12)

In Christ,

Ron

Re: Karl's Testimony, on: 2005/4/7 10:50

Praise God, Karl... isnt it wonderful that He can saved scumbags like us?

I've given tidbits of information concerning my testimony, and tho quite different from yours, we all come to God with issues. His transformation in me was overnight in some things, and in others not so quick. Even a decade later there are still things that He has chosen to take His time on. (a lot of that is my being a very stubborn individual. A blessing in some ways.. a curse in others)

Stick with it, Karl... God is faithful to complete what He has started.

Thanx for sharing!

Krispy

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/4/7 12:02

Would post my Testimony but it's on going everyday and don't look for it anytime soon it will probably be on going until God calls me home. :-P

Re: Karl's Testimony - posted by Rahman, on: 2005/4/7 14:29

Brother Karl,

Take heart, fear not, and be of good cheer ...

The mere fact that this passage from over on "The Terrain has Changed: A Word to you Lonely Elijahs" stuck out for you ...:

Quote:

"the lessons they have learned and the brokenness gained from having endured and overcome in this place will prove to be of immeasurable benefit to the Bride in the days to come" ...

... means to me (and i dare say to God) that you are a willing instrument just waiting to be picked up to use by the Holy Spirit ... You have a testimony in Jesus Christ (and you've not even known it - but i sure hope you do now) as an "overcomer" and tho you've not overcome to the point (in your own mind) that you're longing for, just keep on surrendering to the Word, will, and way of our Lord via your only power in doing anything in Christ Jesus, that being the Holy Spirit ...

And brother please remember that whatever sin you, or any saint may be/have been susceptible to prior to coming to Christ, if we learn to love Christ more than that sin we'll eventually find ourselves numbered amongst the following in not only our faith, but our deeds ...

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. ... 1 Cor. 6:9-11

So brother Karl i'm praying that you'll never let any man, the devil or especially yourself attempt to convince you, or condemn you, that the sin you've fled from is any worse than any of the others mentioned above as apparently God has lumped them all together as "SIN"! ...

Rom.8

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or

peril, or sword?

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amongst christian men Holy Spirit has had me point out on a few occasions their covered implications that somehow het erosexual whore-mongering isn't quite as bad as homosexual encounters ... Sex period, outside God's specified instituti on of marriage between one man and one woman, is sin to Him period! ... Were all in need of admonishing Jas.4: 7 ... "S ubmit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" ...

So brother Karl just keep on leaning on His everlasting arm by faith, relying solely on the strength of Christ and comfort of the Holy Ghost, always remembering that out of love Christ will always convict us/you to repentance from sin, but only the devil condemns us/you, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not af ter the flesh, but after the Spirit - Rom. 8:1 ... That "walking after the Spirit" can't be emphasized enough!!!

In Christ God the Father now sees you with new eyes, Christ Himself views you with the compassion of your High Priest in heaven who is well aware of any infirmity you may have, and has promised you that not only are you more than a con queror in Him, but that also if you but rely on His Power, the Power of His Holy Spirit of promise, He will enable you to d o ALL things thru Christ who strengthens you ...

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind - Eph.4: 23 ... with God's Word, studying the Bible in all diligence ... "Be carefu l for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus. Finally, br ethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pur e, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, t hink on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the G od of peace shall be with you" - Phil. 4:6-9

Perfect peace ... that's exactly what He meant when He said in Matt.11: 28 ... "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" ... Trust in Jesus by His Holy Spirit to speak empowerment to you ... Trust Holy Spi rit to interpret your prayers in tongues, and your moans before our God, and have unshakable faith that He's answering you, and as Christ told so many of those whom He healed, "You're faith has made you whole" ... His strength and power to you in Jesus all conquering name! ... Amen

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/4/7 19:15

a fantasitic testimony

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/4/7 20:50

I wish more people would share there testimony

Re: - posted by Heavenlyman, on: 2005/4/7 21:07

Would be nice if you could share your own testimony my brother, that we may be encourage with it. There would be som e one here that would be bless with the testimony of God in your own life. Delta