

Joshua Allen **Testimony**

For as long as I can remember I felt alone and felt all hope was lost. I can remember back to when I was eight years old and I remember how my Mom and Dad would fight physically and emotionally with each other. My Dad would drink and drink and my Mom would try to get him to stop. When my Dad would drink he would get mad and when he got mad, he'd hit me, my brothers, sisters or my mom.

I use to get into fights at school with the other kids. I would yell at the teachers and break stuff. It got to the point where I had to see a doctor and she told my Mom I had ADD and she also said if my Dad didn't leave or get his act together I wouldn't turn out right and I'd blame all my problems on my mom. My Mom told my Dad and one day he got in his car and left. As I got older my anger got worse. I would get into fights just because I felt like fighting. I would drink a lot. I would drink a lot of tequila. I'd find myself yelling at my family. My mom remarried when I was 15 years old. The guy she married and I just never saw eye to eye. We would fight constantly. I felt like I couldn't ever trust anybody, because growing up I trusted my Dad and he would always go back on his word, well as I got a little older my depression and anger got out of control and I ended

up in prison for robbery. I got a term of six years. I got into fights with inmates and a lot of times I would try to kill myself because I felt alone, but back in January of 2009 when I found myself in confinement and I just got gassed after they put me in another cell after I seen medical and got a shower. I was so mad that I cut my wrist and the officer seen me, cuffed me up and took me to medical and then put me on suicide watch.

Later that night I started thinking and thinking about my life and I started to cry, everything hit me. I started to remember people use to tell me that God forgives everybody of all their sins and he loves everyone. I read the Bible and a verse I always remember is: **Philippians 4:13** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." I started to think of all the bad times in my life and I always survived them. I started to realize that God's been by my side all along. I got off of suicide watch, finished my DC time and started going to church and stopped fighting. I recently got my GED. My Dad is by my side. I haven't heard from him in a while but I know I'll hear from him soon. He stopped drinking and smoking and turned his live over to God too. My Mom, brothers and sisters don't really write me, but I'm not mad, I know God is with me and he loves me. I have never been happier until I turned my life over to God! I'm doing alright. When I get out I want to preach the word and help people.

I hope this testimony has been a blessing to you. If you would like to read how others in similar situations have experienced the life transforming power of God please write to me at the address below. We now have over 39 testimonies of those whose lives have been transformed by God's amazing Grace. Please send us your testimony as well.

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that I have loved so long.
(Refrain)

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story

The Roman Road

I had a pretty good opinion of myself until a friend invited me to take a walk down the Roman Road. He used a single book in the Bible to open my eyes to my relationship with God, and I haven't been the same since.

He warned me that the trip might hurt, and he was right because he started by revealing my real status before God.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God ...

Romans 3:23.

Then I learned of sin's penalty.
For the wages of sin is death
... **Romans 6:23a**

He went on to tell me that God loves me so much he offers an alternative called "Eternal Life" ... but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ ... **Romans 6:23b.**

Then he showed me how God provided his son Jesus as a atoning Sacrifice for my sin. Jesus took my penalty! But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

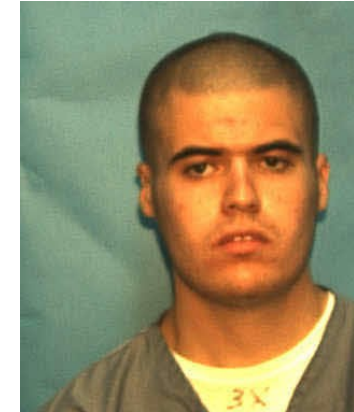
Romans 5:8.

I wondered if God would accept me. He assured me with even more good news. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved... **Romans 10:13.**

My friend showed me what I should do to receive Eternal Life. That if thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God raise him from the dead, thou shall be save ... **Romans 10:9**

We prayed together, and I gladly accepted God's gift of Eternal Life through Jesus Christ.

Turning My Life Over to God



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