



~ The Journey Home ~

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” – Philippians 1:6

In 1999, God began a call in my life that would finish the work He started when I was just a little girl. He called me out of my dark pit of rebellion and fear and showed me that He wanted to break me free of the lies that were holding me in bondage. However, it would take another year before I fully answered that call.

I grew up in a home with strong Christian principles, the only child of a minister and his wife. As a result, I developed a very strong friendship with Jesus as a young child. As a little girl, I had a child’s faith that could move mountains and believed my God could do anything! If you would have asked me who I was, I would have answered that I was God’s girl. That was my identity. I trusted wholly and completely in Him and felt free and happy. I believed that God had made me special to do a special work for Him. I followed up on that belief by becoming baptized at age 11.

However, the enemy of souls had already begun a series of events in my life that would cause me to forget the God of my youth, convince me that what I believed about God was not true and to go back on the commitment I had made. My home life was far from perfect and at that time, we had not yet learned how to apply God’s restoring Gospel in our own home – although we claimed to be teaching it to others. This and other outside factors were used by Satan to knock me from my firm hold on God and who I was in Him.

I stopped believing God’s voice and chose to follow my own desires and feelings. I convinced myself it was safer to trust self. Because of the choices I made, I fell into deep, hard times. I became trapped in Satan’s delusions and lies and became a bondman to his vices. Yet, God never left me nor forsook me and continued to deliver me even when I did not personally ask Him to.

By the time God reached me in 1999, I had been softened and subdued by the hard results of choices I had made. I was finally willing to listen to see if God really was different than I thought. Deep down, I knew He was.

In 2000, I fully recommitted my life to Him. It was the scariest thing I ever did. I had so much fear and doubt in me. Not so much about God’s part, but I knew I didn’t have it in me to obey Him, nor did I really want to. Too much fear and pain stopped me. However, God knew where I was at and that’s all He had ever really wanted - my permission to work on my heart and my

willingness to start doing what He asked. No more, no less. He began the work of reminding me of my true identity and that my value and worth were wrapped up in Him. When He was absent from my life, worthlessness swept in and I began searching for my identity based on performance.

Today, I am living proof of what God can do in a person's life if they will stop to listen and simply cooperate with His leading. My child-like faith has been rebuilt and it still continues to move mountains. By learning how to practically apply the Gospel of Jesus in my life, I am receiving freedom from the habits and ideas that held me captive.

Miracles continue to happen in my life on a constant basis since that day. God is, again, my personal friend and Savior. God restored my life, my mind, my character, and my family. His plan that I felt on my life as a child has been revealed and the enemy was unsuccessful in stealing it. My experience has become an even greater tool for God's plan to ultimately use me to teach people His true character, friendship, and love for them and what His process for restoration in their lives means for them. He has caused a greater blessing to come from this experience; the ability to share His process for victory to others who are caught in Satan's web of lies and deceit.

God's restoration in my own life and the victories He gave me are the same victories and refreshing He wants to give you. It is the central theme of His message! He loves you more than you can imagine and everything you can ever need, want, or desire, He can truly provide. He wants you to understand who your enemy is and what he is trying to steal from you. He wants to set you free.

I've learned that my journey here on earth is really about my journey home. I will continue the process of restoration as will all His people until the day when we get to go home. One day, everything I've ever lost because of sin will be restored to me and I will live in peace and harmony forever. This plan includes everyone! This plan includes you. Won't you start your journey home today? He's calling your name. Will you answer?

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