

Jessica's Story of Hope

I grew up in a dysfunctional family that looked normal to outsiders. Because of that, I got used to putting on a mask as a little kid and just got better at it the older I got. In the process of growing up, I completely lost my identity, not knowing who I was or what I liked to do. I started using drugs & alcohol at age 13 and thought I had discovered the solution to my problems, but it only led me to places I never should have been. On September 10th, 2010, I had made the decision I didn't want to live anymore. I sat on my mom's porch and cried out to God, "I don't know if you're real, Lord, but if you are, HELP ME! I'm tired of living this way & I know there's something better out there for me." I felt God that night. I stopped trying to make my own plans & I did what I felt pulled to do. I now know that tugging feeling was God leading my footsteps. I have had plenty of battles with my sinful nature since that day, but the Spirit of God hasn't left me. God has blessed me with an entire new family & even restored my immediate family relationships. I wake up each morning eager to serve Him, and He surprises me with many blessings I never could have imagined. I know He has amazing plans for my life and I can't wait to watch his miracles unfold in my life!

"but those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

