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The Night Everything Changed

My story, in my own words. What God did for me, He will do for you.

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FOR THE SOUL WINNER

1. Read it **with** them. Hold it so they can see.
2. Stop at each **gold box**. Ask the question. Then be quiet and listen.
3. When they are ready, pray the prayer near the end together, one line at a time.

I was 18 years old, just a few months shy of 19. I didn't know God. I was a sinner, living for the world, with a lot of issues in a lot of areas of my life.

That week, on Wednesday, I went to my first AA meeting and committed to 24 hours without a drink. Then 24 hours turned into 48. But by the weekend I had no friends left, because all my old friends were drinking and partying. So I got in my car and drove around, looking for new friends.

That night I drove past a church, and a thought hit me: *there's got to be people in there who aren't doing those things.* So I pulled in, and I went inside.

1 "I'm not going up there"

The preacher was preaching. I was hearing the message, but honestly, I was looking around the room trying to figure out who I was going to talk to. Then he gave an altar call.

I said to myself, *I'm not going up there. I'm not going to say a prayer.*

ASK

Have you ever felt God tugging at your heart, and pushed it away?

2 Then something happened

A supernatural presence came over me. Every time I thought about going up, my heart beat even faster. My hands were shaking. I was sweating. It was excitement, but it was more than that. I knew, in that moment, that God was speaking to me. The Holy Spirit was drawing me to Himself.

> *"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him."*
>
> JOHN 6:44

3 On my knees at the altar

I went up to the front. I fell to my knees at the altar, crying and weeping. I asked God to forgive me for every sin I had ever done. I surrendered. I asked Jesus to come into my heart and be the Lord of my life.

And He did. I went in looking for new friends. I found new friends, and I found Jesus. Really, Jesus found me.

> *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God."*
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> JOHN 1:12

4 My life was never the same

Jesus took away so many problems, addictions and sinful habits. He changed my heart. The old thoughts left. The old sinfulness left. The old things I was dealing with all left. I became a new person, completely changed, completely born again.

I never went back to that old lifestyle. Every time the church doors were open, I was there. I read the Bible, I spent time with godly people, and I looked for God's will for my life. Seeking His Word, His will and His way became my life, and I have never regretted it.

> *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*
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> **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

5 I don't live for myself anymore

The biggest thing that changed is this: I no longer live for myself. Not for worldly desires, not for selfish desires, not even for good desires. I live for Him. And I am so thankful to Him in every way.

> *"And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."*
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> **2 CORINTHIANS 5:15**

If He did it for me, He will do it for you

If God could take somebody like me, a young man who didn't know Him and didn't want to walk to the front, and make me completely new, He can change anybody. No matter how far away you feel, be encouraged.

If I knew then what I know now, I would have run to the cross way sooner. And if I weren't saved, I would get saved today. It is so worth it!

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Let's talk about it

1. **WHERE IT HURTS**
   What are you carrying right now that you can't seem to put down?

2. **WHAT YOU FEAR**
   Are you afraid God wouldn't want you, or that it's too late? I was a sinner who didn't know Him. He wanted me anyway.

3. **IMAGINE**
   Imagine walking away today forgiven, free and brand new, the way I did that night.

4. **YOUR DECISION**
   Is God tugging at your heart right now? Will you say yes to Him?

No pressure. Take your time. God is patient, and He is here.

Pray this to God

This is your altar. Right where you are. Pray this to Jesus.

Jesus, here is my life. I believe You are the Son of God. I believe You died on the cross for my sins and rose again. I can't make myself good enough, so I receive Your grace as a gift. Come into my heart. Forgive me of everything. Wash me and make me clean. Take over my life and have Your way in me. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Give me the desire and the strength to turn from sin, to say no to what displeases You and yes to what pleases You. Change my heart. Thank You for making me new. In Jesus' name, amen.

Did you pray that prayer?

Then here is what God says about you today. Not what you feel. What He says.

- ✓ Your sins are forgiven. *1 John 1:9*
- ✓ You are a child of God. *John 1:12*
- ✓ You have eternal life, starting right now. *1 John 5:13*
- ✓ Jesus will never leave you. *Hebrews 13:5*

> *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."*
>
> **1 JOHN 5:13**

Your next steps

1. **Tell someone.** Tell the person who gave you this, or tell us. Heaven is already celebrating.
2. **Talk to God every day.** Just talk. He is listening.
3. **Read the Bible.** Start with the Gospel of John, one chapter a day.
4. **Find a church family.** A Bible-believing church where Jesus is lifted up.
5. **Be baptized.** Show the world you belong to Jesus. *Acts 2:38*

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