

Testimony
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Only by His Grace, Love and Mercy

For most of my life, from birth until I was 22, I was deeply involved in the church community. During this time, I was a Catholic Christian, baptized as a child and attending mass every Sunday. At 22, I was invited to a Baptist church, where I learned about the plan of salvation and accepted Jesus as my savior. I thought I had secured my place in heaven. Although there was a transformation within me, not everything was resolved. I developed a desire to read and study the Bible and wanted to share the message of salvation through Jesus with my family. Over the next 38 years, I tried to live the best Christian life possible. I raised my family to know Jesus, contributed to different ministries, shared my faith with others, and sent my children on mission trips.

At 40, everything transformed. My struggle with a porn addiction, rooted in my teenage years, had controlled me for too long. One evening, when my wife asked why I was constantly angry and irritated, I confessed my addiction. Her reaction was one of anger, and she began to distance herself from me. This was when a set apart spirit intervened, guiding me to a place of judgment and revealing my true self: an adversary to God, unknown and rejected by Jesus, seen as nothing but filthy rags to Him. I felt the profound pain Jesus experienced on the cross. For weeks, I neither ate nor slept, living on a mattress in the basement, yet I was acutely aware of everything being communicated to me. During this period, I accepted the truth, repented, acknowledged my deserving of hell, and awaited judgment without expecting mercy. Then Jesus/Yeshua approached me with grace, mercy, love, and peace, lifting me up and teaching me. For the first time, I embraced the fruits of the spirit, and the love within me grew, extending to others. I became part of the True Church of Believers, with Jesus/Yeshua as my sustenance and greatest treasure. Now, He knows all my secrets, and we have a real relationship. My life is now focused on walking the narrow path, seeking guidance from my King, engaging in humble conversations. Some challenges are tough, some resolve quickly, others take time; sometimes I remain silent, other times I speak up. I've decided to continue this journey alone or with others, but always moving forward on this narrow path, with no turning back. What other choice do we have? None.

Thank You Yeshua!

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