



MY TESTIMONY

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I GREW UP IN A CHRISTIAN FAMILY. OVER TIME, I GRADUALLY MOVED AWAY FROM THE CHURCH. I FELT I DIDN'T NEED IT. I BEGAN TO PUT MYSELF FIRST ABOVE GOD, MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I THOUGHT I COULD DO IT ALONE. DUE TO THE BAD CHOICES I MADE AND HORRIFYING ACTIONS I COMMITTED, I ENDED UP IN THE SAN MATEO COUNTY JAIL IN 2004. I STARTED ATTENDING ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MAINLY JUST TO GET OUT OF MY CELL. SOMETHING AMAZING HAPPENED TO ME AT ONE OF THESE SERVICES. IT WAS AN EARLY MORNING SERVICE AND I ALMOST STAYED IN BED. I HAD NEVER ATTENDED A BILINGUAL SERVICE BEFORE (SPANISH/ENGLISH). I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND MUCH. THE GUEST SPEAKER WAS A SHORT BALD-HEADED, 60 YEAR OLD MEXICAN CHRISTIAN NAMED "JAME." HE SHARED HIS TESTIMONY IN SPANISH. I REALLY WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION MUCH. I WAS THE ONLY NON-SPANISH SPEAKING PERSON IN THE ROOM. EVENTUALLY, HE TURNED TO ME AND IN BROKEN ENGLISH DESCRIBED A CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST HIS FAMILY AND HIM. IT WAS NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THE TERRIBLE CRIME I DID, BUT HE WAS ON THE RECEIVING END OF IT. HE TALKED ABOUT ALL THE

PAIN AND HURT HIS FAMILY AND HE EXPERIENCED.
THE RUINED AND CHANGED LIVES. I BEGAN TO CRY
QUIETLY. THEN, HE CONTINUED TO TELL HOW HE
HAD FORGIVEN THE PERSON. I COULD TELL HE MEANT
IT. HE WAS STARING AT ME THE WHOLE TIME, NO
ONE ELSE. IT TOUCHED ME DEEPLY. I STARTED TO
SOB UNCONTROLLABLY. MY LIFE CHANGED FOREVER
AT THAT MOMENT. I DECIDED THEN AND THERE I'D
ACCEPT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL
SAVIOR AND PUT HIM FIRST IN MY LIFE AND I
TRULY REPENTED. SINCE THAT DAY, PEACE AND
COMFORT HAS FILLED THE HOLE IN MY HEART. I
NOW HAVE A REASON TO KEEP GOING, A REASON TO
LIVE AND A REASON TO LOVE. SINCE PUTTING GOD
FIRST IN MY LIFE, INSTEAD OF MY SELFISH SELF,
EVERYTHING HAS FALLEN INTO PLACE. MY SPIRITUAL
WALK WITH THE LORD CONTINUES TO GROW DAILY.
ONE MAN'S LOVE FOR THE LORD, WHO SHARED HIS
TESTIMONY WITH ME CHANGED MY LIFE FOREVER.
I TRULY BELIEVE HE WAS AN ANGEL SENT FROM
HEAVEN. GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS!
ANY TIME AND ANY WHERE!

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