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'MY STORY' BY RON MILLS



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Perhaps this would be considered an unusual request from a young man who has hit rock bottom. That was me at the age of 23, having tried everything that I could think of to find happiness and peace.

Although I grew up in a typical middle-class home, I started doing "soft drugs" at the age of 15, thinking that everyone was doing it. But that wasn't the case at all! My drug use escalated and I began drinking, so my school marks nosedived and all I wanted to do was have "a good time." I began to long for the weekends, knowing they meant party time.

When I finished high school, the partying continued on a nightly basis until I ended up in a Toronto hospital due to a drug overdose. After three months of care and recovery, the hospital released me with the warning to stay away from drugs and alcohol or I would end up in the hospital again - but this time for life!

Sadly, within six months of returning home, I was back to doing drugs and

drinking with a vengeance. Over time, despair crept in, leading to depression and hopelessness. In my early twenties, I started to consider suicide as an answer to these feelings and came to the conclusion that life was empty and meaningless.

After a long day of drinking and drug use, I ended up in a nightclub, where I asked myself, ***"Is this all there is to life? There must be more!"*** When I got home, I reached for a recently purchased Bible, opened it randomly, and began reading. Unfortunately, I didn't understand what I read. In anger and desperation, I raised my fist and cried out, ***"If there is a God, show me the truth!"***

Thankfully, God answered that prayer through a good friend of mine. She was experiencing the same issues as I was, but heard the gospel and found salvation in Christ. She invited me to her baptism, where I witnessed so many content and happy people. I wanted what they had!

That night I attended a gospel meeting where I heard for the first time about

God's love shown to sinners and His willingness to forgive me if I trusted His Son, Jesus Christ, as my Saviour. Romans 5:8 says, **"GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US."**

I decided to spend a night alone at a remote cabin to think about the gospel message. That evening, after reading several Bible verses, I asked Jesus Christ to save me and trusted that He died for me. I finally found the satisfaction that I was missing!

Have you ever experienced despair and hopelessness with this life? God sent His Son to die on the cross for your sins too. By trusting Him as your Saviour, you can have forgiveness and peace with God. Jesus promises, **"HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT"** (JOHN 6:37).

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