

The Springfield Redeemer



Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ... you may prove what is the good and perfect will of God.
Romans 12:2

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The Holy Ground has blessed Motivated By Faith Deliverance Ministries

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Greetings!!! I pray all will be encouraged by this article in this newsletter and that you will continue to follow and serve God. I also pray that as you

read my story, you will be open minded and if you haven't accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior that this may motivate you to do so.

Honestly, when you look at me you actually can see the scripture in Ephesians 3:20 where it says "now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh within us."

I haven't always had a personal relationship with God. I grew up knowing about Him through my grandmother's beliefs. My grandmother raised me from the age of a baby until around 9 years old. Every Sunday we were in church clapping our hands and singing songs. Some people were shouting and yelling the words (thank You, Lord)! I really didn't understand what was going on, but I believed in my grandmother, so I began to follow her example.

When my grandmother passed away and my life spiraled in many different directions, I never knew that God loved me so much until I experienced hardship. After the death of my grandmother I went looking for love, but I found something other than love. I found homelessness, drugs, men, depression, and suicide. These things became my way of living and for many years, I thought that this was the life that I was dealt. There was also another feeling, which was that I deserved better but I just didn't know how to obtain it. Many times I felt all alone and felt like no one cared, not even my immediate family.

Eventually, I realized everything that happened to me, or the things that I experienced, was nobody's fault but mine. I had made many bad decisions in life because I wanted to be grown up when I was still a child. As I got older, it became clear to me that I need help, but the question came to mind, who would care enough to do that? Through all this hardship, I never stopped believing in God, even though my life was unstable.

When I have shared my past with others, many have told me that I don't look like what I've been through. For example, I used to be very violent. Fighting was my solution to everything. I had never been taught how to deal with my emotions so I acted out. The last time I acted in violence, I went to jail. While I was incarcerated, I began to think about my

life. This wasn't the first time that I had been arrested, or that I had thought about my life. I do know that this was the first time I actually decided to do something different. Doing something different required me being honest with myself. This was not easy because it made me look at myself, all of me. I like to call it the good, the bad, and the ugly, because I believe that when you look at yourself from all these different perspectives, you see the truth which allows you to do something about your situation.

After doing a thorough review of my life, I called my lawyer. I explained to him how I didn't want to go back to my old lifestyle which consisted of being homeless and using drugs and alcohol. I requested that I go to a place called Safegate Deliverance Ministries in a place called Cross, South Carolina. My lawyer spoke with the judge and they granted me my wishes.

I never suspected that God would use the individuals at this place to show me that with God all things are possible, and through Him I am more than a conqueror who can do all things because He provides the strength that I need. God used this ministry to show me that there is no life without Christ. The longer I stayed at this ministry, the more I began to see the power of God.

I realize today, that because I decided to trust God, I am no longer that lost soul that I was. I feel I have had a similar experience to Peter, the fisherman, but once he met Jesus, he

immediately began to follow Him. Peter left his nets and I left the streets, but in both cases God used what we were familiar with to bring Him glory. God transformed Peter from fishing in the sea to a fisher of men; and God transformed me from being in the world to proclaiming the good news to the world. For once, I felt as if I have truly begun to walk on water with Jesus! There have been some great storms, but the storms I have faced built my faith to a higher level in God. I know God is not a respecter of persons. If He did it for me, truly He can do it for you.

Today I am currently preaching at the Holy Grounds Coffee House on Sunday at 10 a.m. My husband and I have been holding services at the Holy Grounds Coffee House for 4 years now. When we first started our services it was only my husband and I, but we remained faithful, trusting in God to give the increase. God definitely has used the Coffee House for healing, restoration, and teaching us all how to be God's family.

We are all imperfect but we serve a perfect God. Since we have been at the Coffee House, we have seen great miracles, of individuals who were homeless gaining stability. We have also witnessed mental health situations being transformed to more healthy thinking and living. We are grateful to God for all the transformation whether it was mental, physical, or spiritual. I invite all to come and be a part of this family at the Coffee House.

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES: 8 a.m.- Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene; 10 a.m.-Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim.

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. ***Come and be blessed studying the Bible with us!***

TUESDAY – Calling All men – 6:30 p.m. – for Meeting and Fellowship!

WED – Trust Jesus Recovery at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.(or later!)

THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.; FIAT 2nd and 4th Thursday 7 p.m.

1ST SATURDAY: February 1, "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHTS: Open Mic and Fellowship! Feb. 22, 2020, For details, call Cathy Marvici at 413-233-7242. 7 p.m.