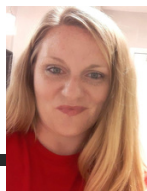


Breaking chains of addiction through our Lord Jesus Christ for 50 years



MISSION STORIES

The Testimony of Tabitha Butler



My name is Tabitha Butler and my story started much like the story in Acts 9:36-42 -

'Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.'

I started out with a heart of service for the Lord, but somewhere along the road my spirit was broken and

I feared that I was left for dead. But God, being the faithful loving Father that He is, never gave up on me. Even in the darkness I heard Him say "Tabitha...Arise!" I heard the Lord's voice telling me that I had to get my solid foundation in Him. I believed Him! I obeyed Him!

2 Timothy 4:17 says; *'But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.'*

God's miraculous intervention has restored my life. Now, I want to use God's life giving power and grace to be an example of the unfailing love of Jesus Christ.

Today I would like to say Thank You to my family for always loving me and praying for me. Also, to this beautiful place of refuge, Mission of Hope. I love you all and look forward to serving the Lord alongside you.



CAN YOU HANDLE THE TRUTH?

Devotional by Bro. Stan Givens

One of the most famous movie lines in my generation (other than quoting most of The Princess Bride) is when Jack Nicholas shouts, "you can't handle the truth!" in the movie, A Few Good Men. Who out there likes to be confronted with your failures, faults or sins, raise your hand! Most of us squirm even at the idea. Yet the Bible says we will reap what we sow (Galatians 6) and in Numbers 32 it says be sure your sins will find you out. God knows all your sins. The challenge is that it is in our nature to let fear grip our hearts when we are likely to be exposed. That fear causes us to do more damage to relationships than good. Consider Genesis 3:8-12 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. The most dangerous nature we have is to avoid God and Truth when we are in sin and making a mess of things. Our natural tendency is to run from God like Adam and Eve who were hiding from God in their full-fledged fig-leaf camouflage. (the original Mossy Oak)

And what about Peter when Jesus warns him about his weakness. In Luke 22:31-34 we read

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; 32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." 33 But he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!" 34 And He said, "I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me." NASU Instead of rushing to Jesus for advise and counsel Peter talks back. Pride leads us to be unwilling at times even to hear the Lord's warnings. The deep seated nature of man is to be gripped by fear when our sins are nearing the surface and to avoid God. So ask yourself, can you handle the truth? Are you willing to listen to God's corrective counsel and let him expose your sins and weaknesses. Joy and God's blessings are just on the other side of you letting down your guard and letting God cleanse you of the sins you need to affirm. 1 John 1:9 if we confess our sins, (five words that are our part), He (the rest is about God) is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Lets name our sins out as he confronts us with them - by name so they are confessed as sin. Then we can be in a healthy, holy relationship with God and one another.



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