

Mark Nelson's Testimony.

It all started in 2002 after having returned to London from Amsterdam.

I left Amsterdam after having had problems with alcohol and drug addictions and looking to change my life.

It was a challenging time but , I found a job which was short lived as having a limited education and only having experience in working in bars, it was all i could do.

Sadly I was fired and became a homeless person after having worked most of my adult life and actually having nothing to show for the work I had done for so many years.

Homeless life was quite difficult to come to terms with and also having mental health problems , I felt I was in alot of trouble.

One night , at a food hand out I was handed a Bible . I started reading it. I knew I needed Jesus in my life and I went down on my hands and knees and begged JESUS to forgive me and help me.

At the time I was suffering from acute paranoid schizophrenia , I was been tormented by evil voices in my mind.

There were some other voices that spoke to me with kindness and helped me tremendously as these voices encouraged me to read the Bible that was given to me.

As I read the Bible from beginning to end , the loud and evil voices seemed to be less painful. The worst thing was I started to smell and could not get rid of the smell , except when I would read the Bible , which was everyday and in a chronological order.

I eventually went on to read the entire KJV from Genesis to Revelation.

While all this was happening I met a social worker and psychiatrist who said they could help me. I agreed to be admitted to Hospital after treatment , I was still ill although I was given a place to stay which was an amazing gift after having been sleeping on cold concrete floors, and having painful muscles it was something extremely wonderful.

There were voices in my mind that told me to study, I then enrolled on a BTEC music technology course at Hammersmith and West London College where I completed my diploma with grade distinction.

After that I then enrolled at ELATT for a computer course which was quite basic and then went on to study website design and A+ computer maintenance courses. While I was studying I found a resource center(Turnaround E1) that offered access to information technology for free and of course I took full advantage of and eventually became a volunteer .

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I then enrolled on a software development course at Lambeth College where I was taught computer programming and software testing.

Not being satisfied with this I enrolled on a CCNA networking certified course which was extremely challenging but , learning how to discipline myself while studying , I pulled through it scoring great marks and a decent qualification.

While I was studying I also had to deal with mental health issues often suffering from low confidence and low self esteem , It was challenging. After 7 years of been under the care of the mental health services and been given all I ever needed , I also pursued my relationship with JESUS CHRIST. I have now applied to study Bsc Honours, Computer Science at University of Westminster. I was accepted unconditionally and felt an amazing debt of gratitude to God and all the people who helped make this dream a reality. Suffering mental illness is something a human being should never be subject to. I was trapped in a prison in my mind and felt totally isolated. I was possessed by demons and the more I read and read the Bible the more everything started to work out. I felt I had been forgiven and set free from alcohol and drug addictions and stopped smoking cigarettes. I started to feel clean again and I also felt that Jesus was lifting me up all the time, Its true when JESUS speaks about building a house on the rock. I still hear voices in my mind , but they do not worry me anymore , its like having a computer and artificial intelligence in my brain , that was actually how i learned to cope with my condition , I thought of myself as a computer and trained my mind and spirit with the Bible , books and the internet. I serve at Church and learned more and more everyday , I feel content and happy. The profound thing is that I can have nothing and have salvation in JESUS CHRIST , thats is all i need. JESUS satisfies my soul with love and joy and I am deeply indebted to those who have helped me on my spiritual walk , I have made some really great friends , I was given back my self respect and feel that I can do some really great things , for humanity. Even though I am poor , I am rich , what I have , no money could ever buy. I am dependant on medication , but life is fantastic and thanks to God and all the people He has brought into my life. I would Love to thank the NHS, my social workers who really took good care of me and helped make my life a lot more pleasant.

TurnaroundE1 in East London who have supported me unconditionally right through my study years and helped me build up my self confidence and experience.

The Church I attend where I have met some amazing people of God (City Gates Church on the Strand), Thanks so much for your support and have helped me in a way in which my thankfulness i cannot express.

All I can say , is that Faith and Hope can most certainly create surprising miracles in our everyday life.

Its never too late and I believe that everyone deserves a chance.

We live in a world in which People need each other , we cannot live without each other. I believe that compassion is something that is desperately needed as we live in a world of poverty and immense suffering. I believe that there are many who can change the circumstances of many , especially helping children who are deprived of the basic neccessities like food.

How do we justify a chair been sold and bought for £19,000,000 when there are children and human beings dying of starvation, what can a chair do ? I know that God is looking down and I know that He is sad that a huge price can be given for a chair that you sit on , how can a person sit on a chair like this knowing that there are people crying out day after day in terrible circumstances. I know that there will be justice , but yet I pray that there will be a change in heart of those who are in a position to bring happiness to a persons life , I believe that it would be priceless.

I pray that I can make a positive change in the World , although i am just a humble man who Loves JESUS. Thank You Lord for all you have done!
I LOVE YOU LORD JESUS.

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