


I was searching

Which way to ?

This is my testimony: the story of my life. The road I've walked may be close to your own in some ways. I hope this story is a blessing + encouragement to you. I'm sharing this out of concern + love hoping it will help + bless you.

It was the best of times and the worst of times - high school. Lots of friends, loads of fun, and plenty of parties - who could ask for more? Honor roll, outstanding music student, National Honor Society - the awards kept rolling in. But, I was searching.

Always the class clown - it was easy to win friends. Even the teachers would laugh at some of the outrageous comments and wisecracks. Everyone laughed and smiled, but, I was searching.

For satisfaction, I turned to making money. Cutting grass and delivering papers, I quickly amassed a "teenage-fortune." With it, I bought a new 10 speed, an elaborate stamp collection, and I soon turned my bedroom into a music lover's paradise - complete with stereo, tape player, and all the latest. But, something was missing.

"What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his own soul."
(Mark 8:36)

For excitement, I turned to many things.

Chasing after the Wind

No matter what I tried, it wasn't enough. I was searching.

Senior year was filled with football, Pizza Hut, Drive-in's, and Putt-Putt. We were having fun! But, I was searching.

Finally graduation came, and now it was off to college -

Big Ball Stat!!!

Just graduated from high school, now I was somebody! But, it wasn't long until I discovered that 17,999 other "somebody's" were here on campus, and I felt lost.

To be real honest with you - beneath all the honors and achievements, fun and foolishness:

Something Was Always Missing

There was an emptiness inside - a frustration that wouldn't go away, and I was searching.

"I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for my labor. When I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve - everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind."
(Eccl. 2:10-11)

The first year in college takes a lot of adjustment - new places, new faces, new classes, and new ideas. Soon, I became acquainted with some students on campus who seemed different somehow. They were happier - at peace with themselves. They talked about LMNG for Jesus Christ - not just half heartedly believing in God.

I saw that JESUS is the answer!

to my inner frustration and emptiness. To know Jesus personally makes life different! The Best!

I began to read books that showed beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Bible IS the word of God, that Jesus Christ DID rise from the dead, that the theory of evolution remains FULL of missing links and empty assumptions and that science actually points to creative design and a Creator, who - in his infinite wisdom and power created us and our world. I knew it was true. In the beginning God!

It was time to face the facts.

Genesis 1:1 God began + created your life.

Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to (God) the Father except through me." (John 14:6) and "I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10).

It was obvious to see that these students following Jesus were filled with joy, peace, and power. They were enthusiastic, and excited about life. I was convinced that I needed to COMPLETELY and WHOLEHEARTEDLY turn my life over to Christ - and so I DID!

It's been quite a few years now since I decided to give my life to the Lord, but it's the best thing I ever did! And...

My Life Has Changed!!!

In Jesus, God in the flesh, I have found joy beyond description, peace beyond understanding, and inner strength and power beyond comprehension. I don't yet fully understand HOW Jesus' sacrifice on the cross works - but I do know IT DOES WORK! Life still has times of trouble and pain. But Someone walks with me through all the trials. He is Faithful and True! He has befriended me on earth, snatched me from hell and leads me to Heaven. Forever.

What a Friend!

Now, what about YOU?

More than anything, I want you to know the joy, peace, and **Love** that WILL fill your life when you DECIDE to live for Jesus - in obedience to His commands, and wholehearted faith in His promises. I want you to meet Jesus! He wants to be your Best friend.

Friend, you need to know: "there is a way that SEEMS right to a man but in the end it leads to death!" (Prov. 14:12) and "Unless we repent (turn away from sin) we too will all perish." (Luke 13:5) We need to make friends with God!

Consider that: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever BELIEVES in Him shall NOT perish but have eternal life. Whoever believes in Him is NOT condemned, but whoever does NOT believe stands condemned already because he has not believed!" (John 3:16,18) He loves you! Jesus is eternal life! The way to Heaven.

But... It's our choice!

How do we choose?

"The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Eternal death is Permanent Separation from God + heaven Forever.

"Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man!" (Eccl. 12:13) Love waits. And Heaven is eternal Joy!

Times Change

Living your life - each day without Jesus Christ; You have been too blind to see That He is just what you need; To gain control of your life, You must surrender to Christ; Oh, can't you see? He's all you need!

Times change and you should too; Let your heart change inside-of-you; Let the Lord reign in all that you do; Jesus is waiting for you.

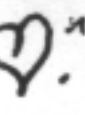
Now, "Repent and be baptized every one of you - in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven." (Acts 2:38)

There is no other way. He loves you. Heaven waits. For you.

Get yourself a Bible + read it. In those pages you'll find the truest + best love + friendship of all!

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His Name is Jesus.

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