

A Word Of Testimony

I was brought up in Fivemiletown on the Tyrone & Fermanagh border. Home was a loving Christian environment, for which I am forever grateful. I never remember a time when I was not aware of my need to get saved, as we attended Stonepark Baptist Church and Sunday School and any other meetings that my dad knew about in the area.

Despite this it was not until I was in my early teens and was attending local Special Meetings that I came under strong conviction of my sinful state and I bowed the knee and asked Christ to come into my life and be my Saviour.

My walk as a Christian was at first easy and I made progress until I left school and entered the world of work, which at first was at home in the family business, but I also worked part-time away from home and it was during this time that I was exposed to the temptations of the world and subsequently I found myself in a backslidden state.

All through this time I still attended Stonepark Baptist Church on weekends at home and on many occasions came under conviction. This came to a head when I went along to a mission with my dad and every word the preacher spoke seemed to be directed at me. When we got home I went to my room and asked God to forgive me for the way I was living and to give me strength to resist temptation, and he did.

About ten years ago my parents retired and moved to the North Coast, where they started to attend this church. I soon followed them and met my future wife, Sharon. We now have three children, Rebekah, Aaron and Lois. There have been ups and downs in our lives, but we have proved God's keeping and loving care throughout.

As I finish I would plead with any who read this but are not yet saved, do not put off to tomorrow what you can do today as our God will never fail you.

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