

TESTIMONY OF TERESA

My name is Teresa and I want to share the good news of the Glory of Jesus.

Since I was a small child, I was lonely, empty and felt different, so naturally I got involved with drugs. Temporarily, I thought that I had found the cure. Naturally, I progressed from pot to coke to meth and then heroin and the crimes of prostitution, theft, embezzlement and manufacturing, going back and forth between feeling like a success in my crimes and addictions to life-crushing lows. I took heroin to die, not to get high. Then I took 300 to 500 pills so I could commit suicide. I hated my life & tried suicide several times before but I did not die. I made sure this time. They said that I had no blood pressure or heart rate; everything was failing so they put me on life support. My family had a prayer circle going and after the doctor said that I wouldn't make it, a miracle happened. I was brought back. It was after that I brought my life to Christ, after 48 years of corruption. I went to a church one Sunday because I still did not feel like living anymore. I prayed the sinner's prayer that day & they gave me a small book. That was it. I had no idea about prayer and what to do. I was nagged continually by the spirit of unbelief and many other spirits I didn't know about. Then I realized that I had off-and-on been playing with occult practices and had no idea it was evil. I wasn't bodily possessed by demons but I was oppressed, harassed and by many! They lied to me about everything from the Bible to myself and the people around me. I had no clue about spiritual warfare.

Then a friend took me to Mel Novak's Bible Study. After his 2 hour teaching, he said the Holy Spirit had told him I needed to rededicate my life to Christ. I was amazed because he knew nothing about my plight. In fact, I had told him I had accepted the Lord a year and a half ago. When the Lord is "knocking," sometimes he's "banging." After the study, Christians prayed over me for healing & bound up the demons in Jesus name. I know they fled. Mel also gave me an arsenal prayer that I do daily and just as God promised, the darkness became light! I have joy! Material wise, I'm at the lowest point in my life and I have joy in that! This once miserable person is Happy!! Thank you Mel for showing me the way.

There is one Scripture in particular I held onto during my time of darkness, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isa. 41:10)

I wish I could describe the Glory of God. I can only tell you that if you ask Jesus into your life, you **WILL** find peace in the battlefield of your mind and soul. After almost dying many times, God always had His hand on me. Recently, Mel took me to give my testimony at the Union Rescue Mission services, men's & women's. I want to continue to serve God in any way I can. It is such a blessing to know He really loves me, and just like it says on Mel's answering machine, "with an everlasting love."

— Love, Teresa