

I Was Set Free – And I’m Never Going Back!

There was a time I thought I had to sit in my shame.
Sit in the corner, like a prisoner of my past mistakes.
Sit and soak in the sin that once defined me, the pain that once controlled me, and the false identity the enemy tried to keep me bound in.

But not anymore.

Jesus set me free – and I am never going back!

Years ago, I broke out of that invisible prison. The chains of shame, guilt, sin, and victimhood fell off me like heavy weights. I realized I wasn’t meant to sit in my sorrow—I was meant to **stand in His grace**, walk in His light, and run forward with purpose!

God didn’t create me to be stuck in the past. He created me to *live free* in His mercy.

And friend, when Jesus sets you free, you are **free indeed** (John 8:36)!

I don’t walk in chains anymore—I walk *boldly* with God.
I don’t hang my head—I lift it high, because I know who I belong to.
I’m not a victim of my past—I’m a victor through Jesus Christ.

Even now, in the ups and downs, the hard days and the joyous ones, I stay close to Him. Through trials and tribulations, through spiritual tests and life’s wild turns—I pray. I trust. I lean in. And you know what? **He always gets me through.**

He promised He would never leave me nor forsake me—and He never has. Not once.

Even when I made bad choices.

Even when I strayed off the narrow road.

Even when I doubted myself, and maybe even doubted Him.

He never gave up on me.

He saw the teaching heart **He** put in me when I was just a little girl. He knew my future when I was still tangled in my past. He held on while I wrestled and wandered—and when I finally collapsed in His arms again, He welcomed me back with joy.

And now? ***I teach His Word with boldness.*** I love to pray, encourage, laugh, and shout about His goodness. Because if He did it for me, He can do it for anyone.

So, if you're sitting in shame or bound in guilt, let me speak this over you:

You don't belong in prison.

You belong in His presence.

You don't have to wear those old labels.

Jesus has a new name and a new life for you.

Walk in it.

Run in it.

Dance in it!

Live free.

And never forget—when Jesus sets you free, there is no turning back.

Let's walk boldly together, bestie. Jesus already paid the price!

Lovingly sharing from my heart to yours,

Love ya!

Sincerely, from my heart, Stephanie Smith

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