

a Soldier's TESTIMONY (CAREFUL what you ask for)

I had been forced out of my two story condo a few years back and I wasn't happy that someone was able to purchase over 80% of the residences where I live and eventually obtain my forever home. But, I was able to get more money than they wanted to pay, because of the help from a friend. However, it wasn't going to be enough money to buy another condo of the same size, since the market had exploded.

This meant that I was going to have to downgrade into a mobile or possibly have to start looking for a room to rent. It did help though, that the buyer offered to help me move using his trucks and employees that he employed at his company. The move took several trips, several trucks and about half a dozen men and after that last load, they finally were able to drive away. To return one last time a few months later, to help retrieve my remaining things from storage.

I then found myself looking at maybe 60 boxes to unpack and no ambition to do anything except watch TV and sleep on the floor, since I had left most of my furniture behind. However my friend, the person that had helped me, had been very persistent in letting me know that I needed to complete my repairs and to start unpacking and he also wanted to come over to see my place and he had been waiting for almost a year.

Eventually, his pressure paid off and the new paint was put on, the floors were laid and the unpacking began. Leading to the completion of a self contained home, that is very comfortable for me. I then became restless, finding myself online and looking for something to do to get me out of my home. Searching online I happened upon a home church listing that was placed on a map in the Las Vegas area for people who were seeking prayers, healing and more. This caught my attention and I decided to call the Pastor to find out what I could about the home church. I also had not been in a church for some time and my history of attendance accounted

for mostly me showing up on Sunday and leaving right away.

I found this church very nice. Unfortunately, the Uber ride took about 30 minutes each way and I needed to make a choice to possibly find another place to worship that was closer to where I live. So, I started looking and I would search using the word "church" in my own zip code and in my location. But the choices all seem to be on the east side of the Las Vegas strip, which raised concerns of the traffic and more time needed to get there.

Thankfully after several months of searching, I was eventually inspired to run a search using the word "ministry" and one popped up that was close to my home. Go figure! So, I called the Pastor there and made plans to go visit. It has now been just over a year and I am still going to this church and I enjoy learning about Jesus from the Pastor and he does a good job at putting it all together, so that everyone has a good take on what his message is. Everyone there has also been very loving and kind, making my new life adjustment much easier to manage.

Looking back, I had begun seeing and studying the enemy. Then realized that my focus needed to be on Jesus and this led me to enroll in a Theology University online, where I have completed a good amount of study and have recieved certificates of completion and credits. I had gotten this hunger to learn and I wanted to show my commitment to the Lord, so I decided to get resaved and rebaptized. I also wanted to get baptized in the Holy Spirit and this was done. To confirm my commitment to Him.

Recently and just about 4 months ago, I had asked if He would keep me busy and I have to say, that I no longer consider myself to be retired at 67. Since I am busier than ever.

Praise God.