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My name is Bobbi Lineman. I graduated from the Women's Refuge on October 31st, 2019. It was on January 31st when I came face to face with the all mighty power of God! That was the day of my salvation - when I became a child of God. That was the day I decided to go to the Women's Refuge program, just a few days after I was released from jail in Orlando. I will never forget that day. I know that in my heart there was a battle unfolding right at that moment for my soul. I could feel the tug of myself and the desire to keep feeding my sin, but on the other hand I could feel the hand of God on my shoulder, warm with love, gently holding me. At that moment I bent the knee and gave everything to God and began listening to His voice. I submitted myself to Him and amidst all the unknowns, I was filled with peace and excitement to begin my journey. I left Orlando to begin the never-ending process of getting to know my Creator.

There are four words that resound the most within my heart that I carry with me since walking the path of enlightenment at the Women's Refuge, and they are: Restoration, Gratitude, Hope and Forgiveness. The Women's Refuge with God's guidance gave me the tools to help me through each and every day. I am so grateful for all the carefully picked lessons that have helped open my eyes. One of the lessons that I draw from often is Andy Stanley's, Boundaries. It has helped me establish healthy boundaries in my recovery from addiction.

God has also opened the door for restoration in my relationship with my family. My youngest daughter Maya has come to live with me in Orlando again attending online school. My oldest daughter Skylar and I are rebuilding our relationship, and with each day she is trusting me more and more. Our relationship has blossomed beyond what I could dream of. They are forgiving me, I forgive me, and Jesus forgives me. I am so grateful for His grace and love. My oldest brother has also given me another chance to be in his life. I have enrolled in school for esthetics and massage at the Aveda Institute in Winter Park and will graduate from both programs in April 2022. God has provided His manna, which feeds my soul now. His words lift me up and help guide me through every day. He provides the tools that help me with life. I know that He is always with me, so I never feel alone anymore. One of my favorite scriptures is **Hebrews 12:2 "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."** Amen! I will be forever thankful for the love and support that the Women's Refuge provided for me on this beautiful journey.... a forever journey to get to know my Creator! **Ephesians 1:18-21 "Having the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come."**

Today I have hope! Today I have Jesus in my heart! Thank you to all the loving minds and hands that created a safe place to facilitate learning at the Women's Refuge - a very special loving home with God filling up every space inside and out.



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