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"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death." Rev 12:11

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'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.' John 12:24

I am here to submit my personal testimony, I really don't have enough pages to write all of it down in detail or indeed all of the things that Jesus has done for me!

As a small child I heard the gospel many times however all I could remember was hell and God being angry and how He would punish you. So after these children's meetings as a small child I would come home and cry to my daddy and ask over and over if I was saved and if they were saved and then I would go over all my loved ones. This went on for a few years. I used to ask Jesus into my heart all the time, just in case He didn't hear me!

I don't recall anyone really telling me about Jesus' love I only remember the scary things. As I hit my teens I started to forget all about God, I started to develop other interests including smoking at 10 years old and drinking at 13 years, it was only a matter of time and I would start to experiment with drugs at age 15. It developed into a vicious circle all my teenage life. I was confused, I had no idea who I was and always felt a 'gap' in my life. I tried filling this gap with all the worldly things but I was never happy.

At 23 I fell pregnant and suffered severe post-natal depression, which carried on for many years. I was on sleeping pills, anti-depressants including Diazepam for many years. My drinking just got worse and in my depression I felt as though I was in a bubble all the time. Then I started to develop suicidal thoughts, these

haunted me all day and night. I could not get these thoughts out of my head. At one point I was frightened of what I might do to my child and feared I would even take his life! I went onto a website to find out how I could gas myself and my son in my car. I felt I was out of control in every area of my life. When it came to the bit I couldn't carry it out because of the deep sense and fear of going to hell. This continued for years and then I met a man who I thought would have helped me but the pain and hurt was still there and my drinking just got worse.

I had a nervous breakdown as a result in Jan 2007, I was referred to psychiatrists and one week before my wedding I was caught and convicted of drink driving in Aug 2007. I could no longer cope and always had God at the back of my thoughts over all the years of depression. My marriage broke up after only 6 weeks, it was at this point of utter despair that I knew I had to give my life to God; I couldn't do it on my own anymore. On the 23rd October I gave my life to Jesus! WOW! WOW! What a night! I was immediately set free from my depression, suicidal thoughts and everything else instantly! To my amazement my husband gave his heart to the Lord the very same night just after me and yet neither of us were aware that we had both been saved, when we did we got back together and had a beautiful baby girl together and of course we couldn't name her anything other than Faith!

After a while the problems of the past started to come back and haunt both of us, we separated when Faith was only 6 months old. Although I kept my faith and I loved the Lord for what He had done in my life, I started to get very bitter and angry towards my husband because it was easier for me to hate him than to feel the pain. That's how I coped all my life I buried my pain deep down inside and then turn it into anger. I started divorce proceedings, then on the 30th June 2010 I had a house fire and lost all our belongings, through it all I knew that God was carrying me and it was at this point that God really started to work in my life dramatically. He started by making me face and deal with my past hurts one by one. I had cancelled my divorce proceedings in faith just before the fire but my anger started to rise again and divorce proceedings were commenced again a second time following the fire!

All the while though people were praying for me through the Walking in the Light Ministries (UK) Global Prayer Network for my marriage, people in over 29 different

countries. Eventually God in His amazing gentle, loving and unforceful way healed me from the inside out! He used my terrible circumstances in my life and worked them all for His glory and honor. It is two years after our initial separation and my husband and I are miraculously re-united. Only God can heal and restore and I love Him more everyday for where He has brought me from what He has done in my life. I thank Him for turning around my situation and how He was able to turn around something that the enemy meant for harm and bad, turn it all for the good, and make all things new.

No matter what trials you are facing hold tight to Jesus and His promise through His sacrifice and atoning blood on the cross His power will turn all this around! Therefore, I would like to offer a big, big thank you to all the Walking in the Light Ministries (UK) Global Prayer Network intercessors for praying and lifting me up in their prayers. They were well and truly answered. God is good always! Keep up the good work and continue seeing lives changed by the power of prayer.

God bless, your sister in Christ

Hilary Hunter.

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