

A WORD OF TESTIMONY

I thank God for the privilege of being brought up in a Christian home. There were five of us, three boys and two girls, with me being the eldest. From an early age we were taken along to church and Sunday school and there we were faithfully taught the Word of God. I knew from an early age that we were all born sinners and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3 v 23) and of our need of salvation. I can thankfully say that I never tasted the things of the world or had any desire to, yet I knew that I was a sinner and needed to be saved, but thought I was too young. One thing that did really trouble me was the Lord's return, I knew in my heart that I was not ready and if He came back I would be left behind, many a night I remember waking up and going to my mum and dad's bedroom to check if they were still there.

It was not until May 1987 that God really began to speaking to me. Pastor Ward had just moved to Kilkeel and I remember sitting in the meetings under conviction, also at that time there was a gospel mission in Newcastle, conducted by Mr Noel Grant and on Monday night the 18th May 1987 I went along with Mum and Dad. I could not tell you what he was speaking on but I knew that night I needed to get right with God because this could be my last chance. After the meeting I spoke to Mr Grant and he led me to the Lord.

Since then God has truly blessed me, although at times life has not been easy and you begin to question God, why? I know that I have let God down many times, I thank Him that He has not forgotten me. He says in *Isaiah 41 v 10* "*Fear thou not for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, yea will I help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of of my righteousness*". In 2002, I met Carl and the following year we were married, this brought big changes for me with having to move from home, leave my job and move to a new area, but I can truly say that God has led and guided and as a family He has really blessed us.

I wonder as you have read this do you know Christ as your Saviour, have you repented of your sin and trusted Him as it says in *Romans 10 v 13* "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*"

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