

My Story

My life before Christ was a simple one all throughout school until I graduated from high school. My mother, grandmother and my aunts have always taught me about The Lord and his characteristics, how He sent His only son to die on the cross for our sins. However, I had never applied those teachings to my everyday life. Growing up, my dad had always taught me to be self-sufficient and independent. Having that mind set had both its pros and cons, but mostly its cons once I fully decided to dedicate my life to Christ. Throughout high school, I had always kept a hard heart to people out of fear of being hurt or exposed to others on an emotional level. Time and time again I had my feelings hurt by friends and family, being bullied all throughout middle school, learning how to love myself and dealing with the fear of being lonely were and still are a big challenge for me. After a while, my heart had become so hard that I kept it closed from God.

It was not until freshman year second semester that I had fully experienced a heart change. Judy and Anne (members of the church) had invited me to their church event called "Revive All Hearts". At first I had brushed it off because of not wanting to go, but after a few times of them asking me I eventually gave in. The first night of that event changed my life for the better. That first night was full of loving, honest people, and some good music. The teachings that I received from my family started to come back to me, especially my Aunty Debera's. She had always taught me to be dependent on the Lord and no one else. The necklace that I wear around my neck was indirectly given to me from her, and I keep it as a constant reminder of her and her teachings.

Attending Vintage Faith helped me to love myself more, and not to be afraid of making friends and being vulnerable to them. I realized that having such a hard heart for so many years disabled me from being able to fully immerse myself in God's word and His love. My life now is nowhere near perfect, in fact I struggle more now than I ever have before because I know how much He loves me and wants me to let go and to trust Him. My walk with Christ gets brighter each day which is what keeps me on the right path towards eternity.

