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# Looking for Peace?

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**H**i, my name is Jenny. I do not wish to “glorify” my bad behavior; but rather, I want to show you just how good God is and what He did for me. I did not grow up in a Christian home. Instead, I grew up watching adults who took advantage of children; and therefore, believed adults were not to be trusted. Unfortunately, I also learned that I had something that men wanted and I could get my needs met by getting their “needs” met. I believed that I had to fight for everything in life, including safety.

I had actually started drinking around age 6, and my drug choices grew greater and more powerful the older I got. When I was 15, I moved to another state where I was introduced to angel dust and ended up homeless on the streets. I came back to Illinois, where I met my first husband at age 17. Within 2 years, I gave birth to two boys. I was able to stay clean during those two years, however, it was not before the darkness inside came back. My husband was a good man by the world’s standards, but I was lonely and angry. This led to a divorce from my husband.

After my divorce, I went from man to man and drug to drug but was never satisfied. I gave birth to a daughter in 2006. I wanted to “get clean” for my kids, and I tried many times. I could not figure out why I was such a

horrible person. I signed temporary custody of my two older boys over to their father and lost custody of my daughter to her father. It was shortly after this that I met the father of my fourth child. This child, my third son, was born addicted to opiates and I lost custody of him immediately as the Department of Children/Family Services were involved.

I was so lost in my addiction and literally drowning in my own misery. I attended approximately ten secular rehabs, mental hospitals, and had multiple jail visits. There seemed to be no hope that I would ever live a “normal” life. But God had a plan. On Easter Sunday in 2010, I met the Truth that would make me free! I found the Answer – Jesus Christ! The problem was that I still did not know how to access Him and His power! I left jail, trying “harder to do better” and in May of 2011, I found myself in the Winnebago County Jail again after a failed suicide attempt. Behind bars again, I sought the Lord. In a Bible, I found Jeremiah 33:3, “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” Within two hours of earnestly praying that verse, the foster mother of my son (his father’s sister) bailed me out of jail and told me about Reformers Unanimous.

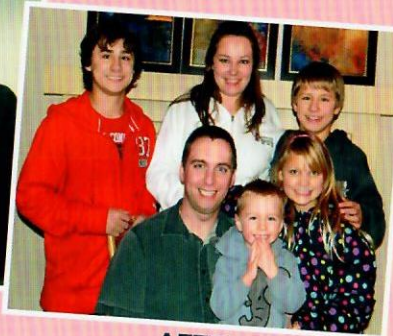
I now know that jail was just an address...in my soul, I had been in prison for years. I was in bondage to crack, alcohol, heroin, an immortal lifestyle, anger, and bitterness. Through the ministry of RU, I have learned how to die...not through suicide, but to my wants, my desires, my thoughts. I no longer seek to please people, but instead seek to please God. Galatians 1:10 says, “For

do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.” I finally found the one and only thing that could fill the void within me and remove the darkness within! It was then I discovered the most amazing feeling...it was called peace.

Exodus 14:14 says, “The Lord shall fight for you and you shall hold your peace.” God did just that. Though all odds were against me, I married the father of my youngest child and in 2013, our son came to live with us. I also had the opportunity to lead my three oldest children to the Lord. Today, I am no longer full of rage, but of gratitude for allowing me to experience the things in my life that have led me to depend on Him completely...and there is no one more trustworthy!



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# You can have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ

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## 1. **UNDERSTAND that God loves you.**

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

## 2. **ADMIT that you are a sinner.**

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

## 3. **REALIZE the penalty of your sin.**

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

## 4. **BELIEVE that Jesus Christ died to pay the price for your sins and rose from the dead.**

Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

## 5. **TRUST and RECEIVE Christ alone as your Savior.**

Romans 10:9, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

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