

**MY TESTIMONY**  
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The story of my life with Christ begins when I was eight years old. At this point, my mom was the director of one of the youngest groups of the AWANA club at our church, the Sparks, and I was a very young and impressionable member. At prayer time, this particular night, my mom began the prayer that she said nearly every week: “If there’s anyone here who has never accepted Christ into their hearts, they can do so now. If you would like to do this, repeat in your heads after me—‘Dear Lord, I know that I’m a sinner. I know that you sent your Son, Jesus, to die to save me from my sins. Please forgive me for my sins and let Jesus come into my heart. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. Amen.’ If you just prayed this prayer, (every head bowed and every eye closed) please raise your hand.” I was sitting in the front row on an old frayed carpet. With my hands covering my face, I raised my hand. My mom had led me to Christ. I never forgot that day.

However, seven years later when I was fifteen, I faced a crisis. I had begun to really start reading the Bible, and I was disturbed because I felt that perhaps I wasn’t truly saved. For days and days I would sit on the floor at the end of my bed and pray and read my Bible and cry—overwhelmed with confusion and guilt. Finally, I stumbled across the verse in which God says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” At last! I felt that God was speaking directly to me, telling me that even though I was confused, He had been there with me the whole time, patiently guiding me and waiting for me to come to terms with my feelings.

I can’t say that life has always been easy for me just because I’m a child of God. However, I can say that God has always been there to help me, never leaving me alone for an instant. It’s so comforting to know that He’s always there, willing to lend a hand if only I’ll lift up my voice and ask.

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