

MY STORY: I WAS

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I WAS...

My name is _____ and I grew up in _____.

Before giving my heart to God, my life/heart was _____

_____.

I believed I would be happy if I _____.

For example, it wouldn't be uncommon for me to _____

_____ to try to fill the emptiness in my heart.

After awhile, my behavior began to make me feel _____

_____, and that wasn't working for me.

THEN JESUS...

At this point in my life, my belief about God was _____.

But it wasn't until I heard (or experienced) _____

and that Jesus _____ that I began to

consider trusting God with my life. I finally decided that I wanted to receive Jesus as

my Savior, so when I was _____, I proceeded to

_____. Afterwards, I didn't view _____

as my ultimate source of happiness anymore. I now know that the only way to finally

receive joy and contentment is _____.

SAMPLE: I WAS...

My name is Miles McPherson and I grew up in Long Island, New York. Before giving my heart to God, my life/heart was empty and lost, searching for purpose. I believed I would be happy if I was good at football, got high on drugs, and dated girls. For example, it wouldn't be uncommon for me to get high every day and workout five to six days a week to try to fill the emptiness in my heart. After awhile, my behavior began to make me feel hopeless and lost, and that wasn't working for me.

SAMPLE: THEN JESUS...

At this point in my life, my belief about God was that He loved me, but I only understood it in the context of religion. But it wasn't until I heard (or experienced) the gospel and that Jesus wanted to have a relationship with me that I began to consider trusting God with my life. I finally decided that I wanted to receive Jesus as my Savior, so when I was lying on my couch at five in the morning, I proceeded to pray and ask Him to forgive me. Afterwards, I didn't view drugs, football, and dating as my ultimate source of happiness anymore. I now know that the only way to finally receive joy and contentment is by obeying Jesus with all my heart.

Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9; Luke 19:1-10

I accepted Jesus' invitation into a relationship through a prayer, which outlined the terms and conditions of our relationship. It's as simple as ABC and went something like this:

Gospel A-B-C's

Father, I **A**dmit that I am a sinner and that my sin has brought death and destruction into my life, my relationships with people, and my relationship with God.

Romans 3:23, 6:23

I **B**elieve that Jesus died for my sins and that His death paid the penalty for my sins.

Romans 5:8

I **C**onfess or agree that Jesus is Lord, that He died and rose from the dead, and is able to forgive me of my sins. **Romans 10:9-10**

Jesus, I trust that You love me and can hear my prayer. By faith, I ask You to please forgive me and fill me with the Holy Spirit. I surrender my life to You. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Do you understand that prayer and would you be interested in accepting Jesus' invitation into a relationship?

Lord, please prepare my three friends for the gospel.

1. _____ tag: drugs, prison, rape, cancer, suicide, _____?

2. _____ tag: drugs, prison, rape, cancer, suicide, _____?

3. _____ tag: drugs, prison, rape, cancer, suicide, _____?

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