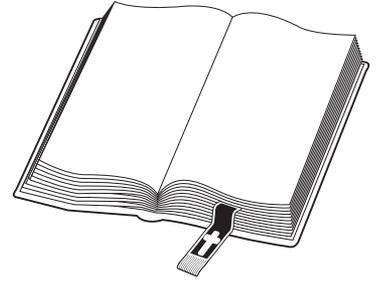


God's Truth Sets Me Free

*"I have chosen the way of truth;
Your judgments I have laid before me." Psalm 119:30*



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When I gave my life to Christ, I was in a lot of bondage. I was like someone in prison. I was in bondage to a lot of sinful habits and sinful thoughts like pride, bitterness, unforgiveness, anger, selfishness, and self-righteousness. Jesus is Truth, so in accepting Him as my Savior, I had made my first choice towards allowing God's truth to set me free!

As a new believer, I would read my Bible and pray daily. The more I learned about Jesus and His love for me, the more I came to love Him and to wanted my life to glorify Him.

The Holy Spirit led me to John 8:31-32, which reads, *"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'" Here I saw the importance of a close relationship with Jesus Christ and that God's Word was the Truth that alone could set me free. John 16:13-14 reads, "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."*

For the first time in my life, I had HOPE! Daily I would ask the Holy Spirit to guide me to the scriptures I needed. He was not only faithful to lead me to the truth that would set me free, but He also gave me the power to obey those truths! He led me to Ephesians 4:22-31 that clearly told me the things that the Lord wanted me to stop

doing and the way *He wanted me to live*. I had tried so many things in my lifetime; nothing worked or lasted. However, I experienced peace, joy, and *freedom that lasted* every time I applied the truths of God's Word. The Holy Spirit gave me the power to repent of my sins, the power to humble myself and ask forgiveness, and the power to forgive those who had sinned against me.

Every time I obeyed the truths of God's Word, I experienced Isaiah 61:1-3. The Lord healed my broken heart. He opened my prison doors and set me free. He comforted me. He gave me beauty for ashes and joy for mourning. He removed my heaviness and gave me a heart of praise and of joy. I thank God for HIS AMAZING GRACE.

From a childhood of physical and sexual abuse for 16 years and living in constant fear with no hope in an alcoholic home, the Lord has set me free and turned all my sorrow and sin into an international ministry. I have the joy of teaching God's truth in many churches and retreats throughout the world.

Beloved, what He did for me, He will do for you. Unbeliever, I want to encourage you today to surrender your life to Jesus Christ. He alone can save your soul, and He alone can help you through life's sorrows.

— *Janice McBride*

All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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