

# WHY ON EARTH AM I HERE ?



In *Deuteronomy 30:19* the Word of the Lord recommends the following :

*I am now giving you the choice between life and death, between God's blessing and God's curse, and I call heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Choose life so that you and your seed may live.*

Not being aware of this, I had my own 2 specific dreams for my life,  
The 1<sup>st</sup> one was to have a happy family and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one was to become a medical Doctor.

I will give you a bit of background about how all of this unfolded in my life:

Coming from a dysfunctional and broken home, I longed to have a secure family unit. I got married at 22 to a man 20 years my senior, who had custody of his 3 sons. I suddenly had an instant family. We were a happy and close family unit. After our 1<sup>st</sup> yr we had a daughter. My life was idyllic! But both of us carried baggage with us which complicated our relationship.

7 years later my 1<sup>st</sup> dream was shattered when my husband and I got divorced and our once happy family unit fell apart and we were all tumbled into deep pain, like being in a dark muddy pit. We did not make wise choices.



With my 2<sup>nd</sup> dream life's negative circumstances did not completely overwhelm me. It did cause me though to decide to study Radiography instead, a much shorter, easier attainable goal. I completed my course and enjoyed working as a Radiographer, helping people. In this instance I experienced the positive consequences of the good choice I made.

Although I didn't know God's love from when I was a child. He was busy developing His calling on my life not only through positive life experiences but especially through the hardships. I suffered from rejection from childhood.

At 34 I thought nobody loves me understands nor appreciates me.  
I felt like a failure. I had come to the end of myself.



I am so grateful that God is a merciful & loving God, who seeks us, who intervenes in our lives at the right time, who wants to help us attain our goals and directs us into our calling here on earth. At a time when I was desperately lonely, depressed with different unresolved health issues, I was without any significant help. I was confused by new age and other religions, disillusioned with Doctors and Christians and had given up hope. Yes, I was back in the pit, I had been treading in the mud at the bottom of that pit for too long. From deep inside my heart came a call towards God.

It was exactly what David wrote in *Psalms 40:1-4*

*I waited for the Lord's help; then he listened to me and heard my cry. He pulled me out of a dangerous pit, out of the deadly quicksand. He set me safely on a rock and made me secure. He taught me to sing a new song, a song of praise to our God. Many who see this will take warning and will put their trust in the LORD.*

And this is how it happened for me :



The Lord brought a sincere christian lady into my life, who didn't preach to me at all. Her name was Ruth. I felt completely accepted by her for who I was. After some time she invited me to church on Mother's day. I had no intention of becoming a christian but I accepted her invitation because I was lonely and she was so kind. The Holy Spirit and God's love was so tangibly present there and He met a deep longing for appreciation and love as the pastor blessed mothers. The tears streamed down my face and everyone just let me be.

It makes me think of the following scripture in **Isaiah 54:7,8**

***"For one brief moment I left you; with deep love I will take you back. I turned away for only a moment, but I will show you my love forever." So says the LORD who saves you.***

During the next few weeks a number of dramatic events happened, which confirmed God's intervention in my life. As I read His Word, He revealed His ways and opened my eyes to the wrong choices I made.

He brought me to the Fountain of Living Water and I was drinking and gulping it down. As I was being washed by the Word, I could confess my wrongdoings and made restitution where I had wronged others. Wonderful peace entered my heart. I decided to turn my back on my old ways and follow Jesus whole heartedly. The most wonderful thing was that I was not lonely anymore, because Jesus was living in my heart by His Holy Spirit. I could talk to Him in prayer anytime. I felt so understood! But it didn't stop there, He gave me solid solutions to my problems and conflicts. He offered unfailing guidance in every area of my life.



Even more blessings followed : He restored our marriage as well as other relationships.

In time, as I got to know Him more, I could open my heart and He helped me to deal with my hurtful past. He healed my emotions as well as my body. Jesus became my Great Physician.

**The scripture in Romans 8:28** became a reality in my life where it says : ***We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose.***

His plans and purposes in my life started to unfold even more as I have the privilege of interceding for others, for salvation but especially for emotional and physical healing, and through that fulfilling the law of Christ.

It is now 25 years later. The Lord has saved some of my family members' souls, brought one out of drugs, healed another one from blood cancer, protected each my children from deathly encounters and has always proved for all our needs through the years, to give a few examples. The Lord has also strengthened my poor eyesight 3 times and I am trusting for more.

I have found the Lord to be true and faithful to His Word, even though I have failed Him many times, He has never left me nor forsaken me. He has worked out so many things for me, not always the way I wanted it, but always for the best.

**Jeremiah 29:11** ***I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for.***

I hope this testimony is an encouragement for you to find your purpose in Christ too.

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