Anthony Corley's Testimony

Hello my name is Anthony Corley. I am 25 years old, now serving a 4 year prison term because I chose the life of crime.

It all started when I was young, my mom started doing drugs plus her boyfriend that I called Dad, but wasn't my real Dad though, he got stabbed to death. My Mom kept going to jail and I was running the streets with her at 2 years old staying in and out of drug houses but all that built up in a young boys mind.

Then my Mom went to jail for a while then my Aunt raised me until I was 7. But my Mom changed and went to a rehab home, she was a better person and she left the drugs alone. So we moved to Sacramento when I was 7 years old because my Mom felt that she wanted to start over. We were both going to Church. I was going to Sunday school and everything was going alright, then my Mom met this man that now is my Step Dad, they broke up but he's still my Dad. But he took the father role because my real Dad wasn't there at the time.

At around 10 years old my real Dad tried to be in my life but he couldn't accept me for who I was, he always wanted to change me. My real Dad was kind of racist and I grew up with blacks so he used to look at me differently but he's my father so he shouldn't judge me. My Mom taught me to treat everyone how you want to be treated and don't be racist. Because in our family we have, white, Indian, black and Mexican, we have a mixed family but that stayed in my mind as a little boy that this man I just met at 10 years old is my real Dad and he doesn't

like me and doesn't accept me for who I am. It kept building up from there.

My family was never rich and my mom use to get child support for me but she use to spend it on my little sister. So as a teenager I wanted things that were in style so I started stealing from stores then sell the merchandise at school so I could get what I wanted. So that led into moving with my Aunt in a rougher neighborhood and I started selling drugs and I got addicted to the fast money, jewelry, cars, girls; all the material stuff, so school wasn't my priority no more; surviving was. So eventually it led me to being a gang member, a big misstake so I started going to jail. I wasn't really into drugs; I was more into alcohol and smoking marijuana. But when I would drink I would black out and turn into a madman and use to hurt people and be a terrible person that I regret being.

I went to jail again and I calmed down some. I was still hustling although I never stopped that because that was my way of surviving but I did slow down on the gang stuff and hanging out.

I met a female that changed me for a while until we had a baby girl named Harmony. So it was stressful, I'm not gonna lie and say it was easy but you had two young parents that weren't ready but were in love. But I was still in the life of crime running around like a chicken with its head cut off to provide for my girl and my daughter. It was real stressful because it seems like every time I turned around we needed this or that but we really didn't. But everyone gets addicted to the material things because it makes us happy.

So I was stressed out so my way to deal with it all was to drink but with me I can't stop at one drink and this was after a

year of not drinking so I started back up drinking a lot and fighting with my girl all the time. So the night that it all went downhill I was drinking all day, hanging out with the so called friends of mine that I had. I finally went home started fighting with my girl in our apartment but led me into leaving and I did a robbery with a gun; another big mistake.

I went to jail fighting this case but I was stressed so I was praying to God but it was for all the wrong reasons, so I took my time because as a man I knew what I did so I went to prison not knowing how rough it was going to be. I started getting into trouble back to back, getting write ups, and maxing out on my full 4 years. So I finally broke down and turned to God when I was in the hole asking him to guide me through a positive path and to protect me and watch over me and to make it home safe. So I started going to the services and started to do Bible study courses which I have a few certificates for, plus a lot of good and positive things were happening to me and still to this day they are, so I'm still improving myself in every possible way I can and all my family members say I've changed and I'm a lot more mature. Plus I've taking a parenting and anger management class which I also have certificates in so I can say I'm a better parent and man. God has been here for me, even though I was hard headed at first. He still stood by my side and now I start my day by praying and thanking God for all he has done for me and others.

I can say I'm a changed young man and still have a chance to make a successful and positive future for myself and my daughter. But God has been here for me and I'm glad I turned my life around and he was a major influence.

I hope this testimony has been a blessing to you. If you would like to read how others in similar situations have experienced the life transforming power of God please write to me at the address below. We now have over 100 testimonies of those whose lives have been transformed by God's amazing Grace. We also have over 100 Con-tracts. Please send us your testimony as well.

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"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

-John 14:6

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Romans Road lays out the <u>plan of salvation</u> through a series of Bible verses from the <u>book of Romans</u>. When arranged in order, these verses form an easy, systematic way of explaining the message of salvation.

The Roman Road is simple—and easy to travel.

"The Roman's Road" is popular method of presenting the Gospel using only Scriptures from the Biblical Book of Romans. It is certainly an effective soulwinning tool which every believer should be well familiarized with.

Traveling the Roman Road to Eternal Salvation

1. We are all sinners. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"
-Romans 3:23

2. The penalty for sin.

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

"Death" in this case means eternal spiritual death; confinement to hell.

3. God loves you and has made a Way to escape the penalty for sin.

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

4. What must we do we do to be saved?

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord s h a l l b e s a v e d ."
-Romans 10:13

5. Confess and believe on the name of Jesus Christ.

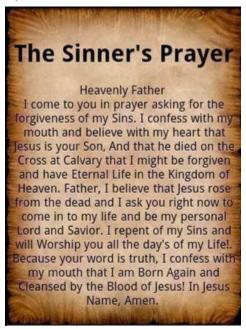
"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."—Romans 10:9-10

6. What's next?

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

-Romans 12:1-2

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