## Jayson Chapin Testimony

Looking back on my life it is amazing how much God has been there for me; but there is a time that stands out more than any other, that time is NOW 2012.

I was always the Captain of making everything sound perfect, but after many times of "painting perfection" with my golden tongue, my wife wasn't buying my art any longer! "I'm done, I can't do this any longer" she told me. I was instantly lost, things began to move a million miles per hour, I was in a world of hurt! It took me three days just too even feel hungry for food and the sleepless nights....there were plenty of them!

At first I thought I could fix everything with a phone call. I wanted things to be better and I wanted them better NOW! Her response was that she'd had enough, I knew she was right.

Somehow in all of this, I knew I had to be closer to God. I'd study my Bible, I did Bible studies, I went to church, and I tried to be near the more positive people. I started to ask people their opinion of what to do. I'd ask myself "What can I do?" I'd read Christian books and they'd tell me to "Give it all to God".

During these times I dealt with emotions I didn't even know I had. I felt frustrated, I wanted to be in control and I really felt true pain.

I approached Paul B, he spent many hours listening to me, talking to me, but one

thing he told me, over and over, was to just continue to love her, no matter what.

At times I'd convince myself that I was young enough to just start over. I was in good physical shape, I felt mentally strong, sometimes these thoughts made me feel good for an hour or two, but the thoughts of starting over would pass by quickly and Paul's words, "Just continue to love her, no matter what" would be reality to me.

I'd call her on the phone, she seemed so cold towards me, and at times I wasn't sure if I should phone her. Each time I called home it was like a brand new hurt when she was cold towards me. I would also talk with our children when I called.....I just really wanted that one phone call that would again make us one happy family.

After months of praying, months of "loving her, no matter what", after many cold phone calls, it happened! She wanted to work things out! All glory to God in Christ! I was walking on sunbeams! Then, suddenly she told me she just could not forgive me; she told me she was filing for divorce! It all started again, the pain, the sleepless nights, the tears, and the loss of my family.

I really can't explain how God works, but, I kept praying, I loved her, no matter what. I even received a letter from Pastor Dan, who told me he'd pray for my wife to have a change of heart, IF MY HEART WAS SINCERELY IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

God knows the desires of our hearts, He knows when we are sincere, and He rewards our faith in Him. Today I am a happily married man, married to a wonderful woman; we will soon celebrate another anniversary.

NEVER GIVE UP! Believe your miracle is right around the corner; trust in God through Christ Jesus!

"Note: Jayson was released from prison in June 2012. He went home to his loving Family and his hometown church." God is Faithful!



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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 50 testimonies of those whose lives have been transformed by God's amazing Grace. Please send us your testimony as well. We also would like artwork and poetry to share with others.

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## **Love Is the Greatest**

<sup>1</sup>If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

<sup>8</sup> Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! <sup>9</sup>Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! <sup>10</sup> But when the time of perfection comes, these

partial things will become useless.

<sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup>Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

<sup>13</sup> Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13 (NLT)



I had a pretty good opinion of myself until a friend invited me to take a walk down the Roman Road. He used a single book in the Bible to open my eyes to my relationship with God, and I haven't been the same since.

He warned me that the trip might hurt, and he was right because he started by revealing my real status before God.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God ...

## Romans 3:23.

Then I learned of sin's penalty. For the wages of sin is death ...**Romans 6:23a** 

He went on to tell me that God loves me so much he offers an alternative called "Eternal Life" ...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ ... **Romans 6:23b.** 

Then he showed me how God provided his son Jesus as a atoning Sacrifice for my sin. Jesus took my penalty! But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8.** 

I wondered if God would accept me. He assured me with even more good news. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved... **Romans 10:13.** 

My friend showed me what I should do to receive Eternal Life. That if thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God raise him from the dead, thou shall be save ... **Romans 10:9** 

We prayed together, and I gladly accepted God's gift of Eternal Life through Jesus Christ.

## "Continue to Love Her"



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