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When Christ is the solid rock in your life, you are protected and will come through any storm.

I was sexually abused as a child and delivered from the pain and hurt that such a traumatic event would leave on a person's life. I have walked in the last two years with the Lord as my guide and decided to fully trust the Lord Jesus Christ for all things in my life, both big and small. I went to individual counseling and group counseling for victims of abuse. I led my life willingly seeking the Lord for all things every morning. The Lord began to do something amazing me: His presence became so evident in my life that it was and is the most beautiful occurrence that a person could have.

I began to lift in prayer things of my life to God. I would meditate on His Word and truly become and want to become a follower of Christ. I began to be released from this and from that. Forgiveness became such a part of my life that I was able to forgive this person from this pain and that abuse and from this and that. It was a hard thing to do with the trauma from my past, but through the Lord I was able to walk in His peace most, if not all, of the time.

I began a Bible study from Beth Moore here at the church last fall, and the most amazing thing happened with in the Bible study. I felt as though Beth was talking to me. I was able to let go and let God move in my life. God became not only the most important part of me, but I became aware that I was a very important part of God. Through this Bible study, I was able to release all of the feelings of hurt, pain, discomfort guilt, and shame to God. One by one, He removed me from the burden of the past.

As Pastor Dick spoke on January 29, 2006, about the encounter with Jesus, I was able to really think upon this and think of one most important thing that happened on this walk for me. It was a true encounter.

One afternoon at 3 p.m., I was on a break at my last employer and had a vision that Jesus was standing there with me holding my hand and there was a huge door. I thought about the pain and suffering of my past, and Jesus, by His precious hand, closed the door and locked it. I stood there with the Lord, and the door was behind us. I thought, "My past is behind." That very evening in a dream the Lord revealed to me by a Scripture that I hold dear, Philippians 3. I woke up out of sleep with a startle like the couch shook and arose waking my husband up.

I slept the next couple of hours, and then I woke and had my morning with the Lord and read Philippians 3. Philippians 3:13 stuck out the most: "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended, but one thing I do: forgetting those things which are behind and reaching toward those things which are ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

That was it. It's time to put the past behind and reach toward the future in Christ. There are many things to be done for the Kingdom of God, and I do believe that this was the call for the real healing to begin. The Lord has set me free to forgive and move on in faith with him, knowing that he will provide and shelter us through all this life. I am putting all my trust in him for an amazing future and know that all things are possible with God.

If the lord can heal my hurts from my past, what is he able to do for you?????

Think big. Our God is big and he is able to do the impossible. Amen