



My Story

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I was a very fortunate kid, growing up in a Christian home with two Christian parents. Going to church every Wednesday and Sunday, I was always learning more and more about God's amazing grace. At the age of 12 I realized that I needed a savior. I knew that I couldn't get through life on my own anymore. So I asked Jesus for His forgiveness and placed my trust in Him. That was the beginning of my relationship with Him.

Music and sports were always my two biggest passions growing up. I was either in my room playing my guitar and singing at the top of my lungs or at the baseball field in the batting cage with my dad. It didn't take me long to figure out that I was a little better at music and I wanted to do that for the rest of my life. Fortunately through this American Idol experience I have received that opportunity.

Being away from home for such a long period of time, many would think my relationship with Christ might suffer when in fact it has grown stronger day by day. I've been away from my home church and all of the people I've grown up with so Christ has been the only one I can lean on when times get tough. This Idol experience has been the time of my life but there have been days it has been so tough that I wanted to throw in the towel and head home. Then I'm reminded of my favorite verse, Philippians 4:13, ***"I can do all things through CHRIST who strengthens me."*** Jesus has gotten me through this journey so far and He continues to do so every day! He's there for all of us! All we have to do is call on Him.

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Romans 10:13



How to begin a relationship with Jesus Christ:

1. Recognize the truth about my need.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. (Romans 3:23 NLT)

2. Understand that God the Father has through His mercy and grace provided for our need.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. (Roman 6:23 NLT)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8 NLT)

3. Be willing to admit our sinfulness and turn away from our sin by placing our trust in Jesus.

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. (Roman 10:9-10)

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, (Acts 3:19 NIV)

4. By simple faith, as we call out to the Lord for forgiveness, He hears and provides His salvation to all who confess His Son as their Savior and Lord.

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Prayer of Commitment: *"Dear Father, I know that I have sinned against You. I believe in Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ and accept the sacrifice of His dying on the cross for my sins. I ask for forgiveness for my sins and I am turning away from my sinful ways of living and turning to You. I invite the Lord Jesus Christ to come in to my life and lead me from this day forward."*

