

Hannah's Testimony

I read a book that my Dad gave me which explained that it can take years to become a Christian and yet it can take just one moment. I believe that this is true for me.

It took years because I have grown up within a Christian home so therefore have had some sort of understanding about Jesus. However that was the full extent of it for me for a long time. Even though my family would encourage me to find out more, I was very stubborn and never wanted to. Why should I live my life differently when I was comfortable with the way things were? There was no need to depend on God for everything. In fact I didn't need to depend on Him at all. Things had always gone well for me, so why should I not always be able to cope?

During 6th form college I decided to pursue a degree in Dance. After some research, I concluded that the best university for dance studies was at Middlesex and set my heart on going there. My parents however, tried to persuade me to choose a university nearer to home but being stubborn I would not listen. I was in control of my life so why should things not work out for me in the future? It took years for me to become a Christian!

But it also took a moment because God stepped in. Just before I started at university my mum was diagnosed with breast cancer. The tumour was diagnosed as aggressive and was close to the chest wall. Suddenly things weren't quite as comfortable as they once were. All of a sudden I was uncertain. I was facing the fact for the first time that I was not in control. God had stepped in and was beginning to show me that life is not as certain as I thought!

It was the second Sunday after I had moved to the University and my second visit to EEFC. After the service I asked Johnny for a 'cross over to life' card on which there was a prayer that I could pray to ask Jesus for help. You see that night I was at my lowest point. My larger than life perception of myself had been torn to pieces. I was miles away from home and unable to do anything to help my family. I was suddenly faced with the truth that I was not capable of controlling life's circumstances, so I asked Jesus to take control. **So it had taken years for me to become a Christian and yet it had taken just a moment.**

I can look back now and see clearly over the events that happened how God had showed me my need for a saviour. I thought I was important, but now I know that I am not. I thought things were certain, but now I realise they are far from it. I thought I was in control, but now I realise that God is in control.

But I also realise that He is not a God who is far off. He is a God who can be known. And by His grace I have come to know Jesus who is the visible image of the invisible God. He is now my lord. He is now my friend and it is my intention to walk the rest of my life with Him and for Him.