

Laz' Testimony

I was brought up in a Christian family which meant I went to church more often than the average child. I joined the boys brigade at an early age which played a big part in shaping my Christian life.

Growing up had its own little challenges and like many young Christians my life in God was always swinging from one end to another, I would feel close to Him and live by His word and then absolutely forget Him and do my own thing (a young man's life). The one thing I always felt regardless what end of my Christian pendulum I swung was that God was always close to me and I felt special and convicted when I was at the wrong end.

Things carried on in this way until my 11th grade when my mother bought me a daily devotional. This was a turning point in my life because I finally found something to read every night about God and it was exciting. It made church services more interesting and I was hungry for the word. I started to encourage my friends to go to church and they seemed happy to do so. I went to a 2 day basketball tournament which had the school's "coolest" boys and because I was so hungry for the word I decided to shockingly take out the daily devotional and read it to the team. we won that tournament by the way.

I also got to watch my brothers' baptism video and that gave me a lot of encouragement. Before I left Zambia I told my mother who was always guiding me into God's path that I am going to England to study and to know the Lord better and be baptised.

When I arrived in England life was different and so I swung away from God's end and decided to enjoy myself in my own way. But as I matured and with the help of my family I became more involved with the church and also attended Christianity Explored twice and New Life Explored twice. At this time my then fiancé/girlfriend was also discovering the goodness of God and so we shared His good news and encouraged each other. Finally everything became clear, the life of Jesus and his ultimate sacrifice to put on him the burden which He did not deserve all for the love that He has for us.

So I have decided to publicly give my testimony because I want to be an active member of God's family and to be lifted up when I am falling.