



SARA MUNRO'S TESTIMONY

I have grown up in a Christian home my whole life. I am the youngest of my family, I have an amazing mum and dad, three great and loving brothers, that sometimes can be really annoying but most of the time are really fun and helpful, 2 amazing, loving, and kind sisters but my second oldest sister Lisa sadly died at the age of 6.

When my sister died I didn't really understand what was going on at the time, but when I grew older (mainly at the age of 11) this challenged me in so many ways. I didn't understand why God had done this to my family. I talked to my parents about it, and they explained to me that this was God's plan. That He knew it was going to happen from the beginning, but that just made me wonder more why he only let her live such a short life. Mum and dad explained that by her death some came to know the Lord in this small town where we were living at and it had a positive effect on their lives. I know though that Lisa is with the Lord today, and that we will one day see her again.

Growing up, our family has always had devotions after dinner. Dad and Mum both have helped me to understand God's Word and encouraged me in a walk with Christ, and at about the age of 6 I made a decision to follow God as my Lord and Saviour.

At about the age of 10, I made a decision to read the whole Bible. Mum advised me to start in Mathew, so from that day on, I have tried to read a chapter every morning. I have to admit that sometimes I find myself trying just to finish reading the chapter as fast as I can, instead of actually concentrating and trying to understand what that chapter actually means, and what God is telling me.

I didn't realize it at the time but around the age of 11, I started doubting God and His powerful works, and not trusting God as my Saviour. Sometimes when I was with friends, I started to feel self-conscious and worried about what they would think of me when I acted different and wore different clothes. Now I look back, and I know I didn't have the relationship I should have had with him. Although I knew and believed the truth it wasn't as strong and close as it is today. I had so many questions, so I started praying for answers. I didn't know how I was going to get those answers, but I knew that God had a plan for me, so I kept praying. Then a few months ago Mr. Charlie invited me to the Metro Teen Camp. At the time I wasn't keen on going, but I also didn't know that this

camp was going to be the answers to my prayers. As usual, Mum knows best, and she decided I would go.

The camp was great. I met great new friends and there were really fun activities; but the best thing was the evening services and the cabin devotions. The services were amazing. Every message answered my questions, and gave me a heaps better relationship with God. The cabin devotions were really helpful; they challenged me in every day thoughts and actions I make. The testimonies helped me to know God better and encouraged me in my walk with Christ. This new knowledge and understanding has confirmed the decision I made when I was 6 to be a true believer, and I rededicated my life to the Lord. Before this I didn't really think about God a lot throughout the day, but now I seem to be thinking about Him so much more. I seem to be talking to Him a lot more also and really concentrating on what I am reading in the Bible so I can get the most out of what God is telling me.

God loves every one of us so much that He gave His only Son to die on a cross to save each of us from our sin, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and without God I wouldn't have peace in this life and a hope for my future. I know that God created me, you, everyone and everything. I know that He is with me and protecting me, and that He loves me wherever I am.

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