



## **Susie Defina's Testimony**

Hi everyone, My name is Susie Defina.

In the early 1980's I was working at Moore Theological college and was surrounded by a lot of Christians. I was a Catholic and thought I was the same as they were, and didn't understand about being born-again. At the time, as a teenager, I spent my time at the clubs and mixed with a lot of non-Christians. At work the Christians would talk to me about Jesus, and about becoming a Christian but I was only interested in my new boyfriend at the time so I didn't get saved back then.

As time when ton I met my husband who is a Catholic and we got married and had 3 lovely boys. Then in 2009, my mum who I am very close to developed bowel cancer. I was very devastated. Then at about the same time I got bad news about my brother having a heart attack and almost dying. I felt very lost and upset, but thanks to God they are both fine. Theses situations forced me to realize my own mortality, regarding where I would be going when I die. I started searching for Jesus and wanting to know more when Anna kept telling me to pick up my Bible and find out the truth about the Word of God. When I read in Luke Ch 11, Seek and Ye shall find, I started researching for answers.

I also started to watch some movies about Jesus because I found I learnt better visually at first. This was in early 2009. At the same time I would watch the Christian Channel on TV. David Jeremiah form the Baptist church in America seemed to get through to me with his teachings about Jesus and how we have to be 'born again'. At the end of each of his programs he would ask, "Are you born again?" That's when I realized I understood. He would say the sinner's prayer and I would say it each time, not realizing I am supposed to say it once. I found that out when I started coming to this church and learned a bit more. Every time it would touch my heart. I would cry and realize I was a sinner and needed His forgiveness.

In my heart I knew I needed to turn from my worldly life and turn to Him and live a Godly life.

Then I got some more bad news about a close friend who also got cancer, so I started going back to the Catholic Church to seek God. I wasn't satisfied after reading my Bible, so I started to ask myself a lot of questions regarding which church I should go to. A friend of mine invited me to her Pentecostal church and I thought it was good until they started talking in "Tongues". I felt so uncomfortable. I thought "Where am I?!" Next I tried the Salvation Army and they also started to talk in Tongues. So when I went home that night, I got down on my knees and with all my heart I prayed to God to please send me to the right church. The next day I spoke to Anna and she suggested "There is one more church we can try. Lucky's Church at Chester Hill". In my heart I felt I turned away from God in the early 1980's and decided I have found Him again right here, and I don't want to let go of Him ever again. Anna brought me here to Faith Baptist Church because she had visited in early 2010.

Our very own "Lucky" Angelo had introduced us to this church. I instantly knew this is the right church for me. I also met Riad and Taghreed who have been very helpful to my many questions. Also thanks to Charlie and Janet who have spent hours with Anna and myself doing our discipleship. We also got to meet Lin and her lovely family who came to my home to discipleship my mother. Pastor Bill and his wife Jocelyn have also made us feel very welcome. I'd like to thank everyone in the church who has made us feel welcome and I think you are all doing a good job. I especially enjoy listening to James preach his stories of people he has met. It is like he is talking directly to me concerning some things that have happened in my life.

Now the one thing left I have to do is pray that the Lord Jesus will open the eyes and hearts of the rest of my family to join His true church.

I also stand here today to be a testimony of God's goodness in my life and would like to follow the Lord and be baptized and serve in this church.

Thank you all for listening.