

## Testimony – Tina Wayland

My name is Tina and a while ago God put on my heart to share my testimony...I Really hope to touch many hearts and let people know there is a God who loves us more then most of us realize...I have had a sad and hard life, especially growing up.... I came from a family of 4 children myself been the eldest. I was brought up in a strict religious family, my dad an alcoholic, my mum a beautiful lady and still is...my dad was a bad tempered and cruel man. He taught me how to love and hate within minutes, he was like a time bomb. He would whip me until my back would bleed, then in no time he would say sorry.

So one minute I would hate him the next I would forgive him...this went on for many years... I will never forget the time my brother who was about 13 he was loading a rifle ready to blow my dad away... to tell you the truth it would not have worried me if he had of... but something told me to stop him from doing it, in which I did...I put up with the beatings until I was 16. I then took off from home and turned into a drunk. I ended up in hospital very sick... at 17 I became a mum by the time I was 24, I had 4 children. My husband wasn't much of a husband or father, he would just disappear for months, we would not even know where he was.... eventually we separated for good. I met an awesome man who was one of a kind... I loved him greatly but was killed in a bike accident the morning after our second child was born.....

I changed after that, I had a break down and blamed God for taking him away from us...I lost the plot for years, I was a shocker... I became involved in an outlaw bike club...I would sit and watch some terrible things and did not think twice about it.... I carried a knife in my boot and I would not hesitate to use it if need arose.

I loved the mad life-style, the drugs, alcohol, the weapons, the mad parties which were all weekenders...I was also involved in many criminal activities. Corruption and fraud all sorts.

The member I was with was great to my children and me, but I believe God had his hand on my shoulders then, because for some reason I knew I had to get out of this type of life-style...

When I think back now, God must have protected me many times...there was a time I was supposed to stay at a girlfriends place for the night, she was mixed up in an outlaw bike club too. For some reason I decided not to stay... just as well that I didn't, as that night she was murdered...anyway not long after that I was invited to a church on the sunshine coast. It took me a while to get there but eventually I went...

All I wanted to do was get out of there but I was boxed in... I ended up giving my heart to Jesus and things in my life and children's lives started changing for the better.... I then moved to Harvey Bay...the best place around...I found myself a great A.O.G. Church here.. it is a very rocky Spirit filled church. The Pastor is just awesome, a great man of God and we are so blessed to have him as our Pastor...I have been healed of many things myself and also my son has been healed of seizures and brain disorders....

I thank God everyday for his awesome grace...you have no idea what God can do for you, I know I have changed for the better...I do not know where I would be if I didn't take Jesus into my heart..... all my hurt, anger and sadness has all gone.... my heart was hard, now I feel a new person...don't ever lose your faith! Keep going no matter what. I know we all have our bad days but put in a worship CD, crank up the stereo and praise our awesome God ...

Rock on for Jesus in your lounge room.... oh yeah how awesome...always stay connected, don't lose that connection you have with our great God, he is always there. Pray your guts out when things don't seem to be going right, God always listens...you will get a answer...believe me I know...having Jesus in our hearts gives us a freedom, also an inner peace...there are two scriptures that I love and want to share with you... get your bible out or go and find one if you haven't got one and read **Matt.21v 22** and also **Psalms 105v1**..... **Bless you all...Tina**

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