

My Name is Melanie and I live in Nashua, New Hampshire.

I grew up in a Christian home, went to a church and all that, but did not understand a lot of what was happening. There were people that came into our life that told my parents I was the "Devils child" and my parents made me get rid of all my pictures and record albums.

When I moved out of the house I ended up in a relationship/marriage where I was not treated very well and it was very unhealthy for me. We were together for 18 years I loved him in spite of the way I was treated. In 2003 when he died I went back to church. I didn't look people in the eye, I would hit myself and I didn't think I could read. I thought everyone thought I was stupid. I was anxious, scared and frightened by any close contact. I met Christians who accepted me where I was and encouraged me about who God was and taught me to look at the bible and helped me understand. I got hurt at my job shortly after starting at the Church and had to fully depend on God to get me through.

In January of 2004 I recommitted my life to Christ. Though I was still attending church etc. I was struggling, felt alone and on December 28, 2005 I went to the beach and wanted to walk into the water and drown myself. There was man on the beach who started following me and making me nervous, I offered to let him pass but he said no. He told me he had a massage for me the massage was "God is with me through all of my circumstances". I knew for certain that God was there. Right after that happened I got a new job and met my husband Scott who I have been married to for almost 9 years. The verse "I will never leave you or forsake you" became real to me I remember it all the time.

Since that day I rely on God for everything. My favorite section of Scripture is John 15 He is the vine I am the branch. He continues to prune and shape me. He calls me friend and I am no longer a slave. Jesus Christ changed my life. He took a beaten, broken person who felt unloved and turned her into His bride a princess, the daughter of the King of the Universe. I knew that He is real, His word is True, He loves me and He keeps His promises. He loves me so much that He laid down His life for me. He is first in my lift and the center in all my decisions.