

Have you ever thought... I just want to be happy?



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"Have you ever said, "I just want to be happy". I was sexually abused at the age of 6 which brought on a feeling that I could find happiness with sex. I became sexually active at the age of 10. After a while sex did not make me happy so when I was 12 I began using drugs. I became very active in the drug scene. I was making and selling drugs by the time I was 15 but I could not get high enough, what happened to *that* happiness? I thought marriage may do it for me so I got pregnant and married at the age of 17. I had a beautiful son but my marriage did not last as I became discontented with that as well. I then had an affair with the maintenance guy in our apartment complex and got pregnant and decided I could not have another child at that time so I had an abortion. I soon met another man, married him and had two beautiful children. Of course, once again, no happiness, so I was ready to move on. This time, my children where affected and as a result of this divorce, my oldest son went to live with my parents, my middle son lived with his Dad and my daughter, the youngest, moved with me. My children where completely separated from each other. I had to find HAPPINESS! My daughter and I moved in with another man, J.D. Tew, who road a Harley. After riding with J.D. for a while, I bought a bike for myself and began to find happiness in the "biker world". During this time I also developed a love for cocaine and it became a daily habit. It was the only way I could stay "happy"! Once again, I had an affair with another man. On New Year's Eve, 1998, J.D. found out about the affair and realized he could not live like we were living any longer. He told me he had to get his life back on track, he was going to start going to church. He said I could do this with him or I could leave... he was getting his life straightened out no matter what the loss. He started going to Mt. Herman Christian Church and because I didn't want to loose what I had with J.D. I started going to church with him.

That is the first time I ever heard about Jesus and his saving grace. J.D. grew up in a Christian home and knew he was not living a life that would please God. Until this time in my life I never heard about salvation or read the Bible. I continued to abuse alcohol and drugs behind J.D.'s back, as "he" grew closer to the Lord. In May, 1998 we went to Myrtle Beach Bike Week as we always did every year. I tried so hard not to drink or do drugs during this weekend, but found I was unable to keep that promise to J.D. or myself and on Saturday night I bought some cocaine. I was so convicted that I flushed the entire \$200.00 worth down the toilet. I wanted what JD had so badly! JESUS! The next Sunday, May 24th, 1998 I gave my heart to Jesus! I have never been the same since. I have never had that empty feeling since. For Jesus fills my bucket every time it gets low! I am totally delivered from drug and alcohol addiction. I am now married to J.D. and we both have a wonderful relationship with the Lord. We have a Christian music ministry, Second Chance, and are involved in a biker ministry, Bikers for Christ. We both also have had the privilege to have start-up leadership roles in a Southern Baptist church plant, Freedom Biker Church. I have currently taken several U.S. mission trips and 4 International mission trips and look forward to continuing working with the Lord on the mission field. My three children, now 26, 18 and 17 years old, are doing great and we are all reunited! Also, JD and I are now proud grandparents to a sweet granddaughter. I give my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, my praise for my deliverance and salvation and for giving me REAL HAPPINESS!

-Kellie Tew

Matthew 6:33 – “But first seek His Kingdom and Righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.”