

Erika Fornshell – Testimony

Growing up was not always easy. Our family believed in Jesus and would go to church, but it was inconsistent. I had a father who drank a lot and our family struggled financially. When I was getting ready to go to high school my friend invited me to a camp with her church. During one of their services they did an altar call and I went up. I was so happy and felt great. When I got back home it was short lived and my mom and I had a rocky relationship. She worked 3rd shift and my sister was away at college, so I spent a lot of time alone. We then lost our home and moved in with my papaw. Tensions were still very high so I decided I needed a change. I packed up my car and my dog and left for Florida. I only lasted about 3 months before I came back. I was struggling to find my purpose and what I wanted to do with my life. I started to go out to college parties and doing a lot of things I am not proud of. In 2018 my Mamaw passed away unexpectedly and I was devastated. My Mamaw was someone who was very close to me and was always there when I needed her. I felt angry at God and wanted to rebel because I was so angry. I was full of anxiety and felt miserable. A family friend invited me to her church and I started to attend regularly. I met Brice, my now husband and he started going with me also. About a year later I rededicated my life to Jesus. I started making changes and started to feel joy and peace again. Jesus had changed my life and though I am not perfect I try to live more like how Jesus would want. My relationships are better. My anxiety is better and my life all around is better. I spend much more time in my Bible and we attend church more regularly. My papaw recently passed away whom I was also very close with and though this has been very difficult I have been able to keep pushing through because I know that Jesus will help me through it.

Ezekiel 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh.