

Pam Tolkkinen - Testimony

I grew up in the LDS church and was baptized at the age of 7. The Lord protected me in many ways while I was growing up, even in that church. I fasted, followed their rules, and performed temple work—including baptisms for the dead—and attended seminary every morning before high school. I even visited Navoo and saw where it all started. I saw how many people who were struggling were treated, and excommunicated. I no longer believed what they were teaching. When I moved out of my mom's house I stopped going to church. I was angry with God for the many things I had to endure and didn't know how to process them. I still saw God protect me in many ways.

Later, I met my husband who believed in Jesus and His saving grace. He taught me about the need to have a personal savior and to have my sins forgiven. I agreed and gave my heart to the Lord. We found a church in Fairborn and the pastor baptized both of us through immersion. We trusted the Lord to keep us and He has. We've had 8 children and our hope is that they also follow the Lord. I'm very thankful for the love the Lord has shown me and for accepting me even when I was at my lowest.