



Dara's Journey Story

This is my journey story of how I came to this wonderful juncture in my life. When I stopped living in a traditional bubble and started living a real life with Christ.

I must confess; I grew up in church as a preacher's kid and youngest of eleven children. Church was my safe place. And church was all I knew. I was familiar with "how to have church" and manmade church traditions. Although I was raised in the church, I did not know what the Bible was about. I didn't know who GOD was.

I never knew how to be the church. I thought that: "having church" was the preacher preaching loud and the music rising even louder, with the congregation in audible support. Boy was I wrong!

God's Word challenges "having church" against "being the church".

During my childhood I endured devastating life challenges such as sexual abuse and neglect and a teen pregnancy that resulted in death.

As the sun started to set on my college experiences, I seriously gave thought to my actions and where my life was headed. I knew it was time to get committed to Christ. After leaving school, I began to grow my relationship with Christ, I got married and was on my way to motherhood.

Motherhood blew my world apart. I was bringing a little person into this world and he needed more than I could give. He needed to know the Word of God. I wanted him to have more than just good attendance at church.

So, I set out on a monumental journey of reading and understanding the God's Word with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Man, was I in for a treat! I found the



best treasure in the world. I fell in love with The Bible. I never knew all that waited for me as a believer inside the Word of God.

I can't put into words what reading my Bible did for me and my family. Everything looked different and there was an inner awakening for my soul. I found healing, peace, wisdom, knowledge and so much more in the Bible. One of the most important lessons that I learned is that:

Reading God's Word is our responsibility as a Christians and we should not delegate that to others! It is our "me time" with God.

I continue to experience the Word of God personally in my life, over and over again. Out of those experiences grew a genuine desire to please GOD.

Thank you for allowing me to come along side you in your journey of Reading God's Holy Word.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. –
James 4:8(NKJV)