

Hello, my name is Larry. I would like to tell you my story of how I came to know Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord so you also may know Him.

For as long as I can remember, I have known about God. I went to church from the time I was a young child through my teenage years. But I did not allow God to have any meaningful place in my life. As I progressed in my teenage years, I began to do more and more things I knew were not right in the sight of God.

When I was 18 years old, I stopped going to church and began to live as if God did not exist. But during the next four years I encountered several specific circumstances that showed me the need for God in my life.

The accidental death of my uncle and the sudden death of a coworker made me think about what would happen to me when I died. I met and married my wife, Pam, at this time. A little over a year later, our first son was born. The responsibilities of a husband and father revealed a need to have a source of strength and wisdom greater than my own. Faithful followers of Jesus Christ were praying for me and I began to think about my need for a real relationship with God.

Prompted by the persistence of a man from the church I had previously attended, I began attending services there. God used a story from the Bible to destroy my excuses and bring me into a personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. (See [Matthew 14:22-33](#))

Through this story God showed me that I was separated from Him. He revealed that I could not live adequately in this life without Him, and I would be eternally separated from Him if I died. He showed me that Jesus Christ is the only way to end this separation.

I prayed and asked Jesus Christ to rescue me as, in the story, He had rescued Peter from the sea. I later realized that at that very moment He forgave me and came to live in my heart. I decided I would give my life completely to Him and faithfully follow Him as He gave me the power to do so.

Everyone's story is different, but they all need to merge at one point—the point of recognizing your separation from God due to sin and the specific decision to ask Jesus Christ to forgive you and to receive Him into your heart.

Please take a look at the statements and questions on the next page.

God's Plan for All People

God, the creator of heaven and earth, speaks to us through the Bible. The Bible teaches the following truths:

God loves us and wants to have fellowship with us. [John 3:16](#)

We are separated from God because we have disobeyed God's commands. This disobedience is called sin.

[Romans 3:23](#)

There is only one way to end the separation between us and God. [John 14:6](#)

God sent his Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins so the separation may end. [Romans 5:8](#)

Jesus rose from the dead after three days, never to die again. [Matthew 28:5-7](#)

We must believe the truth that Jesus died for us and rose from the dead. [Romans 10:9](#)

Do you believe this?

We must accept Jesus Christ as God's only plan to end this separation. [John 1:12](#)

Are you ready to do this?

We must be willing to abandon our sin and make a commitment to live the way God wants us to live. [Acts 3:19](#)

Are you willing to do this?

Are you willing to ask God to forgive your sins?

Are you willing to promise God that you will live for Him for the rest of your life?

Please read the following prayer and see if it expresses what you would like to say to God. You may use this prayer or in your own words ask God to forgive you and to accept Jesus Christ as the only way to have a proper relationship with God.

“Dear God, I know I have done wrong and need your forgiveness. Thank you because Jesus Christ died for me to give me eternal life. Please forgive my sins and help me to turn from them. I ask you now to come into my life and I accept you as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for answering my prayer. In Jesus name. Amen”

After praying to God in your own words or using this prayer, do you believe that Jesus Christ has forgiven your sins and is now your Lord and Savior?

Please take a moment and complete the following information. Thank you.

Please complete and return to:

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Or contact me at pastorlarry@valleyconnex.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate your decision:

() I am already a follower of Jesus Christ, please pray for me as I seek to grow in my relationship with Him.

() I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord as presented in this tract.