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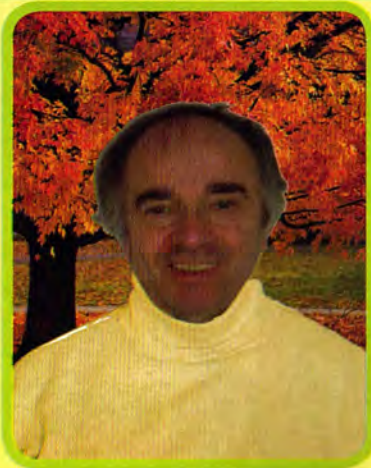
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printed in Voice magazine are part of the real life stories of each men according to their testimonies. Please use wisdom and judgement as you read their stories and their walk with God.



My name is Walter Wendschlag. I am married and we have 4 children at the age between 9 and 21 years. I am a lawyer and I live in Freiberg near Stuttgart / Germany. As a child already I believed that there is a God. I went to church regularly. But I did not have a personal relationship with this God. Very often I prayed to God I did not really know, alone in my room "Please let me find the way to you". Deep in my heart I sensed that I would find this God one day but I did not know when and how. When I studied for law degree at university somebody invited me to a student group Christian meeting Campus Crusade for Christ. During this meeting two persons shared how they came to believe in Jesus Christ, how their lives changed afterwards, that they were much happier through this, and that they received eternal life. This was the first time that I heard

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somebody sharing his belief. My heart also longed for having this eternal life. I talked to one of the students and he said to me: If you invite Jesus into your heart to be your Lord and Savior you will get into close relationship with Him and you will receive eternal life certainty. I answered: This you cannot know for sure. But he said that you know it once you invite Jesus Christ to be the Lord of your life. Then he handed me a small booklet containing salvation prayer to Jesus. During the next days I said this prayer honestly. Finally I sensed great peace came into my heart. I was so full of joy which I never experienced before. Furthermore I got an inner certainty that I received eternal life for sure. And I sensed again and again that this empowered me and the inner peace accelerated within. When problems came into my life, now I could overcome them easier than before. Some years later my wife died of cancer. I was left with our two

sons, 3½ years and 7 months old. Of course this was a big loss for me especially because I had to release my sons to my wife relatives families. But God gave me such a big comfort and peace that I did not feel sorrow and mourn about our situation. This was incredible. Never before I thought that something like this could be possible - such a peace inside! Living in this situation I realized that God never did forget nor forsake me. He was there, every day. He gave me all I needed. I sensed his love all day, very strong. Finally hope and faith came into my heart that God will give me a new wife and that the family will be gathered again. This came true four years after the death of my first wife. I married again with a beautiful woman. Today we have 4 children, my two sons and additionally two daughters. I am happy, successful and blessed. This year I started my own law office. Praise God!

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My name is Zoltan Kiss. I was born in 1968, I am married with two children. I live in Germany since 1990 and I owned a home service business - handling services for facility and lawn/garden management. I was born in Romania and was very happy when I married a nice German wife and could leave my home country to settle in Germany. Arriving there I thought of being landed in the paradise. I wanted to earn a lot of money and become rich quickly. So I worked hard as an employee and two years later I started my own business. From that time on I only was thinking of work and work and more work and earn lots of money ahead of me. My wife and our marriage then became second-class. I neglected my children and hardly had time for them. As they were growing up I did not see them very often. I only saw my wishes and

my work as my life's goal. Although working so hard I failed to becoming rich as planned. Just the opposite, I got into debts deeper and deeper, I became restless and finally was filled with fear and depression. The bailiff became "my friend" because he called on me more often than my real friends, who became less and less important in my life. In this situation I cared even less for the family than before. Finally after 12 years of marriage filled with high debts, the marriage was heading for a crash and I was full of worries and problems. Fear, depression and thoughts of suicide came upon me so strong that I was afraid to receive any phone-calls or to open the door of our home. I was anxious that this might be the bailiff or somebody else to whom I owed money. In this situation my wife became seriously ill. The forthcoming 9 months she visited one hospital after the next. This was a great burden for me because I was alone now and

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had not only to work hard at business but also had to look after the children and the sick wife. She got the bad news diagnosis "sinus-vein thrombosis" in the head. The hope for healing was bad. Now my world was falling apart. Then I remembered God whom I had trust when I was a child. At that time before I came to Germany - I trusted in Him. I knew that help in my situation right now, if any, this only could come from Him. Therefore I started praying and I cried to God: "God where are you? If you really exist please help me!!! I am finished I am helpless!!! Later on some friends who knew Jesus came and prayed for healing of my wife and all of a sudden a miracle happened. Although the healing diagnosis was almost incurable my wife recovered within 2 weeks. She was completely healed. The doctor did not understand this, furthermore they had doubts about their former diagnosis and now even about their medical knowledge. When this happened I knew - Jesus is alive!!! - he is here, he heals, and still today he hears our prayer and I fired up to learn more and more about this Jesus. I asked friends how to grow in God and what to do to commit my life into Jesus hands. They told me that I should speak a simple prayer and I invited Jesus to be the Lord in my life. A great peace filled me; His love filled my heart and changed me. Al-

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though the problems were still there my fear and the depressions disappeared totally. From that time on and with his help I acted in a different way when facing the problems talking about them or chasing them. I am more open to other people suggestions and ideas and calmed down greatly. These changes started a chain reaction in my marriage and in my relationship with children. I spent more time together with them. Looking back today I must say that from this time on I had the three happiest years in my life and in my marriage. Not only had the family situation changed but also the company and finances and my whole life. After 3 years, the debts went down significantly; I have to work less; there is more time to spend with the family and the financial provision in our life is much better than in the past. I love to live with Jesus and I thank him so much everyday.



My name is Roland Benz, I was a very harsh man in business; and with my family. To think, even the people who worked with me at MTU-Aero Engines, a subsidiary company of Daimler-Benz (later Daimler-Chrysler) called me the “arrogant”.

I was a very authoritarian man, using harsh words like fists. My total life was business and career orientated, my family was secondary.

Behind the arrogance was a man full of fear. I was fearful of men! But I had to keep up this tremendous facade. I did not allow other people to get close to me because I thought if they knew what was really behind me, they would not respect me anymore. I was trapped in this circle of harshness but I knew what I wanted.

I left all the “task” or raising the family to my wife, because I thought the wife was supposed to be responsible for family and education of children.

I thought of myself as a good person; although many things were wrong in my life. I didn't know what a man should really be in front of God, in respect to his family and his business. My wife, daughter and son suffered because I was so intense. I could not relax, even on the weekends. I was longing for peace, but it never came. Even on weekends, I always wanted to ‘manage’ my family, like the staffs at MTU-Aero Engines plant at work. I compressed into a weekend several kinds of sports, always on the move. It was hectic, and my family knew it. I would ordered them around, “We are going to the lake to sail, now we will do it!” I was not always warmly appreciated. But that was the way I was. I totally lacked peace. I wanted to control everything, from my business to my family. My marriage greatly suffered because of my austerity. My wife was searching for something more than the attending a normal Sunday church visits. Especially because of me, she was stretching out towards God.

One day in 1979 my wife came home and announced. “Roland, just imagine. I've accepted Jesus Christ today!” My immediate reaction,

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"Are you crazy! What do we need Jesus Christ for?" My mind could not conceive of a personal relationship with a living God. I always looked at Christians as weak people, people who did not really know what to do in life. The tension between my wife and me escalated. A year after her salvation, my daughter and son became Christians. Becoming a Christian was not my dimension. I even openly said to my family, "I am thinking about a divorce. I don't want to become a Christian. I am not going to make that decision. My words truly hurt my wife. But I have a very courageous wife who stuck with me. She came to me and said, "Roland, there is a fellowship called FGBMFI: they are businessmen just like you. Why don't you just come and see? Then make up your mind." Just to please her, I went to their meetings twice in Munich. I was always sitting in the last row at the meeting. I commented, "Forget it. I cannot do this worship and raising of hands. I am a strong man. I take responsibility in the company. Don't think for a moment that I am going to make a fool of myself." So that was that. The tension with my wife became even greater. About a year later she suggested, "Roland, there is someone from America coming. Why don't you hear what this man has to say? Reluctantly, I went to this meeting of about 200 people crammed into this hotel meeting room in Munich. So I looked for two seats in the last row. But there was nothing other than two seats right in the front. As I sat down. I told her,

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"When it is over, I am out!" I cannot remember one word from the speaker. I closed my ears. However, I did recognize that he was a man of authority. I liked that in a man. I believe God had to use a man, just like that. When the meeting was over, he asked, "Now, whoever was touched by God, close your eyes and stretch out your hands:" I was sitting on the front row. I wanted to see what kind of manipulation was going on here in this room. When he made that altar call, my eyes were wide open, so I could see the manipulation. I even judged certain people who raised their hands, "Oh yeah. That man needs Jesus" This was my pride and my arrogance. Then he said. "There is one man that God has called." I felt something in my heart. I thought, "No way. I am not going to stand up emotionally like that." With two hands on the chair, I pulled myself down. But all of a sudden, I cannot explain, I stood up as if someone pulled me by the hair. I stood straight up. I should have had the chair in my hands be-



cause I was pulling myself down so hard. My wife collapsed in tears. She had been praying for me for years. Had I known that she told her church to pray for me, I would have forbidden that.

The speaker asked me. "What is your name? God wants to tell you this "The biggest distance is between your brain and your heart." When he spoke this out, I knew it was from God. I said to him, "Yes, and there is no connection whatsoever." He led me through prayer.

If God can change me, He can change anybody. My salvation means that nothing is impossible for God. I was controlled by my own intellect. I could only believe when I had the facts in my hand. I could only believe what I could

analyze, like a typical engineer. But this was suddenly real for me. I realized that my heart stretched out to God, but my brain just turned it down.

The change in me was immediate. From a hectic controller to total peace maker; it happened instantly. When I accepted Christ, all this hectic and stress just fell away. For the first time, I could breathe. I suddenly had total peace. That was on a Saturday. The next day, I went with my wife to church. Just going to church was a strange picture for people who knew me. There was an instant peace and an instant love of God. This harsh businessman even started hugging people. God restored and healed our broken marriage and the children got a changed father.

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My name is Klaus Viehmann I am 59 years old and married happily. We have one married daughter and two grandsons. I studied Mechanical Engineer and I am working as an IT consultant in my own business since years. We live at Stuttgart in the southwest of Germany. Looking back today I know that I was an alcoholic from the very first drip of alcohol in my life. My first contact with alcohol was at the age of 15. We were on a one week's holiday with our school class in that summer. On the last day our teacher told us that we were real men now and that we were going to drink the first alcohol in a restaurant tonight. I was one of the few of us who drank more than one glass of beer. When I woke up in the next morning, I could not exactly remember what had been going on during the last

night. Within the next few years my consumption of alcohol only accelerated slowly and I did not realise that I already was addicted to alcohol. I had great problems getting in touch with other people and when I drank beer I was able to overcome this. I felt relaxed. Then at the age

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of 18 I had a severe accident when I was totally drunk and tried to drive back home at night with the bicycle. Late at night they called my father who brought me home unconscious. The next morning I woke up at the hospital with broken collarbone. I was very ashamed before my parents. Very often I drank at home together with my father during the weekend while all the family members already were asleep during the night. But to me my father seemed to be strong and not addicted. After having finished school then a military service followed and I drank more and more. After that I started studying for mechanical engineer at Munich university. After two years of studying I thought of having some spare time to enjoy life for some months. I found friends in a students club who also liked to drink whole nights. More and more we started to drink not only for one night but several nights. At last night and day and night and so on. After 7 years at university my parents wanted to know when I would graduated. They financed University time and my father decided to spend money for two more years but no longer. Therefore I searched for another city where I could finish the degree. I knew that I used to drink when I was together with friends and I decided not to look for friends at this

university because it seemed to me too dangerous to be out at bars at night. Now I was alone. With all of my strength I tried to avoid contact with alcohol. This worked quite well for some time and I passed several exams already. Finally I only had 2 exams left. But I started drinking again. Because I had decided not to go out with friends I now drank at home being alone. This was horrible; at first one night only; but then several nights; waking up with a bad conscience every day. At university classes I knew a friend, a fellow student with whom I studied together from time to time. He told me about his faith but this did not interest me very much. One day he gave me a "small booklet". Later, he asked me if I had read it. Actually, I already read it twice but only because I wanted to please him. The book was about Jesus; this did not interest me. Short term before the last two exams I started drinking again more and more. During one night I got a flu. Because of fever I had to stay in bed for 3 days being alone. Drinking that much I did not prepare well for the exams and I feared that I would not pass through. This would be "the end". What should I do? My drinking life passed before me like a film. Not knowing what to do I started to read again the "small booklet". There was something written about

Jesus. Then I read that a man can bring all his sins before Jesus, and He would wipe it away. For this reason He came to earth. One should write down all the faults which one had done in life and then bring all these sins before Jesus. And then there was written in the book that never minds wherever one would be at this moment one

could start praying to Jesus and He would answer because He wanted to help. I bowed down and started praying. I just had begun praying when I sensed something like a beam coming out of eternity and focusing into the middle of my heart. I felt the warm in my

heart. Apart from this very moment I knew that Jesus is alive. I invited him to be Lord of my life. From that time on I visited a weekly prayer group together with my fellow student. It needed some more months in order to stop alcohol totally. The first time after having turned my life to Jesus I

could not stop drinking although I drank less. But one day after having drunk so much the night before I read in the bible that if your arm leads you to sin it is better to get rid of it and if your eye leads you to sin it is better to get it out. It is better to enter heaven without these limbs. Suddenly I knew that I had to stop alcohol totally. I

went to a person whom I trusted in and before this person I told Jesus about my alcohol sins and asked him to forgive me. He forgave me. Then this man laid hands on me and prayed. From that very moment on I never again desire to drink any drip of alcohol without going

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through a detoxification process. Today I am freed for 30 years already. I finished all the exams with very good grades and some months later I fall in love with a German girl. We married three months later and we live a very happy marriage.



My name is Alain Blin-Nouveau, I am a Frenchy of 47 years old and married with France since 1984. I was working as a purchase manager during twenty years, and now I am developing my own business in the vineyard equipment. We live in Reims, the city of Champagne vine.

France and I met at friend's parties. What we altogether shared was drinking, concerts, hard-rock music, endless fiestas. We decided to get married, but after three years of marriage, things began to get tough, nights in clubs, alcohol

had ruined our finance as they had ruined our relationship, disputes, shouting had become part of our daily life. So to get rid of that environment I decided to go and leave my wife alone, without money and job.

Few months later I got in touch with a well known lawyer to divorce, without telling her anything. So the judge in charge of the legal procedure called us up together for reconciliation. When the judge asked France what she had to say. To my surprise, she replied she had not been a good wife, and asked me to forgive

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her and all her failures, and that she was able to see that now, for she had changed. The judge, a woman, told me that this divorce could be the biggest mistake of my life, but my heart was hardened and I decided not to pay attention to that.

A couple of days later, I met France again at one of my brother's house (I have four brothers), and I had to admit she had changed, I remembered she was wearing green and white, and had a shiny lovely face. She had found a job and a new apartment near my office, and we went and visit it, but once again my heart was hard as stone and I refused the offer. Later on I heard she had become a Christian, that every Sunday she attended a church with one of my brothers, Pascal and his wife. I went to see France one evening to have a talk and I found her sick at home. I never felt so bad, so I decided to go and buy the medicine she needed and we looked each other in the eyes and de-

ecided to give our marriage a new chance.

Every Sunday I used to bring her to church and get back quickly home to see my favourite football program on T.V., and take her back from church to home at the end of the service.

One Sunday, I don't know why I decided to go with her in the Church yard before the service, and the people I met there were really friendly, they had something special in their eyes, a beautiful shining peaceful light. So I stayed for a while, I saw, and I heard the word of God and decided to let Jesus come into my heart. I began to read the Bible, I got baptized, as I recognized Jesus as my personal Saviour and received the Holy Spirit during a time of adoration.

Everything went on smoothly, step by step. God did it with me according to what I could stand, this is also what God grace and love is all about.



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6 Steps to Salvation

Men still cry, "what must I do to be saved?" The bible provides a clear answer.

1 Acknowledge

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"God be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:13)

2 Repent

"Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3)

"Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19)

3 Confess

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1John1:9)

"If you shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in your heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, you shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)

4 Forsake

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord...for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)

5 Believe

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

6 Receive

"He came unto His own, and His own received him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to those that believe on His name." (John 1:11,12)

Why not make your eternal decision now?

"Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins and I ask Your forgiveness. I receive You now as my personal Saviour and invite You to manage my life from this day forward.... Amen."

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