

## **Testimony – Daniel E. Wood**

I was born and raised in a Catholic family, attended church regularly, and went to Catholic school. I always had a heart for God, but I grew up not really understanding the true Gospel message. When I was in high school, a substitute equipment manager for our football team asked me if I thought I was going to Heaven when I die. When I answered "yes" he asked me why I thought so. I replied with something about keeping the 10 commandments, thinking that as long as I didn't break any of the big ones, I'll be fine. He then pointed out the futility of trying to get to Heaven on our own merits, and then explained the true meaning of Jesus' sacrifice. This was the first time I had ever really heard the Gospel. It didn't change my life right away, but it planted a seed. Later, when I started my career, I worked with some Christians who challenged me to think seriously about my relationship with Christ. It was at that time that I truly accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

My wife, Ana, and I have been married for 12 years. We have been growing spiritually together throughout that time. We were both Catholic, and still attending Catholic church, but we were both searching for something more spiritually fulfilling. We started attending the Calvary Chapel in Brea, then found our church home at First Evangelical Free Church in Fullerton. We have recently moved to Corona, and we are attending Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside. There are many more details I could write about my spiritual journey, but it would get to be too long. My wife and I have been through many tough times since committing our lives to Christ, but we are so thankful that the Lord has brought us through each one, and has given us many blessings on the way.