

Testimony – Dick Lewis

I was brought up in the church and had the perfect attendance star beside my name in Sunday School. Unfortunately, I would walk out those big doors on Sunday unsure if God really related to my everyday life. I would leave God at those doors each week and then meet him there again the next Sunday but He had no real hold on my life at other times.

In my junior year at Arizona State University a couple of students approached me while I was sitting on a bench studying and began to tell me about God's love for me. I had been warned about people "jumping out of the bushes trying to save people" but these two guys had a genuine peace and love in their lives I could see and I wanted that too. They asked me is there was any reason that I could think of why I wouldn't ask Christ into my life right then to forgive my sin and be my Savior and Lord. I couldn't think of any reason and so I prayed and asked Christ in. You hear people use the expression about "the weight being lifted from their shoulders" and that was exactly what happened to me – It was a very emotional experience. In my high school and college years I had been a depressed and very dark person. Alcoholism in my family had made life very difficult but now suddenly I had a new outlook on life – there was new hope.

At the time I was approaching graduation, I was racing amateur sports cars. The driver who had taught me to drive was racing for the Datsun (now Nissan) factory team was killed in a freak accident when his car rolled over. I began to appreciate the brevity of life and the importance of sharing God's message of love and forgiveness that I had received, so I decided that when I finished school I'd join the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ. This was the group that sponsored the lunchtime witnessing that I had been the beneficiary of. I was a fulltime staff member with them for 8 years in Texas, Louisiana and California and following that had a small retail business for almost 20 years.

I attended an informational meeting at a local university for an IT degree program that sounded like it would be perfect for my son. My wife and I had been praying for another career and little did I realize that the informational meeting would be that beginning of that. My son did not have enough college credits to qualify but I did by using some units from my previously completed degree. The program was very intense and I tried to quit several times but one supportive Christian instructor kept encouraging me to just hang in there. I graduated 16 months later and was hired by a company in Seattle and was subcontracted out to work at Microsoft. Later they explained that they had a job in Southern California at Boeing Huntington Beach and I was subcontracted out to Boeing and worked in IT for the Delta IV program. That was in 1997 and I was later hired on as an employee. I have recently started attending 2 of the noon time BCF studies and am enjoying getting to meet other Christians here at work as we study the bible together. It has been a tremendous blessing.

My favorite bible verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature. All old things are passed away, all things are become new."

Truly that was my experience in finding Jesus as my Lord those many years ago...