

# I WAS CHOSEN

My mother suffered a nervous breakdown immediately following my birth, and I always felt as though it had somehow been my fault. I was the only girl among a family of 5 boys. My father would always say, "We wanted all boys, but **she** came along!" It was no wonder that I grew up feeling like I was a "mistake"! I guess that's when I decided that the best way to cover up my pain was to wear the biggest smile I could find...

We were a hard-working farm family – faithfully attending church and keeping a religious "check-off list". We obeyed the 10 Commandments and church rules.

To me, God was impersonal, busy running the world with no time for my personal concerns. The years passed. I kept smiling...and hurting. Then one day in college, I was invited to a "different" kind of church, one that used the Bible throughout the service. I heard that God wants to be *involved* in our lives – in *my* life! They taught that *the Creator of the Universe wants a personal relationship with me!*

***"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with me."* (Rev. 3:20)**

I was shocked to hear that God was interested and that He had time for me! All I had to do was "...open up the door and let Him in? It was a no-brainer! I didn't understand it all, but I knew I wanted this friendship Jesus! I wanted to know more about God. I got my own Bible, and began to read it for myself. I found out that I wasn't a mistake! I found out that I was known and chosen by God since before the creation of the world!

***"For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ...So we praise God for the wonderful kindness He has poured out on us because we belong to His dearly loved son."* (Ephesians 1:4-6)**

This knowledge took away the fear and guilt I felt for being an "error", smiling for approval and working hard for acceptance. God filled me with a peace and a joy that I had never known. I felt like a carbonated drink, full of bubbles and over-flowing!

***"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."* (Psalm 16:11)**

Now I smile because I know God as my father through Jesus Christ who died for me and now lives again for me! I now know that God *chose me* to be His *beloved daughter* !

None of us is a mistake! God can reveal Himself to you and change your life, too, but you have to open the door of your heart to Him. If this sounds good to you, I invite you to pray this prayer...

***“God, I don’t know if you are really there, but I want to know the truth about you and about Jesus. I ask you to give me the guidance and wisdom to know this truth if it can be known. If you are real...if the bible is your word of revelation to men...then I ask you to lead me to know it.”***

If you were encouraged by my testimony, you may want to access our church web-site. There you will find many other such stories of men and women who have come to know the same wonderful God in the same way, through Jesus Christ, His son. Or come visit us sometime on a Sunday morning at 13237 Prospect Rd. and we’ll be glad to tell you more!

May God bless you as you seek Him,

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