

MY Finding Faith STORY

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Several years ago, a customer from where I worked started talking about the problems of the world and how to fix them. I claimed that there were too many people in the world and that was the main issue. He said that there wasn't enough Christ in the world, and it wasn't about too many people. Unfortunately, he couldn't stay to continue the conversation, but I was curious based on his passion about how important Christ was to him.

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A long after a friend invited me to church. I was curious about my customer's conviction about Jesus, and I wanted to know more. Why was it such a big deal to him? I came to Heights Church with a lot of questions.

The first time I attended Heights Church I met some young adults and Pastor Justin, who was incredibly patient with me, taking the time to answer many of my questions. It was a far deeper conversation that needed more time than just the twenty minutes we spent together. I asked questions about faith, the reliability of the Bible, the reality of Jesus, the resurrection and so on. Our conversations continue to this day.

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At first, I found the idea of faith hard to grasp. I tend to be a very analytical person, and I love to overthink things. You could say that my story is one of process. I was fearful of wasting my time reading the Bible. As time progressed, and my questions began to get answered in a rational, reasonable way, I began to find hope.

Somewhere in my journey, I ran across my grandfather's Bible in the attic of my parents' house. I didn't know his story. As I began to read what he had written down in his Bible, with highlighted notes throughout, I felt more connected to him. I felt God speaking to me after I read a section called, "A Guide to Christian Workers."

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That night I made a decision and wrote the following thought: "At first, I was a skeptic because I was analytical and it felt wrong of me to even look into it, like I wasn't allowed to, but everyone made it easier by reassuring me. About four months into my faith walk I came across my grandparent's Bible which "coincidentally" fell out of the very last box I carried while helping my mother move. I had no idea that the man I looked up to and had been seeking to fulfill his aspirations of me even owned a Bible or had any religious beliefs whatsoever. I opened the Book and there's a page marked "A Guide for Religious Workers." It hit me so hard on every level in so many ways and I just knew God was speaking this whole time, working this whole time and now I'm ready." This is the day I decided to become a follower of Christ, 3-19-2020.

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Pastor's Tim, Justin, Will and Craig had a profound impact on my life leading up to this point. Today, I am still in process, but I have Christ to rely on and my perspective on life and the world has changed for the better. I have an awesome community of people around me. I am a part of the Young Adults and another Life Group here at Heights. I started serving in various ministries to see where God wanted me to serve. I have found a home in the Children's Ministry and love serving there. I consider it a breath of fresh air in my week. Thank you, Heights Church, and all of the people that have led me this far on my journey.