

Sharron Kay King

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Being born happens to all of us. We all got into this world the same way. It's being born again that's important, and some people just never get over it.

Sharron Kay King experienced being born again July 25, 1987, and in a single moment, God changed her heart and her life. "I'm a testament to the awesome grace of God and His redeeming power," she said.

Many people talk about "life-changing" experiences, but there is not the slightest exaggeration when Sharron uses that expression. "I was so heavily involved in drugs and drinking that my mother absolutely turned her back on me," she said. At the young age of 14, her life began a downward spiral that didn't stop until she hit the bottom. By the time she was 25, her life was at its worst, and her mother wanted nothing to do with her. "That's when God began to work in my heart. My mother always prayed for me, and many nights I'm sure I kept her up all night," Sharron said.

"When I was born again, my life was totally changed. I was completely delivered from nearly 13 years of drugs and alcohol addiction. You can bet I had lots to sing and shout about!" she said. "God miraculously saved me and I had such a desire to do something for him, so I began to sing in the church choir."

Singing brought a desire to do a little more, so Sharron decided to try playing the guitar. Soon however, discouraged at her lack of skill, she put the guitar in a closet and forgot about it. About two years later, as she walked past the closet, Sharron heard a small voice say, "Pick it up."

"I turned to see who was speaking, but no one was there," she recalled. "Then I heard the words again: 'Pick it up.' So I picked up that old guitar and sat on the side of the bed. Much to my surprise, I began to play music."

Playing music while sitting on the side of the bed is a far cry from standing on a stage and Sharron was convinced she wasn't good enough to ever sing in front of people. All of that changed when she realized that God was calling her to be a carrier of the Good News of Jesus Christ. "I love singing about the Lord," she said. "I can express myself better in a song than I ever could while speaking to anyone. My songs are my message and testimony. And I know now that people are encouraged by my testimony," she said.

Sharron has a deep desire to follow God's plan for her life. In expressing her goals for the future, two things came into focus. "First, I want my life to reflect the love and mercy that Jesus has for me. I want to see people who think there is no hope find what they have been searching for," Sharron said. "Second, while I don't know what God has in store for me in the future, I want Him to find me willing and obedient to follow the path He has laid before me."

Looking back at the past is bitter-sweet for Sharron. Although her mother turned away from her at the worst time in her life, it turned out to be the best thing she could have done. "We are very close now," Sharron said, "the best of friends. I'm so thankful she used tough love. I'm sorry for all that I put her through, but I'm ever so grateful for the outcome."

For Sharron, the past colors the way she views the future. "I know what it's like to lose something precious and that makes me cherish the people and opportunities God brings into my life every day. Every day is new and exciting when Jesus is your Best Friend!"



music from the heart...