

GOD SET ME FREE!

NINETEEN TESTIMONIES OF TRANSFORMATION AND THANKSGIVING FROM 2014



INTRODUCTION

At the end of 2014, LifeLine church came into a season of thanksgiving.
Many people had stories of the great works of God in their lives.
We saw a fresh benefit in revisiting His wonderful works.
This inspired the collection of testimonies here.

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, wavy, light brown hair, wearing glasses and a purple top. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

VIVIEN FITCH

"I JUST ALWAYS SAW WHAT I COULDN'T DO RATHER THAN
WHAT I COULD."

SET FREE FROM A 60-YEAR FEAR

"When I was about 10, I nearly drowned. It left me so scared I didn't want to go anywhere near water.

I never asked for help with my fear – I just didn't want to know.

My fear was so bad that when my daughter got baptised I couldn't even watch. It was like carrying around a bag of worries that paralysed me.

In June my husband and I celebrated our Ruby Wedding anniversary with a family holiday in France. The place we were staying in had a pool. I didn't think I'd be going near it but I did pack some shorts. Before we went I found myself praying,

'God, I want to be different. Make me willing to change.'

I couldn't believe what I'd said.

On the second day, I was watching everyone in the pool and thought *'I can do this...'*

A friend held my hand and led me in. I was terrified but I thought, *'I'm going to do this.'*

Eventually I let go and swam across! I'm now having swimming lessons.

God set me free from a 60-year fear. It's never too late for God to change things."

A portrait of Abigail Jones, a woman with blonde hair and bangs, smiling. She is wearing a light-colored cardigan over a dark blue top. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with greenery.

ABIGAIL JONES

"I CHOSE TO DO SOMETHING GOD WAS TELLING ME TO DO AND HE JUST OPENED THE WAY FOR ME."

GOD IS GUIDING ME STEP BY STEP

"I've been a Year 1 teacher for a couple of years. I had lots of ideas and suggestions, but there was some resistance in the year group.

It was like hitting a road block.

The chance to change year groups came up. I thought it might just be easier for me to ask to move.

I didn't want to just choose, so I prayed about it.

God really spoke to me about staying in Year 1. He didn't give me all the answers, but I felt I should stay.

I felt a real peace about it.

After I'd decided, I felt different. I didn't know the way forward exactly, but something had definitely changed in me.

Then I went on jury service. My Head Teacher contacted me while I was off and asked if I wanted to be the Year 1 Group Leader.

I applied and got the job!

When I don't know, God will lead me. He's got me, and has better plans for me than even I know."