

Salvation Testimony – Mike Boarts

Within my earliest memories, I can remember going to church and hearing the Bible stories. So, I have always known God in my head, but I would come to understand that is not enough. I thought that knowing who God was was enough. I also went to church every week. As a teenager, the thought of not being in a personal relationship with God never crossed my mind. I was good. I was going to heaven. I was not a bad person who deserved hell.

But I came to believe in Jesus as my Savior and Lord when I was in college. I was not focusing on school and received some D's and F's. My life was not out of control, but I was not headed in the right direction. I did not realize it at the time, but on December 12, 1991, my life changed. In reflecting back on the evening, my mother gave me a serious life talk, and then I remember reflecting on the brokenness that I felt as I was talking with God. I had been messing things up, and that He needed to be in control.

I only came to the understanding of what happened on that evening after the fact, as I was talking with my campus pastor, Brian, months later. We were talking about life change. He asked me if I could see a point in my life when it changed. I was able to work back through the Christlike transformations that God had been working in and through me since that day to see that I truly had believed and that I was a new creation. Since that time, my biggest transformation has been the way God uses His Word in my life: the daily walk of surrendering to the leading of the Spirit, and how God uses people in my life to help bring more Christlike transformation in my life.