

# Foundations For Living

Laying Foundations Today For a Brighter Tomorrow

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### *TELL US YOUR STORY*

The Bible is filled with testimonies of God's transforming power in the lives of His children. Joseph was a favored, possibly spoiled and somewhat arrogant teenager when God began to fashion his character. As Joseph traveled from one trial to another God transformed him into a great leader. Moses was trained and educated in the best schools the world had to offer. Yet he knew at an early age that God had a calling on his life. He tried to step ahead of God's plan and found himself alone in the desert. Through his trials and re-training God transformed him into the deliverer and leader of His people.

Ruth lost her husband, but gave her heart to her mother-in-law's God. She followed her back to Bethlehem and became a link in the blood line of Jesus. Esther was separated from her parents and taken, with her uncle, to Babylon to serve in the king's harem. By God's hand she was chosen to be the queen and by His grace she was used to save her people from extinction.

David was a shepherd boy who was elevated to the king's palace after God gave him victory over Goliath. He was anointed King years before he took the throne. His training ground was a lifetime of war and fleeing from King Saul, who was bent on killing him. His leadership skills were built as he



led a band of mighty men into battle against the Philistines. In the midst of this life of constant trials, David poured out his heart, frustration, fear and his never ending trust in God through the many Psalms he wrote.

In the New Testament we see the transformation of Jesus' disciples. These were common men with common concerns who left everything to follow the Lord. After three years with Jesus their lives were so changed that as they preached the good news of Jesus Christ the world was turned upside down.

Paul, formerly Saul, was born a raised a devout Jew. He was trained under a well known Rabi. He tells us himself that he kept the letter of the law. However his focus was flawed and only after meeting Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus was he transformed into the Apostle we know today. As he traveled and spread the gospel around the world at that time, he suffered many hardships. God used these trials to further mature Paul and give him the words that fill a good portion of the New Testament today.

I am so grateful that we are able to read the accounts of these men and women who lived so long ago. Their testimonies show us how much God values each of us and how He leads us into the path He wants us to take for the good of Kingdom of God. These testimonies have not ended with the printing of the Bible. God transforms His people ever day. What is your story?

Foundation for Living is looking for testimonies of God's love, grace, mercy and transforming hand. We would love to share your story with others (in an anonymous way). When we read about the victories others have had over sin, it gives us hope that we can overcome sin as well. When we read about someone recovering from losses and hardship, we realize God does care and will help us too. When we read of the many miracles others have experienced in their lives, we come to know what and awesome God we serve and how intimately He is involved in our lives.

Please, let us share your story. You can mail you testimony to Foundations for Living, PO Box 564, Waupaca, WI 54981, or call us at (715)942-2725 and talk to us about how God has transformed your life.