



# My Personal Testimony

Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear  
A Son, and they shall call His name IMMANUEL," which is translated, "God with us."

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## ***GOD IS THERE IN ALL OUR CIRCUMSTANCES IN LIFE***

I would like to begin by saying that it is wonderful to be part of a network that is so vast. The World Wide Web is amazing and we as Christians can make an impact in our sphere of influence and the World.



I grew up in Detroit Michigan's metropolitan area and lived there until I graduated High School in 1976. My parents were devout Lutherans at that time in my life and we (my 2 brothers and sister) grew up with Christian values, teaching, and a stability I would soon realize in times of trouble I would cling to. I became very restless and eventually quite rebellious and left home to find out what life had to offer. I fell into the lifestyle of "sex, drugs and rock n' roll" which was a pit not easy to get out of. During times of my deepest anguish and loneliness I knew God was there. He comforted me with my own voice singing songs like

'Somewhere Over the Rainbow', a kind word from a stranger, or even one time a Christian handed me a very small bible with just a knock at the door. Let me encourage you that whatever you are going through or where ever you have been God is there... EMMANUEL, He's with us.



I eventually came back to my parents' home and found them born-again and speaking about Jesus Christ and their personal relationship with Him. My Mother recently told me that she was praying that her prodigal daughter would soon return home. The Lord spoke to her, and said "Put a place setting at the dinner table, I am bringing your daughter home!" I thank God for a praying Mother and was soon restored to my family. Shortly after my return I met my husband Gary. We married within a year of our first meeting. We were wed in a Spirit-filled church although, we were not yet born-again and we still did not know about God's plan for our lives. Gary and I lived quite the party lifestyle for a few years after our wedding in 1981. Eventually we decided together that we needed to make a go at a better life for ourselves and moved to the Tampa Bay area here in Florida.

I had felt the tugging of the Spirit of God on my heart for a couple of years and became filled with the Holy Spirit in 1988. I began reading the Bible in a whole new light. It was like a light had been turned on and the eyes of my understanding were now

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enlightened. There were a lot of wonderful events that took place after my receiving the Holy Spirit but...

Like I had said the pit was difficult to get out of and we soon fell back to our old habits but...SUDDENLY THINGS CHANGED...Gary was busted with drug possession and had his (our) whole future pass before our eyes. He has his own [testimony](#) of how God brought him out of a life of no hope! Now life was about to change radically for both of us. One day in December of 1990 Gary asked me, "Lora would you like to make a New Year's resolution and go to church?" My heart leaped inside and I said, "YES, it's something I have wanted to do for a very long time"! Gary accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into his heart within a few weeks and we gave our lives totally to Him that year of 1991. We have been radically saved and on fire for Jesus Christ ever since. I can see how God allowed those things to happen in my life just the way they did for a reason, to reach out to others that are hurting and going through similar circumstances and need Jesus.



Gary and I are enjoying our life in the Tampa Bay area here in sunny Florida. We have our family living all nearby and share our home with our little dog Sapphire (pictured above). We continue to serve God as we now see the plan of God unfolding before us more and more each and every day.

We have a heart for missions and are currently going with teams into China, bringing the precious Word of God to the hungry heart. [Roz's Missions News](#).

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he/she is a new creation: old things have passed away: behold all things have become new. --II Corinthians 5:17



In His Love,

*Lora Roz*