## BACK IN MY MOTHER'S



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provided by United States of America copyright law. Published in the United States by Enjoy The Petals Here you and I are, on this journey called LIFE! We didn't ask to be here, we didn't ask to be born into the family that we are born into; and yet here we are! We come out of the womb wanting love, acceptance and to be fed from our parents, and then we end up going through LIFE still seeking for acceptance, love, and ways to feed ourselves.

And then how many of us grew up in dysfunctional families? Experiencing lack of love? Experiencing violence? There are some who have experienced sexual assaults! Did you experience poverty? Fighting to make ends meet, striving to survive? Which is why we all have some kind of scars from the hurts we have experienced physically, mentally, emotionally, and financially.

Flaws! Flaws!WE ALL have Flaws! We ALL have Scars! That's why there are Laws! So Pause! Before you get annoyed with others (especially your spouse and family members) because of their Flaws! "My friends, let's you and I love one another, for love is of God, and love comes from God. The individual that does not love, does not know God for God is love.(I John 4:7)

You and I came into this world wanting love and acceptance; and if we "feel" our childhood was empty of love and acceptance, then we continue this journey called LIFE seeking/striving for love and acceptance. Some of us channel our emptiness trying to heal it with getting high or getting drunk. Some channel the emptiness into work/careers, because the money and titles offer a feeling of selfworth, (and it pays bills). Some channel the emptiness in looking for love in relationships, whether it's getting married, (marriage is honorable) or getting involved in sexual immorality/adultery, (not the will of God)

Life is a journey! With moments! Some are happy! Some are sad! And some are angry! I grew up in a dysfunctional home! My father woke me up to point a gun at my mom laying in bed; my father chased my mom around the house with a sword, I can still see the indentations in the walls left by us family members being thrown up against the wall. The breaking point for me was when my father came into my room pointing a rifle at me saying "I should have killed you a long time ago". I moved out and never went back.

I personally filled the emptiness and pain by traveling the United States, getting high and being a door to door salesman. Living as an adrenaline junkie: fast cars, motorcycles, I've jumped out of airplanes. (Skydiving), level 5 white water rafting, firefighting, (one time in temperatures so hot that my mask warbled), and the list goes on and on, ever searching for love and acceptance; from heart to heart I was caused

to go, looking for true love, and not finding it (because of my scars) to only react with fits of anger and momentary thoughts of suicide.

Dysfunctional families have been around since Adam and Eve, Cain murdered his brother Abel. Abraham got his maid Hagar pregnant because his wife was struggling with getting pregnant. Jacob stole his brother's Esau birthright. Jacob had 12 sons, 11 of those brothers decided out of jealousy to sell Joseph (Jacob's favorite) into slavery. DYSFUNCTIONAL? Have you ever had these thoughts? I want to start over! I would do things differently! I sure wish I had been born into a different family!

Have you gone to church, and or heard on Christian TV/Internet these words "born again"? What does that mean? How are you and I going to get back into our mother's womb? And are we going to come out as a different person?

What is "born again"? I'm in my sixties, am I supposed to get back in my mother's womb? OH! By the way, my mother has passed away, so I couldn't if I wanted to. Do you want to get back in your mother's womb? Does your mother want you back in her womb? I think NOT!! What is "born again"? The scripture says "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord (Jesus) will be saved (born again). (Romans 10:13). The words of Jesus Christ "except a person be born again, that person will not see the kingdom of God".

What is so important about seeing/experiencing the kingdom of God? In the kingdom of God, you'll find love and acceptance! In the kingdom of God, you'll experience God's love and healing as you look towards Jesus Christ! That's why Jesus was here on the earth "doing good, and healing all manner of sicknesses and diseases". (Matthew 4:23-24). In the kingdom of God, you'll experience TODAY, Jesus who went about doing good, and healing ALL who were oppressed of the devil. (Acts 10:38). Jesus Christ is the same YESTERDAY! Forever! (Hebrews 10:38)

Because our Creator loves you and I, we can get born again. It's a gift! It's not an action such as baptism or giving money to the church. Those actions are commendable; those actions are a reflection of obedience to the word of God. How do you and I get born again? With your heart you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son God, and with your mouth you profess your faith. (Romans 10:10) Whoever calls upon the name of Jesus shall be saved/born again. (Romans 10:13).

Please for eternity's sake repeat these words: "Jesus, I believe you are the son of God, that you died on the cross for my sins. Jesus! I call upon you! I want to be born again!

That simple? Yes! Now allow Jesus, the word of God to have an influence on your mind, will, and emotions; and your life, relationships, possibly your marriage will flourish like a Rose in the midst of the thorns of LIFE. Jesus Christ wore the crown of thorns! Please visit Harvest Time 4430 Jimmy Johnson Blvd in Port Arthur, TX or visit online.

Many of us have grown up in dysfunctional families. By being born again and going to church, we'll realize this truth, that the nature of Christ Jesus lives within us! However we need to connect our minds to that truth! Why are so many "born again" Christian's struggling in their marriage? getting divorced? Why are so many "born again" Christians full of anger, hatred, hostility towards themselves, towards their spouse, towards others?

When we connect in our minds to the truth, that the NATURE OF CHRIST LIVES WITHIN US, then our actions/reactions will soften. Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17) and the softening comes by spending time with Jesus, the word of God. "Let us love one another, for God is Love, the individual that does not love has not truly experienced God's love and forgiveness for themselves to freely share it with others. (I John 4:7)

Here's a jingle that will help you! Say these words: "Today! Today! I am born again! Yesterday is gone! So are my sins!" "Today! Today! I am born again!" These words will have an influence on how you act/react and can have an influence TODAY on your decisions. Because there are things that you won't do as a born again believer.

"Yesterday is gone! So are my sins". Our Lord Jesus knows you're not perfect, it's a growing process so when you stumble; get up and say "Because of Jesus! Today! Today! I am born again! Yesterday is gone! So are my sins!" It's not a license to sin; (Thank You Inova) however I remind you "as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us". (Psalms 103:11-13)

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## To Someone Special

This Rose represents your life
The thorns represent life's troubles
Your heart, emotions pricked with pain
As you strive to blossom, flourish in life.

I'm aware of your heartaches & life's growing pains
I'm your friend; I'll cause you to flourish
In the midst of the thorns of life.
I wore the crown of thorns so you can
Blossom as a Rose.
Jesus

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