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greatcommission.co.uk is all about inspiring a passion for evangelism in our communities, empowering and equipping each one of us, and our churches, to make Jesus known.

It's a huge – and growing – collection of videos, stories, reflections and resources, designed to inspire and equip us to reach out to our friends, families and communities with the good news of Jesus.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." – Matthew 28:19

These are the stories of four men, women and children and how they came to faith in Jesus. You can watch their full testimonies at greatcommission.co.uk/watch



Things got to a point where one night I couldn't think anymore. I ended up beside a major road, and I stepped into that road. Somebody pulled me off it – I felt an arm around my neck.

I was taken to hospital, had three minutes with a psychologist, and then was told I could go home. I rode around for a good hour. Then I found myself stopping outside a church. And for some reason I walked up the path and knocked on the door... For a good hour I sat there, crying my eyes out and looking for answers. And as I left [the vicar] asked me to come back again, and eventually he said ‘Will you come on a Sunday?’ And I did.

Then I came for a second time, and a third. And on the fourth Sunday the service started, and one of the readings was Psalm 23 – ‘Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.’ And it got weird. A song that I never thought I'd ever hear in church began – *You'll Never Walk Alone*, Jerry and the Pacemakers. It was like dominoes collapsing or a house of cards falling down. It just all fell into place. The sudden realisation that yes, there is more – it's a life of love, because there's so much goodness there.

God's given me a life I never ever would have thought about or stepped into. If I'd known about it all those years ago, I would've come running to it.”

I was raised in church. But I wouldn't say I had a relationship with Jesus – I was going to church because it was fun and my friends were there. When I was 15, I fell away from church. I was a hard party-goer, I liked to go out and get drunk. I was in a long-term relationship so I thought sex was OK. I think I was putting God off because I knew it would mean I'd have to change my life.

We had a big family crisis which really brought me to my knees. I'd been blessed that all around me there were people who supported me. My fiancé's mum and sister were the ones to invite me to church – and they had been inviting me for a long time. And a couple of weeks after I started going back to church, I rededicated my life to Christ.

I didn't understand why I was so peaceful. I was waiting to break but I didn't. I got stronger and stronger. Then I came across Philippians 4:6-7 about the peace that surpasses understanding – and that's when I understood why I'm so peaceful: because Christ gave me peace and strength.”

“My name's Cassie and this is my story...”



“My name is Rahil and this is my story...”



After my A-levels, I went on a journey. Leaving to train as a Hindu priest – a Swami – means a six-year intense programme in India. In terms of lifestyle, it's a lifetime of celibacy, of having no money. You're actually taught how to visualise that it's all burnt away – your parents, your relatives, your friends, everything about you. What happens as a result is that you're completely dependent and sucked in, so there's no way you can leave.

But there was always a void. Certain key questions I had were deflected which gave birth to doubts, about who the guru really is and what this is all about. So this inner turmoil was increasing more and more... I travelled more. I went to the Sistine Chapel – I remember looking up at the paintings, stories of Jesus and John the Baptist, and I remember saying to myself that this just makes sense. I found a really deep connection with the cross. I couldn't articulate it, I just loved staring at it – there was something that was reaching deep inside me.

I went to Mumbai to see the guru. As soon as I went into the meeting, he was cross. He told me I was to stay here in the villages in India – the idea was to put me in a place where I don't have influence. I said no, and suddenly it just came out of my mouth: ‘I'm leaving now, I don't want to be a Swami anymore.’ This silence just fell in the room. And I felt this incredible peace.

Three weeks into my stay with a friend in South Kensington, I walked past a church. It was a Sunday morning. There were people standing outside welcoming people in – and the smiles on their faces, I'd never seen that much joy, that much love, on people ever in my life. As soon as I walked through the doors, the presence of God fell on me in this beautiful, deep way, and this peace came on me. And this quiet whisper in my left ear said ‘You're home.’”

I became a Christian I think three years ago now – it was at a kids' club. We were praying for the Holy Spirit to come, and one of my leaders came and touched me on the shoulder and prayed for me – and I felt like something really connected. It was really weird, as a kid – I didn't know what was happening, but people explained it to me. Then it just all made sense to me, and I started to think through how it would impact me if I did start believing in God.

The impact that Jesus has had on my life is great. He's made me a lot happier now, a lot cheerier, and able to see things through his eyes. The thing about Jesus that makes me want to follow him even more is that he's always there for me, he's always going to talk to me, and he's going to help me through my life. And as long as I've got him to help me, I can help others.”

