

After going through the Victims Of Choice Post-Abortion Recovery program I have found freedom in Christ. Freedom from past hurts, anger, bitterness and blame. As my counselor told me, my feelings did line up with my thoughts and confessions, actions and decisions. One day as I was talking about my mother, I realized I was no longer angry and had happy and pleasant and good feelings toward her. As if a burden lifted. And I was talking about her in a kind way. I look her in the eyes with love and compassion and respect. She did not know about my pregnancies and abortions, I never gave her a chance to help me, so I don't know what she would have done had I told her first.

I had bitterness and blame in my heart because of all the strife and other things that went on in my home.

I realized the other day that my husbands' and my relationship had blossomed also. I told him, "I feel I don't have any more extra baggage to bring into this marriage." (He said, "Good!") We are closer now than ever before. It's funny, all the things I used to accuse him of doing or behaving like, was really mostly me. I was the one who was distant, and not letting him get close to me. God has shown me I have this moment only, the right here and now, that's all. And that I have every opportunity, just like every other sinner in the world to love and enjoy relationships and be as close to people as I'd like to be. I guess He took away the shame, guilt and walls. So now I do enjoy my family, children, siblings and relatives very much. Oh, what I've been missing.

I do not have to punish myself anymore because God has shown me now to stand fast in the Liberty where Christ has made me free and "*be not entangled again with the yoke of slavery.*" I love being loved by God and forgiven for my past sins. I love the new heart He gave me. I am a changed person even though I still have things God is perfecting in me. But God is so good to me. I give Him all the praise. I am forgiven in Christ Jesus my Lord.

Thank you for helping me to be set free!

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