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**“Through my new relationship with Jesus, I was able to forgive”**



My parents were very much non-Christians and, aside from a couple of visits to church with my grandad, I was not exposed to Christianity at all. My brief visits to church were just that and I was not in a relationship with Jesus. However, as I reached my teenage years I did make a commitment to Jesus, but after a couple of years I went back to my worldly ways.

For many years I relied on making my own decisions in life. I found myself completely broken and a single parent to four children after I separated from my husband, Mark. I decided there had to be a better way. I had friends at Trent Vineyard so decided to come along one Sunday.

I immediately felt at home and very welcomed. I rediscovered my relationship with Jesus and through this, I was able to forgive Mark and agreed to take him back. I'm certain I wouldn't have been able to do this without having Jesus in my life.

We both felt that we'd been brought to Trent for a reason and this was the way we were to develop our relationship with Jesus. It felt that we were allowed to find our way in church with support but without pressure. Everything happened at our pace.

Mark and I decided to do the Alpha course and get answers for our questions. Doing Alpha together was such an amazing experience. It got us both communicating in ways we've never done before. We both gave our lives to Jesus within a few weeks of each other and now can't imagine life without Jesus. Our lives are unrecognisable from how they were only a short while ago, but it just feels so right.

