

## What is God's plan 4 U???

How does one write a testimony  
in a few words?  
How does one describe an amazing journey  
on a page?  
I don't know but I will try!

When I was a child,  
I was loved and nurtured by my parents  
I felt to be very much wanted  
and very special.  
They had me christened and  
I did all the things and more besides  
that children in the 50s did.  
including attending Sunday School  
at the Congregational Church.  
Then, at the age of 11,  
my mother died.  
but I still continued with Sunday School.  
My father remarried and  
by now I was older enough to go to the Church Youth Club.  
I stayed there until it was suggested I became a 'member'  
I didn't understand the 'jargon'  
I felt too scared to ask  
So I walked away, I left!  
Little did I know though that this was part of God's plan!

Life continued,  
I left school, began work, met my husband  
My church had two aisles and  
I was too scared to ask which aisle I would walk out of.  
so we were married in another church.  
We began our life together but  
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Along came our daughter  
Who was christened in our local church  
and who was loved and nurtured by her parents  
She was very much wanted and very special.  
She did all the things and more besides  
that children in the 60s did.  
She went to Brownies and Guides and in turn  
attended Church Parade.  
I took her, and stayed, that was the easy option.  
We later became confirmed together,  
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Then one day,  
when in Switzerland with Guiders  
I woke up in the night  
wanting to know more about God.  
My friend and I chatted,

which carried on for the rest of the holiday  
I spoke to my Vicar, we prayed and then I just waited.  
Unbeknown to me, he asked others to pray for me as well.  
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Later, one morning at Church Parade,  
during a sermon,  
I heard the verses –  
'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,  
I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.'  
Suddenly, I became plugged in,  
Suddenly I knew that God was talking to me,  
I prayed that all would become clear.  
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I did a Diocesan course –  
thought it would be fun to find out more  
about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.  
Then I heard about the role of Evangelist  
'Me Lord? No, you must be joking!'  
But He wasn't.  
I followed His will,  
I became an Evangelist  
But little did I know that  
He had an even bigger plan in store for me!!!

Since my step mother died five years ago,  
He has been the potter and me the clay,  
He has continually taken me,  
Broken me and is now moulding me  
Into the person He wants me to be.  
I have been down in the deepest of places,  
The most blackest of pits – just like Job,  
But He placed an angel there  
To tell me that those tears of sorrow I was shedding  
Would become tears of joy.  
I have been extremely angry with Him at times,  
But the gifts He has given me surpass all expectation,  
Empathy, understanding, compassion,  
Feelings and emotions are all very much to the fore.  
He has placed people alongside me  
To accompany me every step of this scary journey  
He has showered me with His love  
That unconditional love, straight from the Cross.  
He has made me feel very precious to Him.  
He has always been there for me,  
although I may have left Him from time to time.  
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The last four and a half years have been tough,  
But yet they have been amazing,  
The issues I have faced have been hurtful,

painful to the extreme,  
There have been days when I was at rock bottom.  
But how would I have managed without Christ as my Rock,  
My Friend to lean on?  
I would not have got through them.  
I have never doubted that He has been there for me  
and alongside me  
I have never doubted  
that there has been a purpose in all this.  
I never had a blinding flash,  
I was just on a journey,

Our relationship has changed,  
it has deepened  
My understanding of Christ and His love for me,  
Has changed from my head  
To being in my heart  
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At the beginning, I said I was on a journey,  
I have not finished that journey yet,  
The potter has not finished His pot,  
He is continually changing and refining me,  
And He will continue to do so,  
until He has the pot He wants.  
But meanwhile,  
I am happy to leave it to Him because  
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What is God's plan 4 you???



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