

## New Member Applicant Testimony

Susan Corapi



My journey to faith in God was straightforward. I grew up in a strong evangelical home and understood early in life the need for salvation through Jesus Christ. I became a Christian when I was around four years old. My journey of growth in faith is an ongoing process. It has been full of rich fellowship with God and fellow believers, but there have also been desert periods when my faith has been tested and challenged. Throughout my journey I have been blessed with people that guided and shaped my understanding of what it means to live for God. I am convinced that I will be growing in my understanding of faith and discipleship until the day I leave this earth.

One of my formative experiences was growing up in a home with parents who diligently read the Bible and thought about the Christian life. My father was a pastor of a small Baptist church in a ranching community in Wyoming for six years. God then led our family to Europe, where my parents were involved in church planting for ten years in Paris followed by seven years in Vienna. I had the opportunity to see Christianity lived out in places that were not particularly receptive to the gospel. My parents were great role models for me in the way they worked out God's calling on their lives and moved their beliefs into action.

Another significant impact on my faith has been my experience in Christian higher education. I graduated from Wheaton College, Denver Seminary, and Regent College in Vancouver Canada, all places with faculty who helped guide my thinking as I sought to understand and grow in my faith. My classes at all three schools provided rich experiences that allowed me to hear and understand Scripture and theology.

Perhaps the greatest influence on my Christian growth has been my husband Wayne. He is a devoted student of Scripture, an avid reader, and a very thoughtful person. He has challenged my thinking as we have sought to understand together what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in our family life, the communities we have been a part of, and within our respective professions.

My desire is to be faithful in acknowledging God's continuous work in my life as a sign of hope to the members of the communities where God has placed me. A relationship with God means there is hope, and I want to support others as they think about the impact Christianity has on their personal lives.

(Kim Dragos testimony on reverse side)

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My husband and I called ourselves "angry atheists" until God started reaching out to us. He patiently and lovingly persisted with such grace, knowing it would take time because of who and what we were. Unfortunately my husband passed away, but fortunately I know he found God first. Because of extremely difficult circumstances I was unable to talk to him about how and why he finally came to find Him before he died.

As for me, the miracles, events, and circumstances God arranged would take a book to tell my story. This is the "Readers Digest" version, but I would love to elaborate for anyone interested.

I became a believer on Good Friday 2016 while practicing in the church choir for that evening and Easter Sunday services.

My prayer came from deep in my heart and I acknowledged God, His Son, Jesus Christ, His death for my sin and His resurrection. God has truly kept His promise and my life is blessed every day because of Him. Amen!!!!

(Susan Corapi testimony on reverse side)