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Who Is Jesus, Anyway?

Thirty years ago I was “dragged” to a Bible study Class and took my two-year-old daughter with me. I checked her into the children’s program and then entered an auditorium filled with women. Up front was a woman talking about how you could have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

I thought the people were extremely weird and determined never to go into that place again.

Later at lunch, when I asked Chrissie how her morning went, she innocently said, “Mommy, who is Jesus anyway?” She had heard about Him in her class that morning.

I knew His picture was on the Sunday School room walls and that they talked about Him a lot in church, but I did not know who He was. I told my daughter I didn’t know but that we would go back to Bible study and find out together.

About a year later, I was facing major surgery and was absolutely petrified. I took my Bible with me to the hospital and happened to open it to Romans 5: 3-5: *“We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.”* That was my turning point.

After that, I had a voracious appetite for the words in the Bible. I couldn’t get enough of it. It was so applicable to my life!

Now that my two daughters are grown and married with children of their own, my walk with Jesus is just as exciting. Every morning I wake up and say, “Lord what are we going to do today? I know that I am nothing without you.

I love God so much and know that He loves me more than I could ever imagine. I thank Him that when He saw me at my worst, He loved me the most. How amazing that He would rather die than not have a personal relationship with me. Now that is love!

I praise God for the verse that says, "*A child shall lead them*" (Isaiah 11:6). That is what God did when my daughter once asked, "Mommy, who is Jesus?"