

Our Life History

About this message

This is a strong Gospel message I borrowed© the points off a message I saw years ago and rewrote the whole thing. Because this message starts from creation, it's a great message for those who know nothing at all about God, sin etc.

Because this message gives people answers and/or introduces "new" concepts it has wide appeal. I originally wrote it for a gig at a youth prison but have since adapted it for use in the open-air and Gospel/ healing meetings.

It can be used with or without the "pig story". It could be used as a sketch-board message using ladder lettering to right **FORMED, DEFORMED, REFORM, REBORN** and drawing large stick figures using paint or a large chisel edge pens of a man in various stages- formed, deformed (missing body parts)...I'm sure you could work it out.

Ladies and Gentleman; If I were to ask you, if you were happy about the way your life has gone so far, I wonder what you would say. I ask this because I meet and talk with a lot of different people every day and I've come to the conclusion that most people are not happy in their lives- life hasn't turned out how they had planned. When we're planning for the future none of us think, 'I'm going to be an addict one day; I want to be terminally ill, I want to have a gambling problem; I want to be divorced one day; or I want my kids to hate me; or I want to go to prison' or I want to be in debt up to my eye balls' No!!!! None of us ever planned for those things. But if that's you, don't despair; if things haven't turned out the way you planned, the good news is someone else has a plan for your life...ITS GOD. He says, "*I have plans for you... for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope*" (Jeremiah 29:11b) those plans begin when we get to know God personally. Ladies and gentleman if you give me just 8 minutes of your time I will show you why you need to do that and tell you how you can change and begin Gods programme for your life.

First understand that right from the beginning of creation, God created us (mankind) to know him –to have a close friendship with Him. **God Formed our Bodies**, put breath into our lungs and even walked and talked with us in the Garden of Eden.

God made us with the same inner nature as Himself; we were spiritually, morally, emotionally, and to some degree intellectually like God at one time -what happened? Well, God didn't create Adam and Eve (the first man and woman) like some robot to automatically love and obey him, but because He loved them and wanted a real relationship with them, He gave them a free will which means they could make their own choices, and they chose to disobey God.

That's what the story of Adam Eve is all about. God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden, and they could do whatever they wanted to do as long as they did not eat fruit from the Tree of Knowledge that God had placed in the centre of the Garden. God said, "Don't eat it or touch it, because if you do you will die" Well you may know the story- satan came along and tricked them into eating the fruit. When that happened sin entered them and changed their nature.

Ever since then their ancestors, which includes you and I, have the same sinful nature, now everyone is born **Deformed by Sin** and our life doesn't look like it was supposed to because of sin. What's sin? It's disobeying God. It's the wrong things we say do and think. All of us have done wrong things by choice as well as unknowingly; we lie, we steal, we fight, we

curse and do many other wrong things.

Did you notice as you were growing that your mum and dad didn't have to teach you to be naughty-you just did it, that's because you have been deformed by sin- you have a sinful nature.

Deep down we all know this and **Try to Reform**, we try to restore our knowledge thru education, get respectability thru a good job; sometimes we try to restore our relationship with God thru religion and outweigh our sin thru good works.

But none of those things work because you're deformed by sin- it's hard wired into your DNA now.

Pig story. There is a story about a guy who owned a pig called Harley. Harley was his best friend. One day the guy was watching Harley rolling around in the mud and filth and he said to himself, "Here I am living in luxury and my best friend lives in a pig sty." So the man took Harley the pig out of the sty, cleaned him up and gave him the run of his house, thinking the pig would rise to the occasion and act like a human.

When the man got up the next morning his house was a mess. But he didn't get upset; instead he decided to take Harley the pig to the best restaurant and give him the best food and the best wine hoping Harley would change and act like a human. So he cleaned Harley up again, put a suit and a tie on him and took him to a restaurant.

They had an awesome time, but when they got home Harley got out of the car and went right back to the sty to roll around in the mud and filth again...Because it's the nature of a pig to act like a pig-that's what pigs do; they roll around in the mud and filth. Human beings can't change either and we have our own mud and filth. Jesus said, *"For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. 23 All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."* Mark 7:21-23 NLT So...

We need to be Reborn: we need a new nature. Jesus agrees He said, "You must be born-again." But we can't go back into our mother's womb; it's a different kind of birth-a spiritual birth. Jesus said; *"Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's Spirit can change you into a child of God."* John 3:6 CEV

That's where Jesus comes in. Because of our sin we can't change, we can't get to know God and we can't get into heaven because God is Holy and just and cannot stand the sight of sin; in fact He must punish it. A verse in the Bible says, *"The wages of sin is death"*; we get paid for the sin we do in this life and the payment for sin is death- ultimately that means forever in hell. But though He never sinned Himself, Jesus died willingly on the cross for our sin; the Bible says *"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Jesus died as our substitute on the cross and then rose from the dead three days later to prove that He is God and has the power to change us so we can stand faultless once again in God's presence. What must you do to be saved, changed and begin Gods programme for your life?

Repent. Acts 3:19

Believe. John 3:36

Receive. John 1:12– Receive Jesus Spirit (H.S) into you, so you can be changed.

Now call for a response and invite them to pray.

