

Sebastian Mackliff Testimony:

My name is Sebastian Mackliff. I grew up in Quito, Ecuador. I was raised in a Christian home under guidance of my mother even though my father was not a Christian back then. I was saved one day after hearing a sermon at church. I realized that I needed to be saved on our way back from church, so I asked my mother if she could guide me through the prayer to be saved. My mother, after hearing this, quickly stopped the car and guided me through the prayer. I am not sure if this is when I was truly saved, but I remember praying to God to save me many times when I was a child just in case I hadn't been saved that day. Since I was very young when I got saved, I do not remember my life before salvation. However, I do know that after being saved, I began doing my quiet time every day and deeply loved God.

In middle school and high school, I remember God protecting me from all of the evils of youth. At thirteen I got baptized and later on became so passionate about Christ that I witnessed to many of my classmates, even counseling one of them into pursuing a strong relationship with God. Although, these were relatively easy times for me.

When I moved to the United States to study engineering, I felt alone during the first week of college since I was far away from my family, but in an incredible manner, I felt God's presence. During the first semester, I felt His guidance, strength, and love. I have never been as strong in my faith as then. Although, during my second semester, I met my then girlfriend-now wife. In a matter of months of being together, we realized that we wanted to get married. Unfortunately we both struggled with sin that hindered our spiritual growth and relationships with God. Not long after, we got married and our relationship with God grew stronger.

Even though I felt closer to God after our marriage, I still felt so unworthy of Him. Nevertheless, God has never left my side. He has always loved me, always forgiven me, always accompanied me, and always protected me. God has never failed me and I trust His promises. Even though I am not perfect, I am convinced that I am saved just by the fact that He never abandons me and draws me toward Him each day. He continues to preside over my life in undeniable acts of faithfulness.