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My life before Christ...

My life before Christ I would describe as self-driven, prideful, ridden with guilt and confusion. I knew the Lord growing up thanks to my mom and a tiny church in Gouverneur, NY, but I never knew what it meant to be saved or to have a close relationship with the Lord until I met my now husband, Rob. When I met Rob he was flourishing in his relationship with the Lord. I thought he was the luckiest and most relaxed person I have ever met. Turns out he just really trusted the Lord and you could see the fruit in his life that the Lord was providing.

How I realized I needed Christ and accepted Him as my Savior...

I knew I needed the Lord when I wanted all the confusion, guilt, and selfishness to be put to rest in my life. I wanted to know what it was like to have a peace that surpassed all understanding. I needed something bigger than myself to lead me in life. So a few years ago, after a few Bible studies, a lot of questions and conversations with Rob, and countless messages listened to, I decided for myself to accept Jesus Christ as my Savior, to believe that He died for me and my sins, only to rise again so I could live for Him.

My life since receiving Christ...

After accepting Christ, I continued with my Bible studies and rooted myself so deeply in the Lord that even now as a sinner I know I am forgiven even though I am so undeserving. When I am troubled I know where to turn to for help, and when I am joyful I know who to thank. I no longer look at trials as punishment but as a chance to grow closer to the Lord. There is a lesson in each trial I face. I know now when I start to worry, there is no need because I can give all my worries to the Lord. Because I am His and that everything is part of His plan; even the opportunity to write this and be baptized.