

# JESUS REWROTE MY STORY

## A TESTIMONY OF RESILIENT GRACE

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## INTRODUCTION

### JESUS REWROTE MY STORY

***D**octors said I'd never walk, never have children, and wouldn't live long—but Jesus rewrote my story.*

*Against every prognosis, I'm walking, mothering two sons, and witnessing God's faithfulness through chronic illness, heart failure, and stroke.*

*From Muscular Dystrophy to Miracles: Christ met me in weakness and turned my life into a testimony of resilient grace.*

*I share this not to boast in my strength, but to glorify the One who carried me through every diagnosis, every valley, every "impossible." This is not just my story—it's a reflection of what Jesus can do in yours, too.*

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*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." – Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV*

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## PREFACE

### WHY I'M SHARING

I share my story to encourage anyone carrying a diagnosis, a disability, a hidden grief, or a forecast spoken over your life that does not line up with God's heart. Medicine matters. Wisdom matters. But prognosis is not prophecy when Jesus speaks a better word. If He can sustain this body—diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy at age five, warned of wheelchairs, infertility, and early death—and still fill my life with walking miles, miracle sons, ministry work, and healing after heart failure and stroke, then friend, *your* story is not over either.

I pray that what follows is not about me, but about the God who meets us in our weakness, redeems what the world counts as loss, and turns fragile lives into living testimonies of grace.

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“Thus says the LORD: ‘Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,’ says the LORD.” – Jeremiah 9:23–24 NKJV

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## PART 1

### DIAGNOSIS & CHILDHOOD LIMITS: WHEN DOCTORS DREW THE LINES

I was five when the label landed: **Muscular Dystrophy**. Specialists warned my family that I would likely be in a wheelchair by ages eight to ten, unable to bear children, and not live into full adulthood. Imagine being a child and having adults speak ceilings over you—ceilings so low you could feel them pressing down.

My parents cycled through fear, worry, optimism, and hope. There were appointments, consultations, and accommodations. At school I was *the kid who took the elevator*. I remember my very first ride—knees wobbly, eyes glancing at friends who took the stairs with ease. I felt exposed. That elevator ride became a symbol of separation—me against limitation. Winter recess? Indoors. Gym class? Modified or sidelined. I watched friends sprint, join teams, do cartwheels, chase balls across fields slick with snow—and I sat, stretched, or cheered from the edges. I tired easily; my legs burned; my muscles complained. I learned young how to swallow disappointment with a smile.

Even before I knew the language of calling, I felt the ache of being different. Outcast moments stack up: sitting out of sports, missing field fun, hearing whispers. Fear and anxiety crept in. Would my body fail fast? Would I become a burden? Those questions became background noise—until Jesus would one day cut through them.

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*“My child, the labels spoken over you are not the measure of My plans for you. I know your frame. I hold your days.”*

*— Yeshua (impression on my heart, remembered years later)*

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**Reflection Prompt:**

Were you ever told what you “would never” do? Write the words down... then cross them out and ask the Lord for His word over your life.

## PART 2

### PARKING LOT SALVATION: MEETING JESUS AT FOURTEEN

I met Jesus in a most ordinary holy place: my **high school parking lot**. I was fourteen, carrying questions bigger than my body. My best friend, Sacha, prayed with me—an honest salvation prayer under open sky and parked cars. No cathedral. No choir. Just hearts cracked open.

As we prayed, I felt an immediate lightness—relief, warmth, peace flooding in where anxiety had lived rent-free. The weight of prognosis lifted enough for hope to breathe. I didn't know all the theology; I knew I was loved, forgiven, and not alone.

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*“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” — Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV*

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#### **Reflection Prompt:**

Where were you when faith became real? Jot the location. What did you feel in your body?

Peace? Tears? Quiet?



## PART 3

### FACET BY FACET: WALKING BEYOND PROGNOSIS

Those early medical lines? We started stepping past them.

I did **not** enter a wheelchair at eight. Or ten. Or twenty. Today, at **38**, I still walk independently (I use a rolling walker for distance). Every year past the predicted limit has felt like a birthday candle God refused to blow out.

Childhood wasn't all restriction—I tasted adventure: downhill skiing (once, but memorable!), water tubing behind a boat, skating, rollerblading, climbing trees, biking, amusement park rides, go-karting, endless swimming, sledding snow hills in Canadian winters... I lived. Maybe slower, maybe with more recovery time—but I lived.

Passing the ten-year mark upright was a holy defiance. It whispered, *"Whose report will you believe?"* (see Isaiah 53:1) And that question still echoes.

Every footstep felt like a whispered defiance against despair—and proof that His strength truly is made perfect in weakness. (see 2 Corinthians 12:9)

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*"But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not  
be weary, They shall walk and not faint." — Isaiah 40:31*

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#### **Reflection Prompt:**

List one area where you're still "walking" in spite of forecasts. Thank God for each unexpected step.

## PART 4

### MIRACLE MOTHERHOOD: GABRIEL & BENJAMIN

Medical expectation: “**Unable**” to carry children.

God’s response: **Two miracle sons**. Gabriel arrived in 2009; Benjamin followed in 2010. Both were delivered by emergency caesarean section—dramatic entrances that matched the miracle they were. Each ultrasound appointment felt like God leaning in, smiling: “*Watch Me.*”

Pregnancy pressed my body; risk was real. Yet life beat strong. I remember hearing heartbeats and thinking, *This is God’s rebuttal to every limiting word spoken over me.*

Motherhood stretched my muscles and my faith—but also multiplied joy. Our boys have filled our home with laughter, questions, and a million reasons to keep getting back up.

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*“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.” – Psalm 127:3 NKJV*

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#### **Reflection Prompt:**

Name a gift God gave you that experts said was unlikely. How has that gift changed your faith?

## PART 5

### VALLEYS OF THE HEART: CARDIOMYOPATHY, V-TACH, AND AN I.C.D.

**M**id-2023 brought new challenges: **cardiomyopathy** and **heart failure**. By early 2024, my heart rhythm was unstable; my beats per minute sometimes dropped into the **mid-20s**. Then came **March 2024**—a frightening episode of **ventricular tachycardia**. I was shocked/paddled; I remember fear flooding every cell. “*God where are You?*” wasn’t a theological question—it was a desperate cry between pulses.

Yet even there, God was not absent. I sensed prayer rising inside me—almost as if the Holy Spirit prayed through my weakness when words failed. Loved ones gathered, prayed, and stood watch.

Because my heart needed backup, surgeons placed an **Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator (ICD)** on **April 2, 2024**. Waking after surgery, I felt fragile—but profoundly held. My life now carried circuitry and grace.

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*“My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.” – Psalm 73:26 NKJV*

*“Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”  
– 1 Peter 5:7 NKJV*

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#### **Reflection Prompt:**

If you’ve faced a medical procedure or device, write a prayer over that scar. Ask God to turn medical intervention into a memorial of mercy.

## PART 6

### STROKE & SUDDEN MERCY

**O**n April 7, 2025, I suffered a **stroke**—my entire left side went completely paralyzed. For a moment time froze. But less than a week later, I was **fully healed**. *Fully*. The recovery stunned even those who cared for me.

During that week I played Scripture and prayer music (thank You, faithful YouTube creators!) and soaked in the Word. Fear tried to claw in; peace met it at the door. I can only describe that season as **traumatic yet faith-deepening**—one of the most profound times I’ve walked with Yeshua.

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*“For I will restore health to you And heal you of your wounds,”  
says the LORD. – Jeremiah 30:17 NKJV*

*“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want... He restores my  
soul.” – Psalm 23:1,3 NKJV*

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#### **Reflection Prompt:**

Recall a crisis that could have ended differently. Where do you now see God’s fingerprints in the outcome?

## **PART 7**

### **FAITHFUL ADVANTAGE: TURNING PAIN INTO PURPOSE**

**I**n 2023 I launched **Faithful Advantage**—a ministry, blog, and now growing publishing & boutique platform—because I wanted to steward my story. The name came from a conviction: when we walk faithfully with God, what the world calls “disadvantage” becomes *holy advantage*. Not because suffering is easy, but because God uses it.

My logo features **mountains**—a nod to the trials and steep climbs life brings. Jesus said faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains (see Matthew 17:20); sometimes He moves them, sometimes He moves *us* over them, sometimes He carves a tunnel through.

Through Faithful Advantage I’ve:

- Shared transparent blog posts about disability, faith, and resilience.
- Opened the **Boutique**—faith-based goods that encourage everyday discipleship.
- Published books:
  - [\*100 Biblical Affirmations: Embracing God’s Truth in Your Life\*](#)
  - [\*Embracing Jesus As Our Saviour: A Personal Journey of Redemption\*](#)
  - [\*Threads of Faith\*](#)
- Built community across platforms—[TikTok](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#)—because encouragement should travel.

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*“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that  
He may exalt you in due time.” – 1 Peter 5:6 NKJV*

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**Reflection Prompt:**

What “mountain” marks your life? How might God turn it into ministry for someone else?

## PART 8

### COMMUNITY & KINGDOM VAULT: GATHERED IN HIS NAME

**A**longside Faithful Advantage, I love investing in [Kingdom Vault](#)—a Christian resource hub where practical preparedness meets spiritual discipleship. We check in, share hobbies (hello, Diamond Painting!), trade prayer requests, and support one another through crisis and growth. It's a digital village with open gates.

Jesus promised:

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*“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” – Matthew 18:20 NKJV*

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If you're looking for a place to belong, learn, heal, and serve others—come join us. Post a hello on the Check-In Wall, share a craft in The Hobby Cave, or drop a prayer request. Your presence matters.

#### **Reflection Prompt:**

Who is walking with you right now? If no one comes to mind, consider joining a Christ-centred community today.

## PART 9

### SCRIPTURES THAT STEADY MY STEPS

Here are verses the Lord has used again and again to anchor my heart. I pray they steady yours too.

- † **Proverbs 3:5-6** – *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*
- † **Jeremiah 29:11** – *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*
- † **Psalms 73:26** – *My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*
- † **1 Peter 5:6-7** – *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care (anxieties) upon Him, for He cares for you.*
- † **1 John 4:4** – *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*
- † **1 John 4:8** – *He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*
- † **John 1:1, 14** – *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*
- † **Psalms 4:8** – *I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.*



- † **Proverbs 22:4** – *By humility and the fear of the Lord Are riches and honor and life.*
- † **Genesis 1:1** – *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* (If He spoke galaxies, He can speak life into mine.)

**Reflection Prompt:**

Which one speaks loudest to you today? Memorise it this week.

## **PART 10**

### **PRAYER SECTION**

Below are prayers you can pray now—over yourself, your family, and your future in Christ.

#### **Prayer: Surrendering Your Story to Jesus**

*Lord Jesus, I bring You the labels, losses, and limitations spoken over my life. I confess fear, frustration, and unbelief. I choose to trust that Your plans give hope and a future. Direct my steps; strengthen my body; heal my heart; redeem my story for Your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

#### **Prayer for Families (Blessing & Healing)**

*Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of family: by blood, adoption, and the friendships that become home. Build our homes on Jesus; heal what's broken; provide what's lacking; fill our conversations with grace. Let love be the bond of perfection and peace rule in our hearts. As for us and our house, we will serve the Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*  
*(See Hebrews 4:13; Psalm 127:1; Colossians 3:14-15; Joshua 24:15 NKJV.)*

#### **Salvation Prayer (If You're Ready to Receive Jesus)**

*Dear God, I know I am a sinner and ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sins and that You raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Saviour and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do Your will. I pray this in the Name of Jesus. Amen.*

#### **[WATCH THE SALVATION PRAYER VIDEO ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)**

*(If you prayed this, please tell me—I'd love to welcome you and help you grow!)*

## PART 11

### SHARE YOUR STORY & TAKE A STEP

If this testimony speaks to you, here are ways to respond. Pick one today:

- † Trust God with your diagnosis or limitation—ask Him for strength for the next step.
- † Receive Jesus as Saviour (see prayer above).
- † Pray healing & strength over your family.
- † [Subscribe to Faithful Advantage](#) for encouragement, resources, and updates.
- † Visit [Kingdom Vault](#)—post a Check-In, join community threads, explore resources.
- † Share *your* testimony. Someone needs your story.

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*“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” – John 17:3 NKJV*

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## CLOSING BLESSING

**F**riend, if you feel like a medical chart more than a person, hear this: You are seen. Loved. Carried. The God who spoke the universe into being knows your frame, numbers your hairs, counts your tears, and writes redemptive chapters the world cannot predict.

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*One step at a time. One breath prayer at a time. One mustard seed of faith at a time.*

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I'm grateful to walk this road with you—from Alberta, Canada—with my Husband, my two miracle sons, and a heart that beats (sometimes electrically assisted!) for Jesus.

*With love & resilient hope,*

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**Your Turn:** Drop a comment with:

- † Your name (first only is fine)
- † Your diagnosis or challenge (if you wish to share)
- † One Scripture holding you steady
- † How we can pray for you

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*"Let's stir up love and good works together."  
— Hebrews 10:24 NKJV*

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