

Anabel's Testimony of Deliverance from Gambling

"Before Jesus, my life had no sense of direction. I was a compulsive gambler, greedy, liar, selfish, unhappy and depressed. I didn't care about anyone or anything else. I took my family and my marriage for granted. I was always angry, negative and I was secretive when it came to having money. My mind was preoccupied with other things, specifically how I can go to the casino any chance I get. The idea of gambling consumed my mind every minute of every day. I couldn't stop even when I wanted to. I was so powerless over it.

The very last time I was at the casino, I had just gotten paid and lost my whole paycheck, maxed out all my credit cards and I lost all that too. I walked back to my car, got into my car and I was in disbelief of what just transpired. A few thousand dollars, gone in less than 3 hours. That's when I really realized the magnitude of my addiction. I was upset and angry with myself for allowing that to happen. I sat in my car and reality started to sink in. I had to tell my husband not only the debt that I incurred from gambling but I also had to tell him about my addiction. At one point there was a part of me of not wanting to go home because I didn't want to face my husband and tell him about my problems. I sat in my car and just cried my eyes out. I prayed to God to help me and that I was done with gambling. There were numerous times I wanted to quit but I couldn't get myself out of it. That day I told God that I was ready to commit myself to Him, no matter what the consequence may be, I was ready to accept it.

God took the desire to gamble out of me. He renewed the spirit of my mind. He strengthened my marriage and my relationship with my husband and my children. He took anger, depression out of me and gave me peace, love and joy that only He can give.

I am not who I used to be. I am no longer bound to gambling. Praying and reading the WORD is a part of my life now. I am eternally grateful to God for what he's done for me. I thank God for my life today."

-Anabel