

## Dave's Story

I was born and raised Catholic. But i started to lose my faith during my high school and early to mid college years. I was starting to wonder about life and wondered if it is worth it to live or if i should believe in a God/Jesus Christ etc. etc. In other words, i was turning atheist. One day at work i was talking to this woman about my problems she said her husband could probably help me out. He was a non-denominational "ordained minister. " I came to him and told him of all the misery i was going through (varying from jealousy, anger, unkindness, grudges, and HATE!!) He counseled me and later pushed me into a Bible study. I have to say for the first time, i felt i was loved and accepted. I began reading scripture but in the King James Bible. As i got to know this guy, he explained to me about his view of the Catholic Church. He said it was rooted in paganism. I was extremely surprised, yet i was quite disturbed. He also told me he was once Catholic and taht he felt the Church was a form of evil. After a year and a half of reading the King James bible, i slowly and gradually started to get more involved in a Catholic Bible. (Though i was still ignorant of alot of things.) One day this guy asked me if i was willing to convert. I felt the worst feeling ever to take place in my stomach. I could almost feel a hand grabbing me saying "you don't want to do this." It was after this that i didn't go back to this guy's house. But from that point on, I was interested in my Catholic background. I was still a little unsteady, but i felt myself progressing through the spring and summer of 2001.

September 11. A day that has changed our lives forever. I started to think twice about life. Riches and fame meant less to me. I started going back to church. I read scripture, apologetics (Scott Hahn and Karl Keating), and several sites of stories who revert and convert to the Faith. I am now convinced of a spirit. His presence is active to this day in our holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

I give thanks to the woman and man (The non-Catholics) for serving the purpose in my life in paving the way back to the Church for me. It must be true that the Lord works in mysterious ways. God Bless America and The Catholic Church!!!!