

Because You Loved Us First

Bible Study

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INTRODUCTION

“You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:32

It occurred to me to write a Bible Study to accompany Teresa’s book due to a rather odd set of circumstances. I was going through a very dark and depressing time of my life, when a friend cleaned out her bookcase, and bagged up some books for me. Included was “Because You Loved Us First”, a little white book with a plain cover. It sat on my coffee table for several days, but I was absolutely too depressed to even pick it up. Finally, one night in desperation, I began to read. Strangely, the junk that had been hanging over me began to lift and I began to feel as light as a feather. I couldn’t put the book down as page by page, I was being set free. By the end of the book, I was literally transformed, due to the truth of God’s Word being presented. I was rejoicing! I even read the book a second time and began to wonder if the author had ever written a Bible Study guide to accompany the book.

There was no information within the book itself about the publisher or even when it had been written. All I had to go on was the author’s name, so I began an internet search to see if I could contact her. Amazingly, I came up with a phone number of a lady, aged 86, living in Texas who might possibly be the author. I nervously made the call, and ended up leaving a message on a recorder. I said, “If this is the author of the little book, ‘Because You Loved Us First’, I just wanted to tell you how it was used to miraculously set me free. Thank you!” I then left my number. A few minutes later, the phone rang, and it was Teresa.

As we began to chat, and exchange information, I told Teresa I lived near Redding, California. We both were in shock to realize she had a trip planned to fly out to my area to visit her daughter, who lived about fifty miles from me, the following week. The phone went silent for a few seconds as the enormity of God’s timing and planning to pull something like this off began to sink in. We just couldn’t believe it! What were the odds of this happening? Teresa said, “I think God wants us to meet.” And so began the journey to create a Bible Study that would help solidify some of the truths taught in Teresa’s book.

“Because You Loved Us First” was offered in love as a free book at Teresa’s teaching seminars. You may print out the book and Bible Study for personal or group study free of charge. If you have found your way to this web site, I have no doubt God led you here for a reason. It is my prayer that you will be set free just as I was, as the truth of God’s Word fills you to overflowing. “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” John 8:32.