

“I CAN DREAM AGAIN” CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

CHAPTER 9 – LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE

Preserved for a Purpose

November 4, 1984 was a miraculous day for me at Brooklyn Teen Challenge. I had been spiritually blind for 26 years when I knelt by that chair in the chapel and asked the Lord to come into my life. I awakened to the spiritual realm of the kingdom of God. When we went out in the yard to exercise early the next morning, I was hung-over and could have stayed in bed, but I got up because I was a different person. Something had touched me—God was in my life. The workout consisted of stretching, jumping jacks and jogging around the house several times. As I joined the men, I looked around and saw everything with new eyes.

For the first time in my life I could truly see. I saw people walking by and said to myself, *Look, there's people! I wonder if they know God?!?! With new vision in my heart, I rejoiced at everything I fixed my eyes on...the tree (there was just one of the property), the brick buildings, a pigeon, a rat (remember, we were in Brooklyn).*

The greatest revelation exploded in my heart when I realized that God had saved me and preserved me for a purpose. Right then, I realized that life was more than just eating, drinking, getting high, having sex, making money, owning a car, a boat, a business, or a house. Life was about purpose and restoring broken dreams. I knew God had a specific destiny for me. Suddenly, I had a burning desire to press on to embrace everything God had for my future.