

My Testimony by Cicely Sturgess

When I was 19 years old, God spoke to me directly for the first time.

I was ill and confined to bed with Impetigo which is highly infectious.

I had been brought up in a Christian home, but it had all seemed like play-acting to me. I tried to believe, but there was no reality in it.

In my low physical state, I asked my mother for her Bible. I opened it at random and the words hit my eyes: *"My grace is sufficient for you and my strength is made perfect in weakness"* - (2 Corinthians chap. 12, v. 9). I was overcome by the awesome reality of God and the fact that He actually wanted to speak to me.

At 21 years old I went forward at a Billy Graham Crusade. The call was for me and I acted upon it. I responded to God, but not to Jesus, although I acknowledged His death for me.

I did not acknowledge Him as Lord. I was afraid of what He might demand of me.

I knew nothing of the Holy Spirit, except Pentecost. My fear blocked Him out.



My counsellor at the Crusade, Janet, tried to encourage me, but her words and prayers didn't count.....her face did—it shone!

I drifted for 10 years, we had moved to Australia and had a family. I didn't forget Janet's

face, or the book she had given me as a parting gift. ('By Searching' by I sobel Kuhn).

I joined a church and Bible Study Group in Heathcote. Everyone was 'full-on' there—I was impressed.

At that time God spoke to me again through the Bible as I'd been studying - *"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near."* (I saiah Chap. 55, v. 6-9).

I was woken at 2:00am on a cold starry night to hear this and knew He may not call me again EVER!

I remembered what I sobel Kuhn had done and trembling, I surrendered myself completely to Him.

I mmediately I was flooded with the Holy Spirit as He revealed that it was Jesus calling me.

At last I know the Trinity is real!
No more play-acting for me!