

## Testimony of Pierre (Rock) Eksteen

Dear Believer, Friend, and Family in Messiah — this testimony is **NOT** intended to judge, convict, convince, or confront anyone. I share it **in love, with humility, without judgment, and out of OBEDIENCE & REVERENCE** to my [only] First Love – Almighty Father YHUH (YHWH), Whom I love with ALL my BEING!

May I humbly request you to open your heart, allowing the Ruach (Spirit) of Father YHUH (YHWH) to minister to you through this testimony.

I was brought-up in a “Christian” home with good moral values. My father was not at home very often, as he travelled for work (being an Area Manager). When he was at home over weekends, he used to drink and visit with his friends, often playing snooker and darts. He was a chain smoker. He was brought-up with six other siblings by their mother. He was never taught how to love by his father - and being a father himself, he lacked to show and give love. He was often very hard on my 2 brothers and me as we grew up. I got a lot of hidings for things I never did, nor deserved. My 2 brothers were very close and always teamed-up against me. I was afraid of my father, but also respected him. He was a good provider with the resources available to him, and he had much wisdom about many different things. We did not have a healthy father-son relationship. He always “bragged” about me when their friends visited them, but never told me in person that he was proud of me, and that he loved me. This made me insecure and very angry. I was alone and lonely most of my life - mostly being misunderstood, misquoted, and labeled for being “different and quiet”. Even in my peer groups I had limited friends, because most of the boys around me (I was in a boy’s school) irritated me with their immaturity and immoral lifestyles. All they cared about was taking advantage of girls, drinking, and trying to prove their manhood by being “macho”, often making fools of them in the process. I was never like that, and because I was different - I was labeled, made fun of, and rejected! I did not have good self-esteem and my self-worth was basically non-existent. I had a low self-image as well. Because I felt rejection from my father, brothers, and most of those around me, I started “performing” to be recognized, validated, and receive attention. I performed well in sport and in my academic school career, reaching great milestones, getting a lot of recognition as a good “academic” and provincial sportsman. Yet, I still felt rejected, alone, and misunderstood - even whilst receiving all the accolades. I felt that nobody really understood me and tried to connect with my heart, apart from my mother. I was NOT brought-up with hugs and/or kisses, and DID NOT RECEIVE words of validation or affirmation, even though I desperately needed it. I had trust issues and did not allow people close to my heart. As I grew older, I started to seek acceptance, love, and validation in wrong relationships with women. I was angry, miserable, vulnerable, and alone. I never drank, smoked, or took drugs, and was never part of the “men’s club” going out drinking, making fools of themselves, and cheating on their loved ones. I was continually rejected for being different.

In my mid 20’s, I lost the one woman who meant the world to me. I lost her through my own shortcomings, anger, jealousy, and insecurities. It broke me, because she really loved me, but could not put-up with my anger, doubt, and jealousy any longer. I drank an overdose of pills when she left me, not really caring about the consequences. My stomach was pumped in hospital. Even then my father and brothers did not embrace me and reach out to me. I was still alone and misunderstood. My mother was always there for me, showing me love as she knew best, but I needed more — much more. I got in and out of relationships with women, but never really felt accepted and loved. I was broken, angry, and vulnerable. I continued seeking love and acceptance, but could not find it. The voidness in my heart kept growing.

In my early twenties, I thought I met my Savior, but it was all religion and tradition, with no real relationship. I was a Deacon in the church, led Bible study groups, and got involved in youth ministry – but I still felt alone, misunderstood, and vulnerable. I was very religious.

Throughout my working career, people (especially women) approached me to assist them with their broken lives – which I did, yet I could not help myself.

Relationships with women kept coming and going, very often with several years going by of not being in any relationship. The hurt and pain in my heart kept increasing. I was involved in many motorcycle and vehicle accidents, losing my life many times, only to be given yet another chance to live.

I was angry at my heavenly Father, my parents, my brothers, my friends — actually, I was angry at the whole world. I started living a secluded life watching TV and Movies, trying to keep busy. I struggled to sleep, had bad nightmares, and lived only for my work — alone, vulnerable, lost, and angry. In my rejection and anger, I lashed out against those who confronted and/or attacked me, almost killing a man who tried to stab me, and seriously hurting others who tried to steal from me. By Father's favor (grace) they all survived, giving me yet another chance in life. In 1995, I bought my first brand new BMW, and also bought my first property. I could basically buy what I liked and/or preferred. I was "financially wealthy" and successful, or so I thought! I was still alone and felt unloved, even though I received a lot of attention from various women. Over the years of success, I discovered that women, possessions, money and my business could NOT fulfill me or make me happy. In 1997, after many break-ins, I lost my business and was sequestered. I lost many things that were dear to me, including my house, cars, and fiancé. Once again, I was down and out, with very little hope of a better tomorrow.

In 1999 I got involved in Youth Ministry through my local church. In 2000, I met a woman who challenged me to get out of religion and into a relationship with my heavenly Father. I left my "traditional church" with all its religious structures, sacraments, and rules – and I met my heavenly Father for the first time, even though I thought I met Him in my early 20's. I had awesome encounters with my heavenly Father, through His Son, by the power of His Spirit. I married this woman after knowing each other for 4 months. It was a disastrous marriage. We misunderstood and abused each other in subtle ways, my anger getting the better of me at times. She walked out after only 2 months of our marriage, days before my 34th birthday. I was devastated, but FATHER gave me the chance to do deep soul searching. The company that I worked for at the time made my head-office position redundant and sent me home for a month. Father gave me the favor and time to stay in His Word during this time. I felt His presence, love and acceptance, and it started changing me from the inside. During this time I had wonderful encounters with Father YHJH (YHWH), and received the gift of speaking in tongues, without anyone laying hands on me. My Father started to heal and restore me, but there was still a voidness in my heart. This voidness drove me into yet more wrong relationships with a couple of women.

In 2002, my earthly father and I [found] one another for the first time, two months before he passed on. I was relieved to have had the opportunity to set things straight with my dad. I forgave Him. He told me how proud he was of me. For the first time in 36 years, he validated and affirmed me. In this year, I met a man who reached out to my father on his death bed. He asked me to come to their "church", which I did. I got very involved in this church, and started to reach out to people in the broader community. I experienced many miracles and was transformed by it. I started with my Theology Degree, having 2 jobs at the time. It was very difficult, yet I excelled to the top of my class, getting my degree in mid 2005. In late 2005, I lost a multi-million contract through the cunningness and deceit of my "Christian" partner, and for the second time, I lost almost everything. I could take my partner, my client, and our service provider to court, having all the proof of their corruption, and literally walk out with millions. I fasted for three days and felt the prompting to leave the "Business Environment" and go into full-time ministry. This decision was confirmed by my pastor at the time. I decided to not take my partner, my client, or the service provider to court, and forgave them unconditionally. The church appointed me in a pastoral capacity and ordained me in November of 2005.

I ministered and served in several schools, my congregation, and the broader community since 2002. I was part of many outreaches and miracle healings, and had amazing encounters, but there was still something missing. Something didn't feel right.

In 2007, there was a mayor "church split", as proof of corruption, deceit, and manipulation was exposed. After prayer I was prompted to leave the congregation and the formal structure of the church that was NOT governed by the Word of YHUH (YHWH) – but by control, greed, manipulation, and deceit. I felt betrayed and abused yet again.

I was left in the wilderness once again, with only my heavenly Father and His Son to comfort, heal, and restore me. I was jobless and poor, but Father YHUH continued providing for me through the hearts of many good people who sowed into my life financially. I had a lot of time to do research and deep study of the Word of Almighty YHUH for a period of more than three years. As I did, I started receiving understanding and revelation knowledge of many things in SCRIPTURE – things that I was NOT taught in Theology School or in any church that I was a part of. Father connected me with mature spirit-filled believers who confirmed everything that I received from the Scriptures, as well as revelation through His Qodesh Ruach (Set Apart Spirit).

During this time, I was prompted to do research and deep study regarding the authenticity of Scripture translations after receiving the same Scripture (**Jer 6:16**) over and over again! This Scripture commanded me to seek my Father's ANCIENT PATHS – which is the way to what is GOOD. He commands us to seek and follow His ancient paths, because He knew that satan would pervert it through religion, tradition, culture, and the doctrines of man. I was shocked, disappointed, and disgusted to discover that the vast majority of "Bible" Translations misled believers through omitting and adding many verses of Scripture. They BLATANTLY altered and mis-translated some portions of Scripture. They also removed the Set-Apart Names of Father and Son from all modern-day translations and replaced it with titles. This grieved me deeply, and I was driven to do even more research and study. During many of these "discovery sessions", the Word of YHUH became clearer and clearer as I started receiving revelation knowledge which TRULY and DEEPLY TRANSFORMED me in ways I did not think was possible.

For the **first time** in my "Spiritual walk" of more than 20 years (loving Father YHUH through Messiah Yahusha, thinking I was in relationship with Him, but not having the revelation of who He really was and what His Word taught, caught-up in tradition, religion and the doctrines of man), I had the opportunity to **ENTER into COVENANT with Father YHUH**. Yes, as a Charismatic Pastor with a Theology degree, having lots of knowledge, and experiencing many miraculous encounters and miracles along the way, **I did NOT UNDERSTAND COVENANT**, neither was I taught covenant by any of my Superiors or Mentors.

I was led to **REPENT for [unknowingly] leading believers astray**, teaching them many man-made doctrines that were rooted in tradition, religion, culture, and man. **I broke and NULLIFIED all contracts, oaths, seals, vows, covenants, and ties with spiritual Babylon (Rev 18 and Jer 51:6, 45), renouncing all its demonic roots** (including many of the doctrines taught in churches around the world). **I DIVORCED the Babylonian religious system**. I was immersed again in the TRUE SCRIPTURAL NAME of the Messiah according to **Acts 4:12!** I travelled more than 1000 km's to be immersed by a brother who had been walking in truth and righteousness for many years. Father through His Ruach (Spirit) taught me what His Word teaches about COVENANT. Willingly and excitingly **I entered into COVENANT with Father YHUH and His Word (Deut 29)**, choosing to serve ONLY Him, **separating myself from any religious structure** – with all their "dogmas" opposing and rebelling against the Word through their traditions, sacraments, FALSE teachings, etc. Father through His Ruach connected me with many like-minded and hearted believers all around the world. They went through the same deep **CLEANSING and REFINING process**, confirming to me all that I received through my "discovery sessions" with Father YHUH.

Again, I remind you that **I have NO INTENTION to judge, condemn, or convict you, but [because I love you and care about your well-being]**, I share the following truths with you . . . Many around the world, including me have received RESTORED TRUTHS by diligently searching the heart of our Father. Whatever you choose after reading this testimony, I make the choice to still love you, as I have no right to judge you . . .

Today, I do not have the luxuries, cars, houses, and possessions I used to have, yet I have **MUCH MORE** than I ever had before. I **NO LONGER serve a “church system”** with all its traditions and man-made doctrines. I serve the Creator of the world; the Author of Scripture; and the Love of my life. Father Yahuah (YHUH) **led me back to my TRUE SCRIPTURAL ROOTS – His Torah** (meaning His Direction, Instructions, Commands, and Laws)!

Out of OBEDIENCE, REVERENCE, HONOR, and by CONVICTION, I no longer call on Father through “Titles” (Lord or God), nor poorly “Transliterated Names”, PROFANING His Set-Apart Name, but I call upon Him in His **Set-Apart Name** that He **made known** to all His People **through His Word of TRUTH**.

Please **study the teachings on my web links at the end of this testimony for proper insight and understanding** of why I **call upon Almighty Father and Messiah on their proper Scriptural Names**.

I follow FATHER YHUH’s **Scriptural Calendar** (forsaking the world’s perverted man-made calendar). I **follow and observe His laws, commands, ordinances, and right-rulings, referred to as His Torah** (see in my web links below of **WHY the Torah STILL applies today – it has NOT been replaced by [grace]** as many teach and believe, even though **grace does allow us the freedom to go to our Father when we have sinned**).

Father’s Instructions were NOT given only to the Jews to observe, but to **all 12 Tribes** of Yisrael, including Jew and Gentile (of which 10 tribes have been scattered all over the world). I observe YHUH’s Scriptural seventh day Sabbath, keeping it set-apart.

I **forsake all man-made [pagan] festivals and holidays**, opposing what Scriptures teach (like new years, christmas, valentines, easter, halloween, etc). I willingly **observe Father YHUH’s seven (7) appointed times** as given to us by Him through His Word (**Lev 23**). It was instituted by Him, not Mosheh (Moses).

He **commands all Yisrael** (all 12 Tribes, of which 10 has been scattered all over the earth) to **observe it, NOT ONLY the Jews**.

I still have many challenges that confront me on a daily basis, but I am **TRULY FREE to enjoy living ABUNDANT LIFE**, even though I am NOT PERFECT, and still miss the mark daily. I am **WHOLE, SECURE, and at PEACE**. I have **PEACE and JOY** in my heart. I have a **lasting HOPE and INHERITANCE** that cannot fade away. I am **VICTORIOUS** in every struggle, battle and circumstance, even though life is very tough, relentless, and hard at times. I am **FULFILLED, HAPPY, and CONTENT**, no matter my circumstances. I have found all that I was looking for in my COVENANT RELATIONSHIP with Father Yahuah (YHUH) — all that I sought and could NOT FIND in any relationship, job, hobby, money, church, or possession.

For those **willing to sacrifice their time, SEEKING the incorruptible and unadulterated TRUTH** of YHUH’s Word – through your love, reverence, and obedience to Him are encouraged to **study the web links below** (at the end of the testimony), and **test everything** with the Word of Father YHUH!

**I bless you and pray that you will find the riches that many around the world, even children have found through researching and studying Scripture, led by the Ruach (Spirit) of Almighty YHUH.**

**Debarim (Deut) 29:9-15** “Therefore you shall **guard the words of this covenant**, and **do them**, so that **you prosper in all that you do**. “All of you are standing today before YHUH, your Eloah/Elohim (Almighty): your leaders, your tribes (all 12 tribes), your elders and your officers, all the men of Yisra’el, your little ones, your wives, and your sojourner who is in the midst of your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water, so that you **should enter into covenant with YHUH** your Elohim, and into His oath, which YHUH your Elohim makes with you today, in order to **establish you today as a people for Himself** (set-apart), and He Himself be your Elohim, as He has spoken to you, and as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya’aqob. “And not with you alone I am making this covenant and this oath, but with him who stands here with us today before YHUH our Elohim, **as well as with him who is not here with us today** (INCLUDING YOU and I).

**YeshaYahu (Isa) 40:8** “Grass shall wither, the flower shall fade, but the Word of our Elohim (Almighty) stands forever”.

**1Kepha (Pet) 1:24** because “All flesh is as grass, and all the esteem of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the Word of Elohim remains forever.” And this is the Word, announced as Good News to you.

**Debarim (Deut) 30:1-5** “And it shall be, when all these words come upon you, **the blessing and the curse which I have set before you**, and you shall **bring them back to your heart** among all the gentiles where YHUH your Elohim drives you, and shall **turn back to YHUH** your Elohim and **obey His voice**, according to all that I command you today, with **all your heart and with all your being, you and your children**, then YHUH your Elohim shall turn back your captivity, and shall have compassion on you, and He shall turn back and **gather you from all the peoples where YHUH your Elohim has scattered you**. “If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under the heavens, from there YHUH your Elohim does **gather you**, and from there He does take you. “And YHUH your Elohim shall bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. And He **shall do good to you**, and increase you more than your fathers.

**Wayyiqra (Lev) 23:1-2** And YHUH spoke to Mosheh, saying, “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, and say to them, ‘The **appointed times** of YHUH (NOT MAN or CHURCH), which you are to proclaim as **set-apart gatherings**, My (Father’s, NOT MAN’S) appointed times, are these:

**YirmeYahu (Jer) 6:16** Thus **said YHUH**, “Stand in the ways and **see**, and **ask for the old (ANCIENT) paths**, where the **good way** is, and **walk in it**; and **find rest** for yourselves. But they said, **‘We do not walk in it.’**

**Qoheleth (Ecc) 12:13-14** Let us hear the conclusion of the entire matter: Fear Elohim and **guard His commands**, for this **applies to all mankind!** For Elohim shall bring **every work into right-ruling**, including all that is hidden, whether good or whether evil.

Below are **links to my primary website** that will guide you to the truth that you have sought and longed for, but could not find in a church or in man!

<http://www.renewedminds2purehearts.com/>

<http://www.renewedminds2purehearts.com/instructions-torah-of-yhwh.html>

<http://www.renewedminds2purehearts.com/father--sons-covenant-scriptural-names.html>

<http://www.renewedminds2purehearts.com/yhwhs-scriptural-calendar.html>

<http://www.renewedminds2purehearts.com/prayer.html>

<http://www.renewedminds2purehearts.com/prophetic-news.html>

<http://www.renewedminds2purehearts.com/worship-in-spirit-and-truth.html>

<http://www.renewedminds2purehearts.com/sex-and-the-word-of-yhwh.html>

<http://www.renewedminds2purehearts.com/covenant-with-father-yhuhyhwh.html>