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TESTIMONY EDITION

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*"For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden
with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3 NLT)*

I was raised on a First Nations community beside the small Northwestern Ontario town of Longlac. I grew up with eight siblings in a small house with no electricity or running water. My father was a traditional man who lived off the land. My mother was a residential school survivor who spent her childhood and youth at McIntosh Residential School. As a teen she was married to my father through an arranged marriage. Although there were happy times in my childhood, things turned bad when my parents became chronic alcoholics. Our home was neglected, and we often went without food and proper heat. As my older siblings got involved with drinking, the chaos only increased. There were wild parties and violent events a child should never have to witness. With stolen liquor from my parents, I took my first drink at age 9. I discovered I loved the effects of alcohol. It was like a magic potion that took away my sorrows and gave me a false sense of courage. I drank whenever my parents drank, resulting in repeated blackouts and hangovers. At a young age I started to experience bouts of depression.

Because my parents couldn't care for us, myself along with my older siblings were placed in St. Joseph's Residential School in Thunder Bay. Later I ended up in a boys' training school because of delinquent behavior. My continued drinking led me to engage in break-ins, stealing cars and other illegal activities. I had no interest in school. When I did attend, I was usually sick and hung over. My violent behaviour was escalating and even my family was afraid of who I had become. I suffered many blackouts, often waking up in jail or unfamiliar places with no clue about what happened the night before. I experienced terrible anxiety and felt trapped. I was in a vicious cycle: drinking, getting in trouble, ending up in jail or hospital. Finally, this escalated into a violent incident where I shot someone on my community, seriously injuring him. I was arrested and held in custody for some time in Thunder Bay. When I was released, I lived at the Salvation Army Men's

Hostel. This is when things in my life started turning for the better. I was almost 18 years of age.

Through the help of a social worker at the Salvation Army, I was introduced to a caring family who took me to live in their home. I also started an upgrading program at the community college. It was during this time that I realized I needed help with my drinking. I reached out to AA and someone picked me up and took me to my first meeting. At AA I was introduced to the 12 Steps and to God. I had an immediate problem with the "God part" because I was running away from God. The church I attended throughout my childhood gave me the message that God was the one responsible for everything that happened in my life. Why would I want anything to do with a God like that? I had a hard time accepting the first three steps of AA, which are the "surrendering steps". Surrendering to God was scary for me because I viewed God as an angry punishing God, ready to judge me for all my wrongs. At AA they helped me to choose my own concept of God. I thought about Jesus, who I considered as loving and kind. I was able to follow the program and did so diligently for over 4 years.

I studied the AA program closely and discovered that the co-founder of AA, Bill W. attended a Gospel meeting and had a spiritual experience, committing his life to Christ. I was hungering for a spiritual experience. Sobriety was a hard road. I felt I was "white knuckling" it every day without real serenity in my life. One night I had the TV on for company and heard the message of Billy Graham. That night I prayed and invited Christ in my life. I immediately experienced a great peace I had never felt before. I knew something miraculous happened to me. I was set free from my addiction and from the depression I felt since childhood. That night was the start of a real relationship with God.

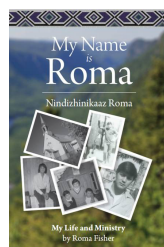
After my spiritual encounter, I started to attend church regularly. Eventually church and studying the Bible became the main priority in my life. People in my family and my AA group noticed a

radical change in me. Not everyone understood or appreciated the “new me”. I started to feel I no longer fit in at AA. Although leaving the fellowship was hard, I never had any fear about drinking again. I will always be grateful for AA as I know God used it as a vehicle to help me get sober. The program taught me that I needed a Higher Power and a Spiritual Program, which led me to finding what I was really searching for: a relationship with God through my Savior, Jesus.

My walk with God has taken many unexpected turns. I could have never imagined that one day I would become a pastor, author and teacher on television. My life is a testimony to the grace and power of God! It all started with the willingness to

surrender my old life for the new life Jesus offered to me. If you haven't already had the opportunity, I pray you would invite Jesus into your life today!

By Pastor Roma Fisher



To read more, you can order Pastor Roma's Autobiography entitled My Name is Roma—Nindizhinikaaz Roma

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3:00-4:00 pm

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name of the Lord
shall be saved.
Romans 10:13

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salvation, pray this simple
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believe you sent your Son
Jesus to die for me. I
receive Him and choose to
follow Him today.”

If you've made this
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resources.

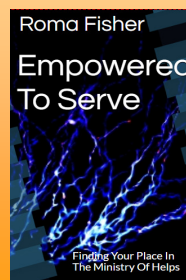
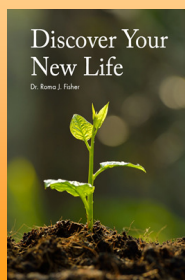
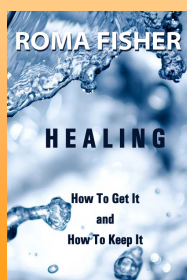
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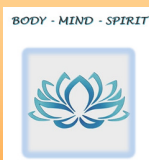
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