

PANDORA'S  
STORY

From Alcohol to Christ.

Many years ago, Pandora was a young woman from a rather troubled and insecure background, who, although only in her early 20's was already well advanced into acute alcoholism.

Her ideas about Christianity were very sketchy and confused. She had cut herself off from her Family, ashamed of the depths she was sinking into. She had two long stays in Mental Hospitals because of her alcoholism and had more than once harmed herself.

She could never keep a job for long, though she was a hard worker. A Doctor told her that unless she changed she would be dead before she was 30, but, she had no power to change.

She had to attend a Doctor's surgery every week. In her own words, she took so many tablets for her deep depression that it was surprising she didn't rattle. However, there was one special day, she came into contact with some Bible-believing Christians. (one of whom later became her Husband.)

A Christian couple gave her a book of Testimonies of people whose lives were changed by The Lord Jesus Christ. One of the testimonies concerned an alcoholic man. He was invited to go to a Christian rally, but the tent was so full that he could not get in, so he sat down outside.

The atmosphere of the Meeting somehow reached out to him, and he asked The Lord Jesus Christ to deliver him from the grip of alcoholism – and he was delivered!!

Pandora read that true story, alone in her 'digs.' She tells people now, how all alone in her bedroom, she banged the bed with her hand and said passionately, 'If God could do that for that man, I'm sure he could do it for me!'

The Lord God works in different ways with different individuals. The way He chose to work for Pandora was remarkable. She was *instantaneously* delivered from the craving for drink that had held her in its grip for many years, and had resisted her every effort to break its power. Now, without any struggle or offence, she was free.

It was a couple of weeks after her deliverance from drink, that Pandora, once again, all alone in her bedroom, (but really not alone) asked The Lord Jesus to become her own personal Saviour.

It was just coming up to Christmas, and that Christmas Eve, was the first for many years that she was not full drunk.

When she had stayed 'dry' for three weeks (it was unheard of, for her to stay dry for more than three days.) A kind man from The Samaritans organisation who was trying to help her, congratulated her on 'getting off the drink' for as long as three weeks.

However, he warned her to be very careful as she was 'only one drink away' from plunging into alcoholism again; a friend of his, (with great effort) had been able to keep off the drink for two years, but then someone had offered him just one drink and he was thrown right back into the depths again.

It may be like that in the world's way, but Pandora's deliverance was The Lord's way! However, after another three weeks, Pandora *did* have a little 'slip-up' and had a drink again but when she got home afterwards, she got down on her knees and said 'I didn't need to do that Lord, I am so sorry!'

She had had that 'one fatal drink' but, with all praise to God, it didn't drag her back into alcoholism again. In fact it was the last drink Pandora ever took. That one 'slip-up' was over 30 years ago, she has never had another drink, nor the slightest desire to drink again. Praise The Lord.

No residence at a special centre for recovering alcoholics! No special medication! No supportive friends! Just The Power of God! Just a simple Prayer of Faith in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and without any 'will power' or effort on her part. Her chains fell off and she was free. All Glory to God.

Her Doctor congratulated her sincerely on 'staying off the drink,' but told her to be very careful to keep taking all her medications regularly. Pandora smiled and said, 'I flushed them all down the loo, I don't need them any more!'

It is now over 30 years, since God miraculously delivered Pandora from the grip of alcoholic but that wasn't the end of Pandora's story of miracles in the Family of The Lord Jesus Christ, it was only the beginning, but it was a beginning she will never forget.

If you are struggling with alcohol, drugs or any other addiction, may 'PANDORA'S STORY' encourage you to call upon Jesus to deliver you – just as He did for her, He can and will do for you. God Bless You.