

ERIN'S JOB'S DAUGHTERS STORY

I joined Job's Daughters as a thirteen year-old girl looking for love and acceptance. I was welcomed into a family of peers and adults who would, in the next years of my life, become everything to me. I became immersed in the organization, quickly entering the "line" and entering into three successive terms as Honored Queen.

After six years of membership, of coming before an altar and asking a false god to make me holy in his sight, and of not asking any questions, God began to stir my heart. The spring of my junior year in high school I came to know Christ and what it meant to have a personal relationship with Him. I quickly found out that Jesus [Christianity] and the Masonic Lodge were not complementary, or even compatible. At the first Job's Daughters meeting that I attended after accepting Christ, I began to feel what I term 'spiritual warfare'. The time that I spent in Jobies events became an irritation rather than a pleasure [an] inner turmoil regarding Job's Daughters, our ritualistic nature, and our Masonic foundation began to consume me. As a result of these feelings, I began to investigate the truth behind the organization that had come to be my home and the newfound faith that I had come to believe.

Countless Scriptures that speak of Jesus as the only means of salvation, oaths as the work of the evil one, and the truth that secrets will be brought out of the darkness and into the light overwhelmed my mind and my heart. I realized that while I had given my all to Job's Daughters and the people that had come to be near and dear to me, I had to leave it behind in order to walk in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord.

After attending the Supreme session (national gathering) to inform my Jobies "family" why it was that I would be leaving Job's Daughters, I left with no ties or titles remaining. I remember what it was like to look into their eyes and say good-bye, knowing that unless their hearts were transformed to see that Masonry and its affiliated organizations are not teaching the truth, I may not have the joy of worshiping with them before the throne of Jesus Christ in heaven someday. To this day, that thought brings me to tears and challenges me to share my Lord and his truth with any and all who will listen. That is why I am sharing my story with you now.

Since leaving Job's Daughters, the freedom that has come to my heart, my mind, and all aspects of my life has been incredible. I have experienced the truth that truly sets a person free (John 8:32). I have come to know a community of Christian believers who live in brotherly love as well as in the light. I have also developed a greater understanding of the character of Jesus and the Father's desire for none to perish and all to come to a saving knowledge of his Son. Members of Masonic organizations are people just like me, people whose hearts are missing something that can only be found in Jesus and the communion of the Trinity as it is expressed and experienced among believers.

Many desire to live a life pleasing to God but Satan has twisted that by taking the truth out of the picture and replacing it with a doctrine of universalism that will only lead to death. Paul tells us in Galatians 1:6-9 that any other gospel than that of Jesus Christ is only leading men astray. As such, whatever benefits Job's Daughters or other Masonic organizations may provide are not worth supporting a "religion" that is blindly telling its subscribers that any faith, as long as good works accompany it, will allow their admittance into heaven. - Erin

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