December27, Friday, Feast of St. John the Apostle

I spent more than half of my life doing bad things. I grew up as a spoiled brat and a battered child. I spent my adolescent years as a problem teenager. A few years later, I focused my attention on doing bigger sins.

I married at the early age of 20 and soon started womanizing. I got into pornography and sex addiction. That was also the time I started beating my wife. But after many years, she finally left me and took our children with her.

During those days, I felt that my soul was already dead. But one time, while riding my motorcycle on the way home, I prayed to God and asked Him to bring me back to life. After having uttered that prayer, my life started to change day by day. I rose from the dead. I reconciled with my wife and family and asked them for their forgiveness.

Today, I am a changed man. God gave me a brand new life for Jesus has resurrected in me. Monty Mendigoria (montymendigoria@yahoo.com)



Reflection: Move the stones away from the tomb and let Jesus resurrect in your life.

Saint John 20:1, 2-8

1 On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene 2 ran and went to
Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where
they put him.” 3 So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to
the tomb. 4 They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first; 5 he bent down and saw the burial cloths
there, but did not go in. 6 When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went
into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, 7 and the cloth that had
covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate
place. 8 Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived
at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

think: We are called to exhibit the nature of true love as part of our proclamation of the Gospel.

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