

We have all seen things that we were moved by and we have all heard things that have inspired us, but how often have we read something that had the ability to alter our minds and change the way we live our lives? I am eighteen years old and I have been through losses and terrors that should've consumed me a long time ago. As a child, I tampered with ghost stories, quiji boards, scary movies and more. I was a sneaky, angry, and restless child. As a young teenager, I lost someone that I loved dearly which caused me to fall into a deep depression. As time went by, my faith in God and people diminished. I managed to convince myself that I was alone in the world and ultimately, I was just waiting for the day that I died. One day I went to work and a woman gave me a book. I took it just because but one night I couldn't sleep therefore I decided to read it. A woman by the name of Sharon Knauff wrote this extremely powerful book called "From Terror to Glory" and it tells the true story of her life which includes how she and her family were attacked by the demonic realm and how trusting in Jesus Christ their savior set all of them free.

In the beginning, Susan was a child unable to sleep and frightened by the terrors of the night and no doctor nor relative, could figure out why she was so restless. Throughout her childhood, Susan had numerous nightmares about car crashes and other sorts of terrible events which she usually woke up screaming from. Susan and her friends also played with spirits and quiji boards as a teenager. Moving through the book, Susan grows older and has a family of her own. She notices that her children possess the same symptoms that she did when she was a

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child and also that she and her husband can't seem to get along. After being divorced and remarried, Susan tries to move on and live happy but unfortunate events keep attacking her. Her children were diagnosed with terminal cancer, her husband started drinking and having suicidal thoughts and to top it off her house was haunted. Doors were opening by themselves; her son was overcome with an unknown illness; her daughters were seeing images, beds were shaking and strange noises were being heard in their house. With no other options and afraid to leave things the way they were, Sharon and her husband came to a decision to trust in the Lord to set them free. They called up some close friends and invited them over to the house. Together they all prayed in the name of Jesus Christ for hours to be delivered of the terrors that held their family captive. They all prayed for protection and revival for the family. In the end, all the demons were cast out of the home. In the end, the family was set free from all the strongholds of their minds, bodies, and souls. After they were freed, the family was ministered to and told that they created foot holes for the devil to come in and mess with their lives. Susan who was petrified from birth to adulthood was finally delivered from terror to glory.

This book not only appealed to my emotions but it also helped to bring me to life. After reading this book I can honestly say that my hope is renewed. I struggled from situations similar to Sharon's and I was swayed to believe that there was no way out. I never knew that I was making an easy entrance for the devil to come in and ruin my life. No one ever helped me to realize that the Lord had a plan for my life. Since I read Susan Knauff's story, I realized that I don't have to be sad about life situations or let the devil frighten me into a whole. Now, I am stronger than ever and I use what I have learned from the book along with my testimony to help other people overcome the storms in their lives. I am fully aware of the unforeseen

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dangers around me now and I can help others to see it in their own lives. Terror to Glory set the pace for me to see myself in a whole new light. Today, my passions are in ministering and encouraging others as well as being an innovator in my community. My plans for the near future are to go on a mission's trip to South Africa and to write a book of my own.

The effect that Susan Knauff's book had on my life is phenomenal. I never had any intentions to help others or to ever be happy again. Never before did I read something that had the ability to alter my mind set or change the way I live my life. Advice that I give out along with this essay is to be open to reading new things. One woman saw that I needed to be delivered and another woman wrote a story that started the freedom process in my life. I recommend Susan Knauff's story to anyone and I've been passing the book around ever since I received it.