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**Daily Devotional**

*“No Place Too Far” – Dorothy Koneszeka*

ANNCR: December 26<sup>th</sup>, “No Place Too Far.” As a child, were you ever told that something was “off limits?” Maybe it was a storage room, toolshed, or home office. We’ve all been taught that certain areas are “out-of-bounds” for us...and we can be tempted to believe that things can be out of bounds for God as well. After all, He’s pure and holy. Evil is abhorrent to Him. So what if we’ve given into this evil? Maybe you’ve slipped up, or maybe you’ve actively walked the path of rebellion and now you feel beyond God’s reach. Is there any way back, or does your sin categorize you as “off limits?” Dorothy has an answer for you. As a little girl, Dorothy heard about God, but she ended up far from Him. She’s here now to share with us her true story on this Unshackled Daily Devotional.

DOROTHY: I would hide under the bed to listen while my brother and sister talked about the Bible study course they were taking. I even went to church with them, but I never made a commitment to Christ. At eighteen I married, and we had a son. Three years later my husband was badly injured in a motorcycle accident, and he died

in my arms at the hospital. I thought God was cruel to let my husband die that way when I had prayed for him to survive.

Shortly after that I began exploring the occult, practicing incantations that summoned spirits. My little son was the first to notice them. At first he was frightened and angrily ordered the invisible invaders away, but then he made friends with them.

A year after I became a widow, I married again but didn't tell my new husband about my interest in the occult. We moved to Colorado, where I learned levitation and astral projection. The more power I gained, the more I wanted.

Then the spirits seemed to turn against me, and I came close to suicide. I lived in fear for myself and my children. Even my husband heard footsteps when no one was there. A black mask sometimes appeared in the air, covering my face and controlling my thoughts. One night I cried out to God and the mask vanished. I realized that even though I had rebelled against God, He still loved me and came to my rescue. I got on my knees and asked for God's forgiveness that Jesus paid for on the cross.

Then I burned all the occult stuff. Jesus set me free of fear and gave me new life. I'm Dorothy Konieczka.

ANNCR: In Philippians chapter 2, Paul writes of the glory Jesus received from God the Father following His death and resurrection. In verse 10 he says, *“at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;”* Friend, through Jesus’ sacrifice, every barrier, every stronghold, every evil has been conquered. There’s no place too far or off-limits to His love and grace. As long as you can cry out to God, there is hope. You’re within reach, and you can be forgiven and restored. Will you act on this truth today?

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