

WILL WALKER-ROWE



Will Walker-Rowe tries to fit his faith story into 300 words, as part of [#SpeakOut2016](#) with the Diocese of Truro, and he does it extremely well, with three words to spare!

“How to fit my testimony in 300 words?

I always knew there was a God, but we didn't talk. I lived a totally self-centred life, addicted to adrenaline and the next big rush, surfing big waves, snowboarding off piste, sailing in a storm, fast motorbikes....

I met my wife in London. I had come back from snowboarding in Switzerland, and I knew she was for keeps after seven seconds. She wasn't happy in London so she moved down west to do a degree. It was while in year two at Plymouth that Jesus saved me. We were going to her local church. I only went to show willing, but during a service the vicar said that a very famous speaker would be there and I would enjoy it.

While he was speaking it all clicked. Jesus is said to stand at the door and knock; with me he kicked the door in! I realised it was all real, all true. And He did it for ME??

This gave me a choice: carry on as before or respond, and I chose to respond.

Becoming a Christian does not make you perfect, and it does not stop you doing bad things, but it gives you a way to help say sorry, to make things right, and to get rid of the baggage you are carrying. Christianity is not about church, or giving money or wearing hats on Sunday. Christianity is about a relationship. All the other things were originally to help with that.

I'm far from perfect. My language is appalling, particularly at work, I have a temper and I am quick to judge. But I am blessed with a wonderful wife, a miraculous yet exasperating son and I have a personal relationship with my Saviour and my God.”