

## Anderson County Crusades --- Day 4

May 8, 2002  
Wednesday, 7 pm

Kristin Clements -- Lady Vol basketball star. She was born 6<sup>th</sup> of eight children. Her father left when she was 8. He said that she was no good, would end up pregnant like her older sisters. Kristin focused hard on basketball. She was hated and had no friends. Tried suicide in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Broke Wilt Chamberlain's scoring records at south Philly high school. UT went 39-0 and won the championship with Ace Clements as a freshman. And she won a basketball gold medal in the Olympics. But the higher you achieve, the lonelier it gets. Kristin drank heavily and had lots of sex. On various medications and was going to see psychiatrists. The UT equipment manager invited her to see Ken Freeman at Grace Baptist Church her senior year. Wanted to sit in the back ....but no, she was forced to sit in the front. Scared to death. She accepted Christ 11/13/00.

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 "Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure..... Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done..... And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun."

1 John 4:4 "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

Song ..... I Can Only Imagine

What will that day be like? What will I do?  
Surrounded by Your glory. Will I sing, dance or be still?

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Evangelist -- Ken Freeman

38 million people do not have a father relationship.

19 million people have never met their fathers.

Psalm 68:5 God is father to the fatherless and the defender of widows.

**Rescued  
Past  
Purpose**

You must deal with your past, or it will deal with you. Ken had an alcoholic mother who drank 2 quarts of whiskey a day then beat the kids. His mother would even leave them for days, and they fended for themselves. Ken's mother died 20 years ago of cirrhosis, cancer, etc. And has gone to hell.

Revelation 12:11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." Your testimony defeats evil!

Ken's sister was raped at age 5 while he was forced to watch at age 7. Suicidal at age 9. Had a real good chance to kill his mother at age 12. Abused and beaten daily. And sexually abused by mother's boyfriend. Where were the church folks? Where were the preachers? The Christian kids? Why couldn't someone help? Are Christians even serious about doing good?

Jeff McCowan made Ken into his personal mission field. Invited Ken to church for free food and to meet the hot chicks. Ken walks in, and they get him to sit on the stage in the church choir. He didn't understand all those religious terms. They prayed specifically for Ken's salvation. And Ken cried like a big dog. Accepted Jesus to take away the pain. Jeff made Ken give up alcohol and cigarettes. Made Ken go to church a lot.

Psalm 40 "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock. .... He has put a new song in my mouth."

But most churchgoers go to church angry. They look mad. And they come out of church tired and drained. Looking like sheep going to slaughter. And Christians can hurt your feelings even worse than strangers. Is this the Church?

Ken's youth minister moved from Corpus Christi to San Antonio. A few months later, he invited Ken and another girl to come live with them. Ken lived in a camper in the garage and graduated from high school. Attended college for a couple years. Married a wonderful woman and has a few boys.

Ken wrote a book 3 years ago. Found his 2 half-brothers living normal lives. Found his sister, at age 48, with drugs, HIV, hepatitis, cirrhosis, etc. Dying at an early age like her mother. Ken also located his father too.

Psalm 139 God knows you. He formed all your parts and made you wonderfully.