

JUDY'S STORY

Growing up in church I learned all the basic Bible stories, but that's all they were: stories. I couldn't see how they related to my own life circumstances. I believed in God, but well-meaning Christians in my life always emphasized 'rules.' As a young adult, I walked away from the church for many years because I didn't want to live in the box I was given.

Eventually, God called me back while I was on the counseling couch during a difficult season. It was there that He became a personal God. Eventually, Jesus called me to "free the captives" by becoming a counselor so I could do the same for others.



Since then, I desired to find a church that was a family and not just concerned with whether or not I abided by their 'rules.' One day, I received a flyer in the mail announcing the opening of Ethos Church. My highest priority was to find a community who was devoted to Matthew 22: to love God, ourselves, and others well. Secondly, I desired to find a church who valued worship. Third, I wanted people to genuinely do life with me. I didn't just want to be seen as a person who comes and does a job.

I knew I found all three criteria the first Sunday I came to Ethos. Now having been part of Ethos Church for six months, I love coming Sunday mornings and getting a hug or "Hi" from numerous people. When people talk to me, they really see me and want to know me. My passions and gifts are valued as I get the opportunity to be a part of our prayer team and share insight I've gained throughout my life and career. Ethos has become home. I look forward to continuing to grow in community with each person who walks into Ethos Church!

YOUR STORY MATTERS