



I Found out by Accident

When singing star Kelita found herself upside down in the ditch it was to turn her whole life upside down as well.

It happened quickly. As the van went around the bend I hardly had time to warn my husband to hold on. The van spun out of control and rolled upside down in the ditch. Incredibly we were unhurt. Jumbled in the wreckage, lay the musical gear I was taking on tour. That night, in that cold dark ditch, I realised God was giving me a second change at life.

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You see, as a child, my life was a mess. I had been sexually abused. My

father was an alcoholic and he had committed suicide. My mother passed away from breast cancer and my oldest brother died of an accidental heroin overdose. But in the midst of my grief, God was there and He cared for me.

In my latter teens I moved from home and no longer thought about God. I started living a wild life. Quietly I swept my faith in God under the carpet. I didn’t think I needed Him any more. But this new lifestyle went against the values I once held dear.

I started to hate myself. I felt lost, empty and unloved. That’s when the accident happened. It was a big turnaround for me. I said, “OK God, I can’t live like this anymore. I’m giving myself to you once again.” That started my healing journey. With God’s help I’ve been able to deal with the pain in my life. His healing hand came into my heart and touched me. He gave me another chance at life and His love has filled my heart ever since.

Kelita released her first album in 1983. Since then, she has recorded numerous Top 10 singles in Canada and received several country music awards. She will be in Ireland during October for the Power to Change campaign and will be taking part in Hearts on Fire on Wednesday 2nd October at St Anne’s Cathedral at 8pm.



Top Canadian Recording Artist, Kelita Haverland is just one of the guests whose story you can hear at Hearts on Fire.

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