

## **Mended Wings**

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She grew from a child to the woman you see, such a sad reality.

Her heart was heavy with sadness and despair, the one that raped her didn't care.

The Devil took advantage of her wounded soul, as her life began spinning out of control.

He played his games and made his mark, thrusting this sweet child, into the dark.

No matter how pathetic her life or what her family said, it couldn't chase the terrors away raging in her head.

She doused the pain with booze and drugs. She really needed, unconditional love.

The men she met but never knew. The wives, they didn't mean a thing. Because all she really cared about was the hit in her arm not a wedding ring.

A mistake she made over and over again was chasing the hit to be free from the pain. It was too much of a burden for a young girl to bear. In her life she believed that nobody cared. So she broke the law and her promises. She even stole money from her baby Sis. Then one day she sat with a noose on her neck, contemplating her life "Oh my god what a wreck. "Just look at the damage that I have done I've never cared for anyone. Nothing has ever mattered to me and my life has been filled with such misery. It's time to end, for me to go no one will miss me but the johns I know. They don't even know my real name, good bye to you all by the way I'm Elaine. It seems funny to introduce myself now, as I'm plunging straight into hell. Devil, won't you take a bow? I hope that you're happy you've captured my soul, making me feel worthless under your control. I tried everything to break free of you. You've won the battle there's nothing more that I can do."

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She tightened the noose upon her neck and twisted it with all her might, and suddenly everything went black, her body went limp there was no turning back.

Then somehow it happened, like in a dream state, an angel carried her to the golden gate. And then with insurmountable love she handed her, to the Great one above. He gave her a halo and a harp, with a pair of broken wings, then without a word He seem to say, "It's not your time to come today. You've lived a life no one should endure, its time for you to embrace the Lord. It's time to heal the pain from your past. Live the life you deserve without looking back. These wings are to remind you that you came to me, for a second chance, with no misery. And as much as I would love to have you here, there's more work for you on earth my dear. So take these wings, your halo and harp, go back to earth, make another start. Take the lessons you've learned, go out in the world, and share your stories with other young girls. You have so much love and care to give, just open your heart it will thrive and live. A time will come some other day that I will call you home. In the mean time mend your wings, by sharing the love that you own. And when we happen to meet again please bring all of these things you will need them as an angel my dear, your harp, your halo and your wings."

When she opened her eyes, she was so confused. She fell to her knees after seeing the bruise. She began to weep but not from despair. It was joy this time, the Lord heard her prayer. From that day forward she prayed everyday for the strength she needed to find her way. He led her with a gentle hand. She built a foundation of rock from sand. Her life was transformed; it was all in his plan.

Just like she vowed she goes out in the street and shares her story with girls that she meets. The trials and triumphs that she endured and the miracle of the day that she met

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the Lord, are exactly what they need to believe they also have the strength to succeed.

She lives each day like it's her last, not leaving a single moment to chance.

Understanding the life that she once led, and bearing the scars on her heart, she now lives in the light each day, no longer wrestling with the dark.

It seems the years have slipped away, since that fate filled night.

A little girl lost years ago, now faces the morning light.

Seeing dawn for the first time in years, she's finally confronted all of her fears.

She is now a wife and mother of three, as the Lord had planned she'd always be.