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“When God restarted my heart, something changed in me.”

**Wanda Watson,
director of Charis
Phoenix**

Charis Bible College Phoenix: A Heartbeat in the Darkness

God is raising up amazing leaders through Charis Bible College Phoenix, and it all began when the Director of Charis Phoenix was raised from the dead. Wanda Watson is a phenomenal woman of God with a profound story. A story that has impacted hundreds and continues to inspire and enrich her students today.

Wanda was sick; extremely sick. “I was praying and standing, believing for healing,” she says. “After a week of fighting it, I was trying to be back in school, and I wasn’t being successful. So, I just decided I was going to go to the doctor, get an antibiotic, and get it knocked out . . . Two weeks later, I was still fighting the same thing. It wasn’t any better. So, I went back again, and this time, he gave me a stronger antibiotic. It was one I hadn’t taken before. And on the second dose of that antibiotic, my heart stopped . . . I collapsed

on the kitchen table.”

Wanda’s husband, Joe, saw her pass out, and quickly went over and tried to revive her. “My husband picked me up, and sure enough, he said my eyes were open, but there was nobody home. I was gone . . . He [started] doing all the typical things, slapping my face, telling me to come back. Finally, he said, ‘Jesus, I need You now.’ And as soon as he said the name Jesus, my heart started back up again.” Wanda was back in the land of the living.

New life, new purpose.

Wanda then had a newfound purpose in life! “I want you to tell people how much I love them,” she says God told her. It made her feel like she had extra life added to her for the purposes of God. “When you’ve died and come back, this is bonus time.” But she will

be quick to tell you that she never saw herself in the role she is playing today. “When I started out on the journey to go to Charis, I didn’t know I was gonna end up being a Director. That was not even on my radar at all. I just know God said, ‘Go to Charis.’ Then, at the end of second year, He said, ‘Go to World Outreach.’ So, each thing along this path has just been obedience to God and just one step in front of the other.”

When God restarted Wanda’s heart, His love for her became her heartbeat. “Everything that I do in the school is really geared around that one statement: ‘I want them to know how much they’re loved.’ Because when they know the love of God and when they know how much He’s done for them and [when] they know how much they mean to Him, then it’s easy to turn

around and give that love to other people. It's easy to walk in the supernatural. It's easy to be a vessel that God can use because you know you're doing it out of love."

Now that Wanda is the Director of Charis Phoenix, God is raising up amazing leaders through her. Wanda explains this, saying, "You know, anytime that people see that God is real, that the experiences in [the book of] Acts are still happening today, when they get that fire lit under them, they want more, and they want more, and they want more. Because God is attractive. We just have to show Him to people."

Too many testimonies to tell them all!

Since Wanda's return to life, many other wonderful stories of God's goodness have taken place. Read in her words just a few things that have happened in the lives of her family and her students:

- "My son almost died. He 'should' have been dead. His colon turned black. It died. And yet, God kept him alive, healed him, and completely

regrew his colon, which medically can't happen, but it did."

- "Our granddaughter was born with a misshapen head because the plates in her head fused too soon. She was prayed over, and those plates broke, and her head reshaped over the next two to three months, totally on its own."
- "One of the students . . . went on this mission trip to Ecuador with his church. He taught the service and then led an altar call. They had 350 men come forward to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit."
- "I have a student that's graduating on Saturday at 2 o'clock, and he's doing a wedding at 6 o'clock."
- "I have another student . . . who was *extremely* scared. Very shy. When she would do her IAGs [interactive group presentations], she literally wouldn't even look up. She would read off of her paper. So, throughout the year, I've been trying to encourage her with, 'Now, instead of reading your

paper, try to remember what you've written and look up at your audience' . . . On her mission trip, there was a ministry outreach to the homeless . . . I asked her to give her testimony, and she got up there and gave that testimony. She was looking at the audience. She was sharing what had happened in her heart and in her life. After she sat down, there were multiple people that were going, 'Yeah, that ministered to me! That was awesome!' They were in tears . . . She just, like, bloomed open on that trip."

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