

## A SAMPLE LIFE STORY WORKSHEET

<b>LIFE DIVISIONS</b>	<i>Early Years</i> <b>0</b>	<i>Searching Years</i> <b>7</b>	<i>High School Years</i> <b>15</b>	<i>College and First Job Years</i> <b>18</b> <b>25</b>
<b>CHAPTER TITLES</b>	<i>Living with Instability</i>	<i>Searching for Stability</i>	<i>Finding a Sure Foundation</i>	<i>Launching Out</i>
<p><b>BRAIN-STORMING</b></p> <p><i>Formative Events, Hard Times, Good Times, Impacting Family Experiences, etc.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I was born in Topeka, Kansas, April 17, 1975 (first child) Father was in grad school</li> <li>• We moved around a lot, Chicago, Austin, Atlanta Father was changing jobs</li> <li>• Jeff born February 6, 1978</li> <li>• Dad started drinking... a LOT; he argued with Mom</li> <li>• I started school in Atlanta, teacher's pet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOM AND DAD DIVORCE!</li> <li>• We moved in with Uncle Bill and Aunt Charlotte in Kansas City</li> <li>• Uncle Bill was my best friend, he coached my Little League team, taught me to hit!</li> <li>• We started going to church</li> <li>• Mom got good job, we got our own house! She works a lot</li> <li>• Dad NEVER calls or visits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dad remarries (Phyllis)</li> <li>• I ACCEPT CHRIST at church</li> <li>• I work at grocery store to help</li> <li>• Mom starts dating Tim, I have doubts about him. They marry; I discover he is a great guy; we go to church as a family!</li> <li>• I can stop working; join track team at school</li> <li>• In Young Life I begin to grow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At KU I met Janet at a Campus Crusade meeting, we started dating, break up, then get back together</li> <li>• Lost track of Dad, no address</li> <li>• Jeff has bad car wreck, takes 6 months to recover</li> <li>• I make top grades but study too hard, too important to me</li> <li>• JANET AND I MARRY</li> <li>• Good job with telecom, Dallas</li> </ul>
<p><b>GOD'S AUTHORSHIP</b></p> <p><i>What was God doing in these situations? How did He use them in your life?</i></p>	<p>It seemed like we were always moving so I never had any friends. I looked for ways to be accepted. I loved school, was the teacher's pet because I tried to do everything right. God was letting me experience the instability so that later I could appreciate stability in Him, not in anything else.</p>	<p>Dad's drinking, arguments with Mom and divorce were very painful. My Uncle Bill and Aunt Charlotte showed real love to us. God used this to show me what love can be like. Going to church for the first time, I began to hear about God's love and had an example to understand it. I saw the consequences of my dad's bad choice.</p>	<p>Through church ministry I accept Christ and find a sense of stability in His love and faithfulness. Young Life helps me grow. Time turns out to be another example of God's love to me. God's blessing allows me to stop working and enjoy school. I joined the track team and brought some guys to Young Life, one later accepted Christ.</p>	<p>Janet is God's gift to me. I almost "blow it" because I am too into getting max grades. I still struggle with getting my significance through my performance rather than from Christ. I am growing in this, but it shows up too often. God is so faithful to give me Janet. We grow together. I am asking God to help me be a stable, growing husband, and some day, father.</p>