

She Changed Her Name to Victory

From-the-stage talking points for Namazzi's story

- In Uganda, Namazzi was abandoned by her father at a young age
- Her grandmother took her in
- Because of her grandmother's cruelty and abuse, she ran away and ended up in a crime-ridden slum
- When she was 12 years old, Namazzi turned to drugs to cope with her trauma
- By age 13, she was entrapped in a brothel, addicted to opiates and pregnant
- With no support system, she gave birth alone—without medical care—twice
- Her first baby died in childbirth, and her second was taken away by the father
- At age 16, a Destiny Rescue agent found her and offered her a way out
- After months of declining due to hopelessness, she accepted and joined Destiny Rescue's post-rescue programming
- Her journey was difficult between drug addiction withdrawal, extreme shame, guilt and attempted suicide
- Destiny Rescue counselors helped Namazzi develop a healthy view of herself
- Everything changed when she accepted Christ and realized she was a child worthy of love
- One night, she had a dream where she heard a voice tell her to change her name to a word meaning "victory"
- So she did
- "Victory" now works in a local market, praises God enthusiastically in her church choir and counsels other girls.
- *"I am grateful to God," she shared. "Ever since I surrendered my life to Christ, many things have changed. I have peace, joy and living hope."*