

Having been a victim of sexual, physical, verbal, and emotional abuse since childhood, I want to highlight my most recent experiences and what led to launching my career as an author, book publisher, business owner, child abuse advocate, public speaker, and youth mentor.

FEBRUARY 2023 - I left a 3-year relationship where I was sexually, mentally, emotionally, physically, and financially abused. I can remember him choking me until I passed out. After leaving him, I had to move back in with my family – the same people who had beaten and molested me as a child.

MARCH 2023 - I lost my first car that I had almost finished paying off because I was scammed by a mechanic I trusted. The very week I had paid my car note three months ahead was when the mechanic sabotaged my engine and stole parts from my car.

APRIL 2023 - I confronted my mother and siblings about how I was treated as a child, which led to my homelessness. I moved in with a woman who had rats in her walls and ceilings and holes in her floors, but I was grateful to be away from those who had hurt me so deeply as a child. I became homeless again when I discovered she was secretly practicing witchcraft and tried to convert me from a child of God to a witch like her, and failed.

MAY 2023 - I reunited with my abusive ex because I had nowhere else to go. The homeless shelters were so full that there was a waitlist to get on the waitlist. I also felt it was unfair for me to be homeless when I had helped secure our place, paid bills, and purchased everything in the home. I worked two jobs and bought my second car—the one I have today.

JUNE 2023 - My entire family disowned me because I confronted my mother and the parents of my niece about their neglect and abuse. When I picked up my niece one day, she was malnourished and dehydrated. All her bones were visible, and she was drowning in depression and suicidal thoughts. I felt

like I was watching her die right in front of me. I raised \$11,000 through GoFundMe to fight for her custody.

JULY 2023 - While I was taking a bath, my ex asked me for money. I sent him \$300 from my paycheck, but he wanted more—he wanted my niece's money. When I refused, he attacked me, put my clothes in bags to throw outside, and tried to evict me while I was naked. I called the police, but they arrested me. I then lost my job because I missed work for court appearances. I also lost the custody battle for my niece.

AUGUST 2023 - So there I was. Homeless, jobless, family-less, sleeping in my car, staying in hotels and group homes, living with people I barely knew, surrounded by rats and roaches. Having to start all over... again.

SEPTEMBER 2023 - I began renting a room from a man I barely knew in Cordova, TN. I paid over \$600 monthly. I was always respectful, quiet, and kept to myself. I never touched his belongings, broke anything, or stole anything. He would leave his children alone with me unannounced, and I would watch them and pray over them. Though I didn't know him well, I avoided him and only used my bedroom and its attached bathroom. He would beg me to come out and socialize, but I declined. I just wanted somewhere to bathe and rest my head. Eventually, he started flirting and making passes at me, which I ignored.

NOVEMBER 2023 - He began bullying me. During cold winter days, he would turn off the heat and leave me freezing. He entered my room without permission, took my clothes from the dryer and put them on the floor, and stomped around the house to intimidate me. The situation worsened progressively. He would bring women home and have loud sex so I could hear. The women would also try to bully and antagonize me.

MARCH 2024 - I enrolled in school, found another job, and prepared to move out. I often went to the ER for anxiety attacks, severe headaches, and chest pains. I begged my mother to let me stay with her because I feared he might harm me before I could leave. She refused to help, despite living just three minutes away in a five-bedroom house.

MAY 2024 - He drugged me, causing me to lose control of my faculties. I ate food off the ground, experienced shaking, seizures, twitching, talked to myself, and hallucinated. He was trying to end my life—he poisoned me. I dropped out of school, lost my job, and became homeless again. He kept my mattress, bed, some of my clothes, and all my jewelry.

JUNE 2024 - I fled to my hometown in Mississippi. Instead of helping me, my family judged me, kicked me while I was down, and gossiped about what happened. They blamed me for my circumstances.

JULY 2024 - I moved back to Memphis to live with my godfather, sleeping on an air mattress on the floor. Starting over yet again.

AUGUST 2024 - I got a job.

OCTOBER 2024 - I was fired.

NOVEMBER 2024 - I found another job.

DECEMBER 2024 - I moved into my very first apartment—a luxury loft in one of Memphis's most beautiful areas. For the first time, this marked the beginning of peace, productivity, and prosperity. 2025 I stand before you today as Genie Joniqua, Joniqua the Genie: author, business owner, CEO, child abuse advocate, book publisher, public speaker, youth mentor, and most importantly, A SURVIVOR. ALL BECAUSE OF MY FAITH IN CHRIST . . . You don't endure what I've endured and speak how I speak or walk how I walk through your own strength alone.

I didn't survive all of that just because I am strong. When you try to break a generational curse, you activate spiritual warfare. I didn't lose my mind and regain it because I'm lucky, but because I am blessed. Through it all, Jesus was the ONLY constant presence by my side, on whom I leaned for strength and healing. As life grew harder, my faith grew stronger and deeper.

I trusted God so completely that people thought I was crazy and delusional. I walked through fire unscathed because God put a fire inside of me and this fire will keep burning and spreading and it won't be put out until God, himself, comes down here on Earth and puts it out.