

Survivor Voices of Human Trafficking
Biography
Shelby Thompson

Shelby Thompson is a survivor of human trafficking. She is from Fayetteville, North Carolina. She was trafficked where she was born and raised. Prior to being trafficked, she was an Emergency Medical Technician. By trusting one person, her life was turned upside down and she lost so much. Shelby eventually went on a journey of healing and restoration. She graduated from Rebecca Bender's Elevate Academy* and is a Survivor-Leader, a Survivor-Consultant, and the Operations Manager for an organization who helped her after she exited the life, called Gate Beautiful. The mission of Gate Beautiful* is to offer a clear path to freedom to men, women, and children caught in the snare of human trafficking, prostitution or addiction, by providing rapid response, case management and individualized restoration planning. Shelby has her own platform where she shares her journey www.restoredfaithnc.org*. She wants to be exactly what these girls need, she wants to help them realize that they have so much worth and it is NOT in what they can give or do for a man. She wants them to know that no matter what has happened to them, where they came from or anything in between, there is HOPE in restoration and a better future!

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