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“Cast all your cares upon Him; for He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

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HAPPY

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**“THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD ARE SECURE; HE WILL BE A REFUGE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.”
PROVERBS 14:26**

“Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.” PSALMS 112:1-8

Your labor, patience, help, understanding and love have not gone unnoticed nor unappreciated.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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A Testimony



My name is Bryson C. I was born and raised in Dillon, SC into a loving family that bought me up in church. At the age of 13, I first tried marijuana with my older brother. I honestly hated the smell, the taste and the way it

made me feel. Over the next two years, the more I fell away from the Lord and continued using, it became a daily routine. By age 15 I was hanging with the people with the same lifestyle which resulted into different substances like OxyContin and Xanax, as well as a variety of harder drugs. This daily routine continued until I was 19, which at that time, I met my soon-to-be wife, Adrienne.

I fell in love with Adrienne and felt that I should be completely honest with her about my substance use. After dating a while, she became pregnant and we would welcome our first child, Cooper, into the world. That year was bittersweet in the aspect that I was welcoming my first born son with the love of my life while becoming rapidly addicted to cocaine. After my son was born, Adrienne and I got married. I realized that I had to stop the cocaine so I turned to "pain killers" which resulted in a whole new addiction. From ages 21 to 25, my life was a downward spiral and it all just became a vicious cycle. My life was unmanageable and I was tired of living. I had no joy or peace, I burned family bridges, and my marriage was falling apart. The only parts that were good over the next few years were Adrienne, my son Cooper, and two more children; a baby girl,

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Harper and a baby boy, Carson. Even though I had three beautiful children and a dedicated, Christian woman, I was selfish and put them all on the back burner and my addiction came first. It may not have been intentional but looking back, that is exactly what I had done from the beginning. They deserved better.

Over the last six years I can't tell you the list of jobs I went through. Drugs just kept sinking me lower and lower; physically, mentally, and spiritually. I kept on believing the lies of satan that "a little won't hurt" or "you can have the best of both worlds". I was lying and deceiving myself and everyone I loved. One day, out of the blue, Adrienne told me that she wanted out and me out of our home. I left in June of 2021 and in September of 2021, we were officially divorced.

During my separation, I tried fentanyl and heroin again and became instantly addicted. The first few times made me forget my worries, fears of the future, and other anxieties about losing my precious family. The devil had me convinced that I had failed at life and had nothing else to live for. I went as far as to do raw fentanyl, which would incapacitate me and I loved it because I really didn't want to live, anymore. I was totally convinced that I deserved to die and my kids would be better off without me. When I didn't have it, which was rarely, I felt devastated and completely miserable. While sober I had an indescribable amount of pain, sorrow, remorse, and regret. The only way I felt that I could combat these emotions and ease the pain was with more fentanyl. I was doing a small amount to knock out for about 45 minutes and that was enough to cope. Although dangerous, I started doing larger amounts to stay out for hours and didn't care if I woke up. Twice

in August of 2021, I overdosed and was rushed to the hospital to be revived. The first time, Narcan brought me back, but the second time my heart stopped and a defibrillator had to bring me back.

From October to November, I was sent to Morris Village in Columbia, SC where I was given Suboxone for my opiate addiction. I went home in November and found a job with a local plant. After a month, I was back on fentanyl to ease the pain and meth to keep me awake for my job. Needless to say by May, 2022, I lost my job. I started looking for a faith-based and found Open Door Ministries. May 4th, 2022, I entered and immediately felt the presence of the Lord with me again. In the first two weeks I asked for forgiveness from my life of sin, repented, and asked Jesus Christ back into my heart as my Lord and Savior. The devil no longer has a hold on me and my perception of life has completely changed. I now have a stronger desire than ever to live and to live for my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who paid it all for this retched sinner.

I am uncertain what my future may hold, but I know that with God, no one or nothing can stand against me. With Him guiding my path, I can't go wrong. I can only hope that my eyes and ears remain open so that I will recognize Him when He directs my paths from here. I will also continue to pray for humbleness and obedience so that when He does call out to me, I will listen and follow. I can't describe the peace and joy that I live with every day since I've returned to Jesus Christ, who gives me strength, hope, and a future. Thank you, Open Door and thank you, Jesus Christ!

***"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9**

***"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart."* Psalm 37:4**



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