

The Faith Based Solution to the
Addiction Epidemic



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PARTYING ON THE WEEKEND TURNED INTO AN EVERYDAY THING

My name is Adam. I'm 28 years old and I'm from Hickory, NC. Growing up I had the most loving mother anyone could ask for. My parents divorced when I was around 4 years old. My mother being a single parent of two children, worked around the clock to provide everything a young boy could need.

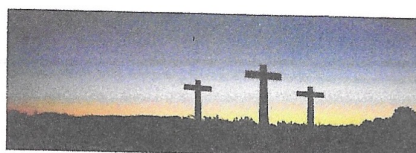
A few years later, my mom married again. My step-dad and I connected through baseball. Baseball became our life with practice through the week and games on the weekend. This lasted until high school.

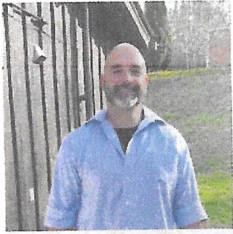
As a 10th grader, I was introduced to pain pills by one of my teammates. This opened up a whole new world to me. Instead of focusing on school and my future, I started partying and quit baseball. That ended the relationship that I had with my stepfather. Because of constant conflict, I left home and started down a road I never thought I would take. The partying on the weekend turned into an everyday thing and quickly became my lifestyle. By age 24, I was a full blown Fentanyl and Meth user. I had pushed my family away and burnt every bridge. I was hard headed and the Lord not only had to let me hit rock bottom, but had to let me stay there until my eyes were opened to my surroundings.

I saw where my life was going and I reached out to my sister for help and I meant it this time. My sister found Men's Challenge of the Smokies and we started the process of getting me here. That involved going to jail first to get some things taken care of. Since coming to Men's Challenge, the Lord is showing me how much better life is with Him leading the way. I surrendered my life to Christ and for the first time in years I am at peace and I'm rebuilding relationships with my family.

My favorite Bible verse is Matthew 7:7. "Keep on asking and you will receive what you ask for' keep seeking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened.

HAPPY EASTER





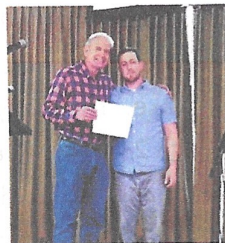
I LOST EVERYTHING

My name is Nick and I am 35 years old. My childhood was great growing up in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. My father worked hard to provide for us and my mother worked hard to make a home. One of my first memories was being baptized and giving my life to the Lord.

My addictions started as a teenager and progressed over the years. I managed to graduate from the University of Florida, own a company, start a family, and buy a home. Many thought I had a perfect life., however, my life had become unmanageable because addiction controlled it. Drugs and alcohol opened the door for Satan to come into my home. He was there to steal, kill, and destroy. I lost everything; my wife, kids, career and house. I was mentally sick after multiple overdoses and found myself in jail. I thought there was no hope and I was suicidal. I knew that by myself I could not live anymore.

This is when I cried to God, "Heal me"! I fully surrendered to Jesus Christ. I began spending all my time reading the Bible and praying. I was given the opportunity to come to Men's Challenge of the Smokies. They have provided all the resources to change my life through Jesus Christ. I have found that true freedom is having a relationship with the Lord. Now I am not controlled by substances and sin.

Psalm30:2- O Lord my God, I cried out to You and You healed me.



Congratulations to Zach who graduated in March. Zach will be living in the Graduate Cabins and working locally.

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