



## **MEN'S CHALLENGE CONNECTION JULY 2025**



***All you gotta do is get a taste of the glory of God, and you're gonna find out that he is good. You will be blessed beyond measure if you trust in Him.***

**My name is Randy and I'm from Western North Carolina. I had a great childhood, lived in a Christian home, and went to church every time the doors were open. I was saved and baptized at the same church where I am still a member today. I have one older sister, who was my best friend growing up. I am blessed to have lived in a Christian home. There is not a time in my life where I can remember not believing in God or that the Bible was true. I did good in school, made decent grades, played sports, and the typical things my friends were doing. I started to rebel against God's word and what I knew was the right thing to do! I was able to graduate college, get married, and start a career. In 2004, I had an injury that required surgery and was prescribed narcotic pain medicine for an extended period of time. When the doctor finally cut me off, I started looking for them on the streets. This would lead me to spending most of the last twenty years using pills, heroin, meth, fentanyl and alcohol. It has cost me the loss of two marriages, several careers, lots of material things and time spent in countless rehabs, detoxes, jails and prisons. In March of 2022, my family was struck with a terrible accident. My sister's only two kids lost their lives in an accidental shooting/suicide. They were ten and fifteen years old. This turned my family upside down. I became angry at the world and God. My addiction became worse. I gave up on life and just wanted to die. I ended up in the hospital after trying to overdose. My parents told me about Men's Challenge. Pastor Stephens came to the hospital and met with me. After he left, my nurse came in and prayed with me. I made the decision right then to submit and place my full trust in God and his will for my life. Men's Challenge has helped me a lot. This community is great. All the prayers and support from this community are amazing. The Lord is showing me that his will for me, no matter what it is, I will be alright. I am working on seeking out God's will for my life. I am thankful for Men's Challenge and most of all, thankful for God and his grace and mercy.**

***"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in him." Psalms 34:8***



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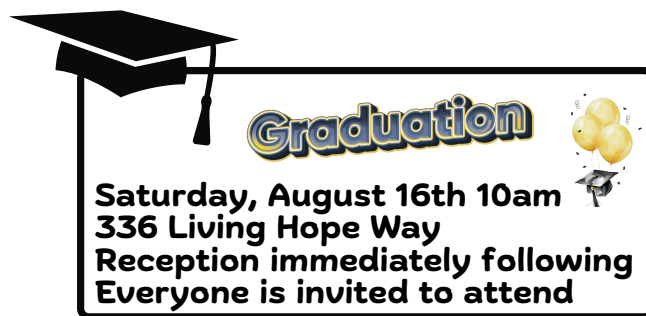
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