

Testimonial

Pornography Addiction, Self-hatred, Rejection, Bitterness

Before I attended a Restoring Lives Conference, I was going down in a spiral of depression. I had just recognized that the week before the conference. I was not centered, and had no focus point to reference decision making in my life and I had a lot of decisions to make in all areas. I heard about the conference Wednesday night at church, consulted with my wife, and agreed that I would start it on Friday night, not as a guest, but would commit to the full week and it's the best decision I've made in years for personal recovery.

I've spent the last ten to fifteen years ministering to others and have neglected to receive personal ministry for myself. As a result, I got involved in **pornography addiction, self-hatred** and **rejection, bitterness** towards others, my pastor and church. Through these eight days of extremely loving and pointed deliverance ministry, I've been brought to renounce and repent of bitterness and rejection, unloving, self-pride that I know it all, that I was God's gift to people to minister to them. Instead, I've turned that around and been opened to receiving the Father's love through my brothers and sisters through their ministry and loving-kindness towards me and now I've regained the peace and ability to love myself again in a healthy way, not in an arrogant manner. I've also learned about listening more, to speak less, to be slow to anger, but to be more observant, then with that to receive love and to be able to give real love and real caring and compassion to others.

Also, my son and I have been reconciled after many years of being separated. We had six days together at Thanksgiving. My pastor had given me a word to drop all of my agenda of how the weekend was supposed to go and just love him for who he is and let God have His way and it went more than perfect. We didn't have a single negative word. When I hugged his neck at the airport, he cried. I took him fishing Thanksgiving morning and he caught some fish. I've got pictures of him with the biggest smile on his face. He's twenty years old and I hadn't seen him in about three or four years. He had a lot of anger and had been in and out of mental institutions. He spent his 11th grade year in a regional institute in Baltimore, Maryland. He had a lot of problems and the person that I encountered wasn't the person that I thought I was picking up. I've been praying a lot, and just prior to this last seminar, had been doing it one last time, surrendering it to God not knowing what to do about him, so I gave it back to Him. It



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was in that same week that the seminar started that he called and said he wanted to come out. Instead of a paranoid schizophrenic, bi-polar drug addict that was violent and had felony charges, I encountered someone who came across as mature, thought about what he was doing before he did it. I watched him use some of the tools he used in the hospitals, and I asked him about that. He said he never believed he belonged in any of these places, but decided to do what he could while he was there. He is actually using what he has been taught. We had a great time and everyone in the family got to see him and they concluded that a very disturbed young man is now going in the right direction and I praise God for that.



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