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New Beginnings

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Testimony of Long Lasting Victory:



My name is John-Michael Leonard. I am a proud 2008 graduate of Greater Piedmont Adult & Teen Challenge.

After years and years of drinking, using and selling drugs. I reached a point in my life where I knew I

needed something else, I just wasn't sure what that was.

I kept going through the same thing over and over, like a scratched CD. I was in a near fatal car accident, where I side swiped a tractor trailer, not knowing at the time God had plans for me. I didn't get so much as a scratch. So old me thought I was invincible. I kept going and going. Drinking more and more, using more and more. I was in another accident where I shattered both my pelvic bones and had 100's of small pieces of glass plucked from around my head including my eyes. Once again God had plans for me. I still didn't know what it was.

A few years later I went to a lifelong friend's wedding. On the way home I was arrested for a DUI. The judge sentenced me to 120 days in jail. Ninety of them were suspended, as long as I completed ASAP. I was even allowed to serve my time on weekends. Once again, I thought I couldn't be touched. Dumb old me decided to drink prior to turning myself in on that Friday. I was found guilty of showing up to jail drunk. I served the last ten days of my sentence. It was that moment, that I fell on my knees and asked God to help me. I knew I could not do it on my own.

This is where I thank all my family and home church members for never giving up and always praying for me. I found out about Greater Piedmont Adult & Teen Challenge. I contacted them and spoke to the Intake Coordinator, Brother Wayne Duesberry. I was accepted into the program. I arrived there in the middle of the week day. By the second weekend, I gave my life to

Christ. After going down my own path for so long I finally realized it was the narrow gate that I was supposed to go through. I was saved in a Saturday night chapel. A staff member helped lead me in the prayer of salvation. It was the single greatest thing ever to happen to me. The joy I felt from Christ touching my heart still gives me chills to this day.

After completing Teen challenge I went to Woodbury, TN to work for Renewed Life Ministries Outreach and Rev. Basil Adams. I worked there for about a year and a half. I remained in Tennessee for a few more years. I continued to minister to those in need, while I worked two jobs. Many of those I met through work, I helped lead to the Lord.

I am blessed to have a God fearing, beautiful, lady whom I get to call my wife. The Lord has blessed us with four beautiful children. I am currently in the process of starting my own carpentry business. Times can be tough, but for the last 14 years I can proudly say that thanks to Jesus and the men and women of GPATC I am a born again, clean, and sober man of Christ. We all endure hardship and loss. There are a dozen or more men that I have known from Teen Challenge and RLMO that have passed away. But I know that because of Jesus and his unfailing love we are saved by His Grace. Galatians 6: 9 tells us to not grow weary from doing what is right for in the end we will reap a harvest of blessings.

For those who might read this letter, please know that Jesus loves us all the same. He is there for us. God wants to know us and He wants us to know him. I am blessed and thankful I was given the chance to come to the anointed Teen Challenge ground in Greensboro. I want to thank all the staff members, who were there, for all they did to help me. But last, and definitely not least, I thank the Lord for blessing me and helping me to open my eyes and my heart to His love and salvation.

God bless you all,

John-Michael Leonard

Grandover Golf Tournament, Saturday, September 10th. Mark your calendar. Start getting your team ready. This is always a great tournament.



All proceeds go to help meet the needs of Greater Piedmont Adult & Teen Challenge.

Your donations to this ministry really do make a difference. Thank you for your faithful giving.

Join us for our.....

11th Annual
Iron Chariot Ride

Benefiting



Teen Challenge

'Breaking Free From Addiction'



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Registration 9:00 Kickstands up 10:00

Ride begins at: **"NEW"**



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GREENSBORO NC, 27401
(ACROSS FROM GRASSHOPPERS STADIUM)
336-271-4774

Sheriffs' Escort!

\$25 Rider
\$5 Passenger

Coffee, Doughnuts and Lunch will be provided



From the Director....

I so enjoyed John-Michael's testimony. I'm often asked about how long the men stay clean after leaving Teen Challenge. There is no set answer. Each man has to make his own decisions to follow the teaching of Christ they have learned while in the program. However, I am thankful to God for all the men I know who have been set free in Teen Challenge. I am thankful they are living lives committed to Christ. If you ask any of them, they will tell you there are difficult times, but if they stay focused on the Lord Jesus Christ, they will overcome adversities, challenges, disappointments, failures, fears, and heartaches. The bible tells us in John 16:33 *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*

Thank you John-Michael. We are proud of you.

Dr. Bob Harman
Executive Director

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