



Praise The Lord!

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The last five psalms (146-150) begin and end with "Praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6 (the last verse) says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord." This is our aim, whether it's sharing in church, writing in this Campfire, or living out our faith each day. We are compelled to praise the Lord and proclaim His goodness.

In Psalm 146 & 147 we can see specifically some of His loving actions and divine purposes that are identified-

"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down... He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Ps146:7, 147:3)

Let me introduce you to 8 men on these pages who have been on the receiving end of the truth that is spread out in these words. All of them were oppressed, hungry, bound up, blind, and wounded. But God demonstrated His own love towards them, in that while they were still sinning, Christ died for them. Praise the Lord! We never want to forget where we came from and what the Lord has done in our lives. He is good.

Stop for a moment and consider the goodness of God in your own life. My heart jumps when I contemplate all the things He has done in my own life, my family's, and this ministry. Each testimony you are about to read gives us reason to cry out as the writer of Psalm 146 did - "Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."

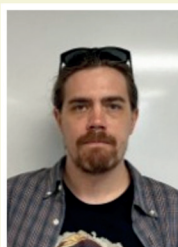
Be blessed today as you consider the greatness of God and His mighty power.

John Jayne



"I come from 20 years of addiction. All I felt was shame and condemnation. I was a master manipulator. This was enhanced by my substance abuse. But God, through his grace and mercy, led me to Dunklin and allowed me to take a good look at my mess. Since being here, the Lord has restored relationships with loved ones & I have gained trust back - All thanks to the Lord."

Mike Noone



"I spent 20 years in addiction. My lifestyle wrecked jobs, relationships, and everything I touched. By the time I hit 30, I was using and drinking daily, constantly chasing something to make me feel good. But when I came to Dunklin, I finally found what I'd been searching for all those years. The Lord healed me and gave me peace. He gave me relationships, and a purpose. He taught me how to be grateful, and more than that, He showed me how to have a real relationship with Him."

Ray Dunegan



"I spent 11 years in addiction. I was self-reliant and I ran from God. I overdosed three times. I was given chance after chance after chance, but I kept messing up. Still, God didn't leave me there. He stepped into my chaos and pulled me out. He brought me to Dunklin and everything started to change. I have found purpose, peace, and a new life I never thought I deserved."

William Oliva



"I come from 17 years of addiction. Prior to Dunklin, I was hopeless and no longer wanted to live. But today I've been redeemed and restored by God. The Lord has given me a new identity as a child of God. I have hope and a purpose for my life. I have a family here at Dunklin and I'm so grateful for everything the Lord has done."

Bobby Trusiak



"I've been in addiction for 20 years. I used everyone for what I needed or wanted. This included my family and children. God brought me back to Dunklin and has changed my life and way of thinking. Today, I can see the difference between the things I need and the things I want. The Lord has given me back my family and has been working in their lives too."

Daniel Moraco



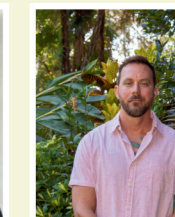
"Before Dunklin, I spent the better part of 30 years drowning inside of a bottle. I destroyed most, if not all, of the relationships I had due to my addiction. I blamed everyone for my problems, never taking responsibility for my mistakes or the pain I caused in others. I came to Dunklin because life just wasn't worth living and God met me right where I was at. He renewed my mind and reconciled the relationships with my family. Today, I'm hopeful for the future and the Lord has given me purpose."

Timothy O'Rourke



"I come from 40 years of bondage to fear, resentment, bitterness, unforgiveness, and rebellion. I was separated from God and spent 20 years of my life incarcerated. I got to Dunklin by the grace of God and since being here I've been getting to know Him. I've found freedom from my old way of thinking and dedicated my life to being a better person. I thank Christ Jesus for finding me faithful and appointing me to His service."

Michael Henderson



"I come from 15 years of addiction. I spent those years trying to do things on my own and ultimately pushed away all of my relationships. I made the people closest to me believe it was their fault. I pushed away the people who truly cared for me the most. These people, by the grace of God, never gave up on me. Since coming to Dunklin, I have reconciled some of these relationships. This has brought my family back together and closer than ever. The Lord has shown me how blessed I am and all I have to be grateful for. My relationship with Him is stronger than ever."

Austin Avery