
“I will not die, but live....”

“When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; He brought me into a spacious place...I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me...The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation...I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.”

-Psalm 118:5,13-14,17

This scripture clearly summarizes God’s grace and mercy in each of our lives. The men pictured here have experienced firsthand what the psalmist was trying to convey about the Lord. Each man cried out in desperation for help, and He intervened and rescued them. He delivered them to a spacious place in the physical and the spiritual as His love is much greater than we can fathom, exceeding any limitations we may impose. Just as death was knocking at the door, He protected them from themselves, defended them from the enemy, and offered them new life in Christ Jesus. There is one more verse in the midst of this chapter that stands out to me: “Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous.” Each one of these testimonies is a proclamation of joy and victory unto Him.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.”

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GRADUATION



“My name is Taylor Brewington, and I came to Dunklin thinking I just had a drinking problem. Since being here, I have come to see that my mind and spirit were both utterly broken and defeated. God has used my time here to make me whole, while also restoring the relationships I selfishly neglected over the years. For the first time in 6 years I have joy and hope for my future, because I have learned to trust in Christ.” - *Taylor Brewington*



“I ran away from everything, my job, my family, and anyone who loved or cared about me. I stole from my family so much that I ended up isolated from everyone, homeless, and stealing to support my drug addiction. Ultimately, I was arrested and spent 7 months in jail, facing prison time. The Lord showed me grace and mercy and I received probation, which brought me to Dunklin. While being here, I have developed a true relationship with Jesus Christ.”

- *Ryan Maxwell*



“ For 20 years my alcohol addiction and selfish choices destroyed my life, including a 16- year marriage, and the relationships with my children. Since coming to Dunklin, through God’s grace and mercy, I can now see what He is doing in my life. The Lord has been restoring and reconciling my relationships and building new ones. The most important one being the relationship I have with Christ today. He has given me hope out of hopelessness and despair.”

- *Tom Elquist*

“ I come from a 17-year addiction to whatever felt good, with no regard for the consequences or how it affected others. When I came to Dunklin I was at the end of my rope, my wife was ready to leave me, and my family would not take me. Since being here, God has transformed my life and reconciled my relationships. Today, my relationships with my wife and family have been restored and reconciled. I now have a future and a purpose, all through an intimate relationship with the Lord.”

- *Sean Phillips*



“ For 30 years I lived a selfish life that has strained the relationships with my family, caused my marriage to end, and separate me from my children. I reached the end of my rope and sought help; the Lord brought me here to Dunklin. Since being here I have built a relationship with the Lord, my family has been restored, and the Spirit of the Lord flows through me.”

- *Louis Perreault*

“ I come from a 15-year addiction to drugs and alcohol. I had no hope left to live anymore, because I had become a slave to alcohol. I had abandoned my family and children, over and over again, and they wanted nothing to do with me. Since being here God has apprehended me and worked in my life. He has restored my family and made a way for me to marry the woman of my dreams.”

- *Eric Suarez*



“ I have walked in addiction for nearly 27 years prior to coming to Dunklin. Over the span of this time, I have caused pain and heartache to loved ones. My actions have also brought about tragic consequences, but God graciously opened the door for me here. By remaining obedient He has renewed, restored, and strengthened me. I am so very grateful to have been given this opportunity.”

- *Shane Walker*

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NEEDS OF DUNKLIN

- Prayer, prayer, and more prayer!
- Scholarships for men in the program and SLT
- Scholarships for families in Family Development and SLT
- Hotel Room Renovations
- Donations of cars for camp vehicles