

Pastor's Notes

me." (Philippians 3:12)

"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of

One of the things that I love so much about the Apostle Paul is even after 30 years of preaching the gospel all over the known world at the time, and writing almost half of the New Testament, he still understood who he was! The apostle began this section of his letter to the first church in Macedonia that he founded by saying, "I have not arrived", and that is a great word for all of us today. "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) All of us have areas in our lives that need to grow and get better, so that our desire is fulfilled in bringing "Glory to God"! Let us, like the Apostle Paul, never think that we are better than anyone else, but let us always have our focus on what God wants to change in our own lives for His glory!



God Bless! **Pastor Gerry Brown**

TESTIMONY FOR JESUS



Looking back, I can see that my testimony is very similar to the parable of the prodigal son. Before coming to U-Turn I had been raised in a household of believers and accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior at a young age. I can confidently say that in my early teens I had a solid relationship with God, but that slowly began changing when I reached high school. The death of a best friend was the catalyst to the hardening of my heart towards God. I started experimenting with drugs and trying to replace God with anything I could. I wanted my identity to be in anything and everything but God. When I turned 18 I was introduced to hard drugs, and that's when life started to spiral out of control. Everyday I was becoming more and more the worst version of myself, as I continued to run away from God. My addiction to drugs got so out of hand that I was in and out of multiple rehabs/sober living. Last Year as I was coming towards the end of my stay at the rehab I was at, I was

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introduced to U-Turn For Christ by my parents. They had come across it while helping me look for a sober living situation. My initial reaction when asked if I wanted to go was instant rejection, but I felt something that I hadn't felt in a very long time- the conviction of the Holy Spirit. God made it known that it was where He wanted me to be so that I could restore my relationship with Him. When I first went through Phase 1, I wasn't fully surrendered. I was on the fence when it came to my walk with God. But I was humbled real quickly by the Lord and brought to my knees. I finally put it all at His feet and fully rededicated my life to Jesus. One year later, I'm still fully surrendered to Him, moving in His will to stay put here at U-Turn and to minister into other men's lives. The beautiful thing I've come to realize is that U-Turn is all about fixing your relationship with God first, then sobriety, restoring relationships, and becoming the man/woman you're supposed to be all comes along with that. - Stephen

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A LOOK BACK AT 2021

As we reflect on 2021, we can't help but be thankful; thankful to the Lord for this past year and the work that He has done in the ministry of U-Turn For Christ, and the lives that have been changed because of His grace. However, we also know it would not be possible without your love, prayers, and support. So we'd like to say THANK YOU! We pray that this the love, peace, and joy that only Jesus can Provide.



- to the Lord.
- We are in constant need of hygiene products, toothpaste, soap, and toilet paper.
- Shovels, rakes, tables, chairs, etc.
- Video cameras, cameras, audio equip.
- We are in need of new vehicles to transport the men and women.



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