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have heard “my story” told over and over in rehabs and AA meetings—a story of growing up in a Christian family with a happy childhood and very little adversity. Then a gradual alcohol problem seeps in with nothing to blame it on. I went to church with my family every Sunday, was in youth group and accepted Christ as my Savior when I was 15. At least I thought I had—I knew Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins, but he was not the center of my life.

When I was 18, I found out that my father was an alcoholic. I had never seen him drink a drop. I started drinking in high school on the weekends to go along with the crowd. But, I loved the feeling it gave me. College saw an increase in the frequency and volume, but I had few consequences. I graduated with a degree in Physical Therapy.

I drank daily and the physical dependence increased as my marriage fell apart. I threw up almost every morning, drinking before and after work. My relationship with God had dwindled to an occasional prayer, and rarely did I go to church. I found out that the man I loved with all my heart had been having a 6 year long affair. And, though we stayed together something inside of me died. My drinking spun out of control.

I went from rehab to detox to rehab. None of them were Christian and none of them taught me the one answer I needed to hear. Jesus Christ. I knew I couldn’t go on like this anymore. I came here.

I have been so blessed here with a new understanding and a new clarity I’ve never had before. I’ve been overcome with a sense of peace. Two days after I got here I dropped to my knees and cried out to God to take me and this addiction. One week later I was baptized and going under the water had a whole new meaning for me. I have so much more that I want to learn and I’m excited to see what God’s plan is for me.

“He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters...in the day of my disaster the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.” Psalms 18:16-18.

Solus Christus is that spacious place. I will be forever grateful for the many blessings I have received here because they are the foundation and the beginning of my new life in Christ.

Ann

In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.

Psalms 118:5

BORN AGAIN IN JAIL

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rom age 11 I started sneaking out and then running away for a few days at a time. I was put on house arrest until I went to a 12 month wilderness program. It was that or training school until I was 18. At 12 I stole my mom's car and ran away to be with a man in Brooklyn. Men were in and out of my life. At 16 I got pregnant, married and moved again. My second son was born. In 2008 my aunt died of an overdose. Moving again, my drugs and partying got worse. I started selling drugs. I got pregnant with a man that was physically and verbally abusive. I cut my arm open and spent 7 days in a mental ward. Drug use increased.

I took my daughter to my mom's one day and left her. I began breaking into houses to steal things so we could support our habit. We robbed a store with an AK47 and ran to Florida. We were caught with the stolen truck and extradited to NC. I ended up in prison for a year and jumped right back in the streets. This time I had a pimp. I went to jail again for selling heroin. I had another child, my son. I could not take care of him so his grandmother came and took him to Alabama when he was 4 days old. I lost everything.

I called my pastor and asked for help. He helped me apply to Solus Christus. I was arrested soon after, but began to think about God. I was told about Him when I was a kid. Everything I had tried was not working so why not try God and see what happens? I started to pray and an amazing peace came over me. I was happy to be in jail. The Chaplain prayed with me. I became born again in jail.

Since Solus God has taken me off meds I never thought I would stop taking, given me strength, knowledge, wisdom and peace I have never felt before. I am learning to be willing for change. Matthew 6:34 says, "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Brittanie now is married, has all her children back in her life, working and praising the Lord!



"I proclaim the name of the LORD; Ascribe greatness to our GOD! The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He."

Deut. 32:3-4

PRAISE & PRAYER

- Praise the Lord BB&T blessing us with a new wonderful clothing closet basement with great organized paper goods shelving and much more!
- Praise God for giving hope to the women He brings to our doors.
- Pray for the volunteers for the thrift store.
- Pray for women incarcerated, for hope in the Lord.
- Pray for women that have lost their children because of using drugs. Please pray for favor with the courts and restoration and reconciliation with their children.
- Pray for healing and strength from the LORD for the ladies to live a life that glorifies Him in all they do.

"I love the LORD, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live."

Ps 116:1-2

HE COMMITTED SUICIDE

My mom and dad separated when I was 3 due to physical abuse and alcohol and drug abuse. My mom remarried. He never accepted me as his daughter. I was never good enough. At 15 my stepdad physically abused me. Mom didn't do anything about it so I moved in with my mom's parents. At 15 my real dad committed suicide by sticking a gun in his mouth. I started to unravel, dropped out of school, ended up pregnant. I was drinking and smoking weed. After my son was born the guy I was with left. I started partying a lot, doing much harder drugs. I was very depressed. I was raped by 2 different men.

I was raised in the church, but there was something missing. I was in and out of jail and drug treatment programs. I started dating a man that was much older. He was mentally and physically abusive. He tried killing me on several occasions. On April 6th I entered Solus Christus. I rededicated my life to the Lord and Celebrate Recovery. I now knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that I was a child of God. Something had changed. God brought me from a miserable awful place to this feeling of freedom and peace that I've never experienced before.

Kayla

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Amber Carroll

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Dianna Grogan

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