

Dustin's Testimony

I was always the guy trying to save myself. I was in control of everything. My drug use led me from being married with four kids to being completely and utterly alone. Even though drug use ran my marriage into destruction, I continued to use drugs. This left me broken, depressed and alone. Even my immediate family wouldn't allow me to come near them.

My only hope was that God might redirect my reckless ways and lead me into a more wholesome and satisfying way of life. I came to BCRC with the hopes that something would miraculously change in me and in turn change my life as a whole. I was very optimistic about where life could go from rock bottom.

When I first arrived I was ready to learn as much as I could over the next 12 weeks. Yet after just 7 days in the program I thought I had it all figured out. I decided I was ready to go back out and take on the world. I talked with the Pastor and the Director and they were O.K. with me leaving but through them God gave me some wise instructions on some of the things I needed to do. I couldn't let go of my own selfish will, so I made the phone call to leave BCRC. I had made my mind up- I knew everything I needed to know and I was going to leave the program after only one week. Then the doubts began. I was about to be at the reigns of my life again with no direction. What would I do? I had no peace or joy in my life until this moment. Not until I surrendered and realized that I was in no condition to make any decisions for myself at this moment, much less for my family.

After God granted me the wisdom to make the right choice, I went up and begged the Director to stay. It is their policy that after someone has made a phone call to leave that there is no turning back from it. They did not want BCRC to become a fall back for someone who didn't really want to be there. None the less I told him about how wrong I had been and how I was doing the same thing to myself that I had always done. He looked at me and said "if you have decided that you are worth fighting for then so do I". God did something to me that day. He blessed me with patience. He allowed some space in my mind and in my heart for spiritual growth. Now I've been in the program for 10 weeks and for once in my life I feel content with where I'm at. I am feeling very positive about the direction my life is heading in. I know that I still have a lot to learn about myself and my addiction, but I feel like I am doing the best thing I can to have a great future with my family. I can do this as long as I place my trust in God.