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Hello Neighbor,

When I was six years old my family was ripped apart by drug addiction. Until the age of 13 I lived in a cult where I was abused verbally and physically. Being told over and over that I was worthless and being abandoned scared my heart. I placed a wall around me to keep from getting close to anyone because I did not want to feel the pain of rejection again.

I tried everything to fill the empty cold space in my heart. I was married twice, but the women I attracted were as messed up as I was. I worked a lot and made good money. I had the car, big TV, house, and games. All the things that made me happy for a while, but sooner or later I was the same hurting boy with more bills and toys.

Finally at 39 years of age I turned to the world of drugs. I would not wish this life on my worst enemy, but once I got caught up in it I couldn't get out. In three years, I was living in a van and eating cold sandwiches all alone. Finally, I hit rock bottom and tried to end my life. My mother, a born again Christian, came and took me to Idaho with her and through a Pastor Tim at Alter Church in Coeur d' Alene, she found out about Calvary Ranch.

The program was all about God and Jesus Christ, which made me uncomfortable, and the first two weeks, I wanted to leave, but I realized that I would just be back in the life I had or would be dead. I decided to take a step of faith and asked Jesus into my heart. From that day to this, I have matured and lived more in that time than in the last 42 years of my life. I went from a very shy scared little boy trying to fit in with everyone to a man with a rock solid foundation in Jesus Christ.

Please don't make the mistake that I did and waste half your life searching for love and acceptance in all the wrong places. Lay down your pride and take that step of faith and ask Jesus Christ into your heart as your Lord and Savior.

Take it from a man who thought this was all a joke for losers; God is real and He is knocking at the door of your heart. It doesn't matter who or where you are in your life, you will find hope, love and meaning by taking this step. I pray that you think about this precious gift that is being offered to you freely.

God bless you and your family,

Chris

