



At the age of 31, in 1978 I was acclaimed as the youngest bank President in the State of Florida at that time. By the age of 39, I became a drug addict; with my life fully out of control. I grew up in Tampa, full of bitterness, anger and a feeling deep inside that I was not truly worth while. My father was an alcoholic who fought often with my mother and eventually was thrown out of our home. I grew feeling rejected and hating him. To compensate for all these inadequate feelings, I tried to make myself seem worthwhile by achieving in school. I earned degrees in Economics and Master Degrees in Business and Finance. I worked hard and rose quickly in the banking industry, going from a trainee to bank President in four years. But, through all the success I still felt inadequate and the spirit of pride took over my life. A pride that masked the true hurt and rejection I felt. Even with these achievements there was emptiness and boredom in my life. I searched for acceptance and gratification.

I sought all the pleasures of the world. Then I was introduced to crack cocaine. Drugs gave me a temporary escape from all my feelings, very temporary. Through my addiction I lost my career and material possessions. One day, a young pastor, Louis Capdevila, told me about Jesus and how He had changed his life, and that Jesus would do the same for me if I surrendered my life to Him. He told me about a Christian program, Teen Challenge of Saginaw, Michigan, for those bound by alcohol and drugs. After spending several months living on the streets and years of struggling, I finally gave my life completely to Jesus. At Teen Challenge, I met Pastor Salvador Flores, whose humble and steadfast life was an inspiration to lead me and others to change.

I now know my worth as a son of God, and have dedicated my life to proclaiming Jesus and His miracle power to others. Today I serve as Senior Pastor of a church God had me birth, the Lighthouse Revival Center and I also oversee the Lighthouse Gospel Mission& Faith Home where we minister to men bound by drugs, (sin), etc. "See I had to Say Yes to Jesus before I could Say No to Drugs and all of Satan's powers over my life:"

Armed with the Faith of God and the love, peace and joy of the Holy Spirit; a blessed assurance of hope in the future through Jesus Christ, I not only pursue the lost and bound but have entered into a pursuit of God and a passion for Jesus that cannot be quenched. My wife, Alison stands with me as Co-Pastor today, my family relationships are restored. My son Wesley, once hurt and angered by a lost father, is my friend and is answering the call of God to minister also. Don't wait; accept Jesus today as your Lord and Savior. Watch and be amazed how your life changes and how His restoration power invades your life. You too can be a "new creation", a new man or woman with new thoughts, goals and a real joy in life. I've been set free, restored and made new! How about you, aren't you ready to give up and change your life forever?