



“Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.” Psalm 25:4-5 (NLT)

Our students at Western Michigan Adult and Teen Challenge have left their old ways behind and have chosen instead to follow God's ways. They have chosen to separate themselves from the sins of the world and rest in complete dependence on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Throughout their time with us they are learning to have a true relationship with Jesus. We are seeing men and women who are aligning their heart with God's heart and submitting to the leading and guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

It blesses me to see hope in the men and women who are surrendering their will to God's will. We see the peace and joy evolve in their hearts as they humble themselves before the Lord. In Psalm 25:8-10 (NLT) it says, **“The Lord is good and does what is right; he shows the proper path to those who go astray. He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way. The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.”**



GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

JACKSON RUTLEDGE - I was raised in a single parent Christian home after my parents' divorce when I was very young. This led to feelings of low self-esteem and self-worth. I turned to the wrong crowd. After overdosing three times God stepped in and saved my life. Teen Challenge helped me build my relationship with Jesus Christ in whom I find my identity and worth. Colossians 1:13-14(NIV) **“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”**

BRITTANY BROOKHOUSE - I was adopted into a Christians family. My dad was a pastor so I have always known right from wrong. After college, I had two failed marriages and found myself in an abusive relationship. During this time I lost my children and began using drugs to numb the pain of my choices. I was miserable, angry, lonely and desperate for change. One night I was pulled over. After the police searched my car and found drugs I went to jail. While in jail I was supposed to go to court for my daughter. I cried out in prayer that my daughter would not see me this way. God is faithful. He answered my prayer! That next Monday I came to Teen Challenge and God has restored my family and my heart. Romans 12:12, **“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”** It is not what we can see but what we know we can do.



KADIE PETTIT - I was born the only, adopted child to believing parents. I received every opportunity imaginable and excelled in many ways. We were very involved in church, but when I was 18, I received some traumatic news that made me question everything, even God. This gave the devil a foothold and tried to serve 2 masters for the next 20 years. I devastated people and lost nearly everything while I attempted to self-medicate with alcohol. From wife and mother to divorcee. From sales exec to sellout, from homeowner to homeless and “wealthy” to welfare. Humility doesn't have to be humiliating, but it wasn't until all of my “crutches” were removed that I finally surrendered. Teen Challenge offered my God. I came here to get sober, but I'm leaving with the Lord, who makes me whole. Mark 5:41, **“And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.”**

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