Drug Trafficker. Prison. How could anyone find freedom?

I've never met my real father, and my stepfather always made it clear I wasn't his. Even as a good athlete, I always needed assurance, so I would search the stands until I was certain my mother was at my games.

> When I was 19 my girlfriend got pregnant. I wanted to reject the baby, just like my father did with me. Thankfully, she gave birth to my son and it was the most wonderful day of my life.

Unplanned parenthood and other disappointing setbacks led me to several bad decisions, like flying on airplanes with cocaine strapped to my body. I was arrested three times in two states within three months. While in prison, a man gave me a Bible, and then said "You look burdened. Can I pray for you?" That day, I asked Jesus Christ for help, and Jesus changed my life.

After that, I flew around the world on private jets, working as a bodyguard for world famous entertainers. Just when I thought "Life doesn't get any better than this," I heard the still, small voice of GOD tell me, "You're not doing what I created you to do!"

Now, my true passion is sharing with others how I've gone from pain, prison and private jets to living with purpose.

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life.

Nothing about it is easy.

Fear. Anxiety. Depression. Worries. We all have problems of one type or another. How we deal with them is what makes us different. Many of us are crippled in some way by things like drug or alcohol addiction, pornography, eating disorders, pride, even thoughts of suicide. You may not be struggling with these exact things, but chances are something in your life has taken over. We need to be set free, but just cannot seem to do it alone.

desire.

Everything is never enough.

The truth is, we live life to satisfy ourselves. "I am Number One" is how we live. The problem is that once we achieve or accomplish the things we thought would bring us happiness, we find ourselves as empty as before. It seems to never be enough. Why? Because the emptiness we feel is spiritual, not just physical or emotional.

satisfaction.

lt's not about you.

The spiritual hollowness we feel can be filled only by Jesus Christ. Jesus is first because he really is the one and only Son of God who can save us from ourselves. He died for us because God loves us so much and he sent Jesus to take the power away from our sin nature—the nature we were born with that leads us to make bad choices and that keeps us apart from a holy and perfect God. Jesus said, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

understand.

This is what He did for you.

We are all born into sin and the price is death and separation from God. Jesus died to pay the penalty in full for our sins. Yesterday, today and forever. He was buried in a tomb and raised from the dead with power over sin. He offers all of us the gift of eternal life and an intimate relationship that starts the minute you trust him as your savior. All you have to do is believe and trust in what he did for you.

submit.

Decide that you need Him.

If you believe these things, tell God. You can pray something like this. "God, thank You for loving me. I know I have sinned against You. I believe that Jesus, God's one and only Son, died to pay for my sins. I believe that You raised Jesus from the dead. I now put my trust only in Jesus to forgive me for my sins. Help me put Jesus first. Thank you for your gift of eternal life. Amen."

second steps

here's what Jesus tells us to do

Repent and Believe.

Jesus died to save you. Believe in him. Commit to follow. "Repent and believe the good news." Jesus (Mark 1:15)

Be Baptized.

Show the world you follow Jesus. "...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Jesus (Matthew 28:19)

Love God. Love People.

Live the life of Second. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus (Luke 10:27)

Commemorate Jesus.

Get with believers and remember the death of Jesus.

"When you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you tell about his death until he comes." Paul (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Talk with God.

This is a relationship. Learn to talk with God like Jesus did. "This is how you should pray...." Jesus (Matthew 6:9-15)

Give.

Your money, time and talents. Help the poor. Reach the lost. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Jesus (Acts 20:35)

Make Disciples.

Teach others what God has taught you. "Go and make disciples, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Jesus (Matthew 23:19-20)