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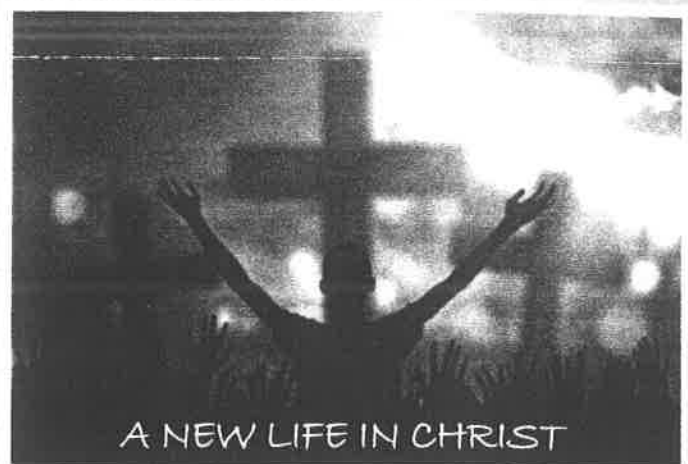
RESURRECTION...STILL HAPPENING TODAY

Yes! Resurrection life is still happening at Syracuse New York Teen Challenge today! Every month the dead, broken, lost and addicted stream through our doors looking for their personal resurrection, and we are ready, steadfast, and fervent to help them. The experiences over the years have more than proven to us that the power of Jesus Christ works today, just as it says in John 11, when He called Lazarus out of the tomb after being buried 4 days (*according to Jewish belief, resurrection was no longer possible - on the fourth day!*)


John 11:17-44 Jesus said...**"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."** After Jesus commanded Lazarus to come forth he (Lazarus) immediately resurrected and walked out but still was covered with his grave clothes and Jesus gave the next command to...**"Loose him, and let him go."**

Resurrection is precisely what happens at Syracuse Teen Challenge. Not only do our students experience the Resurrection power of Jesus Christ, we also help them take their grave clothes off... the old destructive habits and attitudes they developed from their addictions.

Through our classes, Chapel services, and mentorship programs they are trained up, fired up, and step up, into the Jet Stream of their Divine Destiny.



This month I'd like to share a testimony that is a perfect example of the **"resurrection life that is still taking place today at Teen Challenge."** Kyle came in as a dead soul, but through the power of Jesus Christ, life was breathed back into him. As you read you will understand why his miracle story is so encouraging for so many.



My name is Kyle, I spent 35 years in bondage to alcohol and drugs that turned me into a dead man.

I experienced homelessness and prison as a result of my pursuit of money, to buy drugs.

I was a hardcore drug lord who lived a violent lifestyle and did many things I am not proud of.



Residential Home

Resurrection
is
Still Happening

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION



Staff and Intern Housing

In 2009, I entered Teen Challenge and spent 8 months in the program. I still had issues with authority in my life, so I left the program and started pursuing money and drugs again. This caused me to spiral downwards spiritually, and I ended up right back into my addiction.

While I was in a crack house, a person recognized me and called me by my name, "Kyle, you're supposed to be a Minister for the Word of God" and this resulted in me getting thrown out of the crack house! That day I cried out to the Lord. I didn't feel like He heard my cry, so I called Syracuse Teen Challenge and Pastor Dave answered and said: "Come on Home." I was so weak and skinny; only 135lbs on my 6'3" frame.

A Minister I had met, bought me a bus ticket, and I made it back to Syracuse Teen Challenge. When I got there an alumni volunteer, Barry Pendergrass, sat down near me and read scriptures as I was detoxing from drugs in the dorm. Within a few days, I experienced the resurrection power of Jesus Christ and my transformation began. I then submitted my rebellion to him, and eventually completed the entire program. Since my graduation from Teen Challenge, I have been working full time on staff.

God is continually changing me to be more Christ-like in every way. I have been used in the ministry to love, guide, and support, those who come into our Teen Challenge Center dead and broken, just like I was.

Now I am able to lead others to experience their resurrection....that is still happening today!



Kyle today

When I think about Kyle's story and look at the transformation of his before and after picture it blesses all our students here at our program. **There are more resurrection life stories still happening today at Teen Challenge because of your partnership.**

So please, as our partners, our friends, help us continue to develop and expand so that no one is turned away, and we can continue to share more testimonies like Kyle's.

As we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior, please prayerfully consider a special gift to help us rescue, restore and resurrect more young men who come to us broken. Your continued partnership is helping save lives daily, and I am forever grateful for your generosity.

God Bless You,

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