

From Dope to Hope

God has been good to me throughout my life, even though there were years when the enemy had me convinced that I was a worthless nobody. I've been a drug addict, a drug dealer and a "gang banger."

For 34 years, I was addicted to all kinds of drugs, including cocaine, but God delivered me. He also delivered me from cigarettes and sexual sin.

Nine-and-one-half years of my life were spent in and out of prison. But more than four years ago I was paroled, and I've never looked back.

I was led to my church, Ecclesia, two years ago. I thank God every day for pastor, Josh Beckley. His teaching opened my eyes to so many things, and being a part of this church family has changed my life.

Today I serve in one of the church's community outreach ministries. It gives me the opportunity to minister to people outside the church and tell them how far God has brought me.

I'm going to remain faithful and obedient to God. I will pray and stay in the Word, so He can continue to work in me and through me. I praise His name because He is the source of my victory.