

# From Party Boy to Prophetic Pastor

Growing up with older brothers who seemed highly successful, Greg DeVries always felt like he couldn't measure up. In high school, he turned to drugs, alcohol and a party lifestyle. He tried college, and he tried the Marines but kept coming back to the only thing he was "successful" at, and that was being a party boy. He says, "That was the one thing that I was really good at in my life." It really goes without saying but that "success" would be short-lived. DeVries' life began to spin completely out of control.

As his troubles began to mount, DeVries' father wrapped his arms around him and wept over him. He had heard of a ministry in North Alabama that could provide his son with a safe environment and the opportunity to find surrender, hope and help in Christ to successfully conquer addiction. On his third night at Outreach Ministries of Alabama, DeVries cried out to Jesus for forgiveness and freedom, and a powerful journey began that continues to this day.

Today, DeVries and his wife, Gretchen, pastor the Well Family Worship Center in Scottsboro, Alabama. The well is experiencing the fires of revival and raising up, training and sending out young people to the nations of the world.

In this episode of Conquer Addiction, Ken Pounders and Greg DeVries discuss the ongoing move of God that characterizes DeVries' life and ministry. The *Conquer Addiction* podcast on the Charisma Podcast Network provides real answers to the drug epidemic. You can find more resources at [. {eo}](#)

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