

How This Evangelist Overcame Addiction, Witchcraft and Brought Family to Christ

Evangelist James Nixon says he grew up in a broken home, wrought with pain from divorce and lacking the love of Jesus. That led to his unbelief in God, and his search for fulfillment in all the wrong places: drugs, partying and even witchcraft.

“When I was 17, I put my myself in handcuffs,” Nixon says. “I was arrested, and I made an inward choice that evening. I remember it. In the back of a police car, I was like, ‘Hey, I don’t want to live this life anymore.’”

“God saw the reality of my vulnerability. And after that, I mean, He just started sending people in my high school—‘Hey, come to church, come to youth group.’ I’m like, ‘OK, I’ll check it out.’”

After Nixon came to Jesus Christ, God used his 180-degree turn from a former lifestyle of addiction to save his family, too. His family recognized this change as an act of God, Nixon says on the *Salvation Today* podcast on the Charisma Podcast Network.

“When my family saw that I gave my life to the Lord, they’re like, ‘OK, this rebelliousness (even my best friends were drug addicts and drug dealers)—he’s completely given all that up.’ And they saw the turnaround, and so through my life, my family was reconciled back to the Lord through my testimony.

“Parents, aunts and uncles and cousins, and everybody’s like, ‘OK, if the Lord Jesus Himself woke James up and shook him, and James surrendered his life, then He is real. I need to pursue Him in myself as an individual.’”

To hear more of Nixon's powerful story, [click here](#) for the entire episode. Also be sure to check out part 2 afterward.