

Pulse Survivor Rejects Homosexuality: I've Grown to Love Jesus on a Deeper Level

One of the survivors of the Pulse massacre says he has turned his life over to the Lord.

Luis Javier Ruiz was one of 49 injured when Omar Mateen attacked the gay nightclub in the early hours of June 12, 2016.

He shared a brief testimony on Facebook:

I should have been number 50! Going through old pictures of the night of Pulse, I remember my struggles of perversion, heavy drinking to drown out everything and having promiscuous sex that led to HIV. My struggles were real ! The enemy had its grip, and now God has taken me from that moment and has given me Christ Jesus. I've grown to know His love in a deeper level. 2 out of the 49 were my close friends and are no longer with us. They lost their life that night. I should have been number 50 but now I have the chance to live in relationship and not religion – not just loving Christ but being in love with Christ and sharing His love. I know who I am and I am not defined with who the enemy says I use to be – but who Christ Jesus says I am.

According to Ruiz's Facebook page, he will participate in a Freedom March on May 5 for men and women who have left homosexuality.

Daren Mehl, president of the group Voice of the Voiceless, tells The Christian Post the event is "an opportunity for those of us who have a new life with Jesus to come together in fellowship and praise Him for the love and grace available to

everyone who seeks it [and] to testify publicly of the life-changing grace available to leave the LGBT identity for something greater.”