

Marcus' Testimony

Nobody plans on becoming a drug addict. In fact, I'm pretty sure no one ever plans on even trying drugs. Like many other things in my life, it just seemed like one day I looked around and found myself in a full-blown addiction. Some people try certain drugs and are turned off by it and never think twice about it. Some others seem to enjoy them and only do them recreationally, occasionally. I am neither of these types. I learned from an early age that once I got high I instantly felt better- about everything. It changed the way I perceived life and all of it's troubles. It was my immediate solution to anything and everything I could possible feel anxious or worried about. Whether my first use of drugs was to "fit it" because other people were doing it or not doesn't matter because once I started I was completely powerless to stop myself.

My drug use followed me through high school to college and it grew right along with me. It wasn't until I turned 23 that I was introduced to heroin but once I found it there was nothing else in the world that held my attention or cares. I soon chose this drug over everything that should have been important in my life- school, career, family, relationships, none of it mattered to me anymore because heroin took precedence over all of it. This is not how I had intended my life to be. I had gone from living a productive and responsible lifestyle to an exhaustingly dishonest lifestyle. I had lost all moral ground. I knew that I had become the guy who would do whatever it took to get the next hit. I knew this was what my life had become and assumed it was what my life would continue to be.

If you're reading this and are contemplating trying to get help and are scared for whatever reason- this is a normal feeling. The initial thought of going to rehab scared me to death, it really did. Looking back now it was the best decision I've ever made. If you're reading this and are thinking, "I can do this on my own" then you are in danger. We have all had that exact thought. There are so many people in this country who die every day because they are afraid to ask for help or think they cannot afford it. This is why I truly believe BCRC saved my life by introducing me to Jesus Christ and helping me find the only effective long term solution I've ever seen. After living through 4 overdoses and seeking the help I really needed I finally understand that God has a purpose for me and my life- to help others in need and to show them that there is a light at the end of the dark tunnel of addiction. You will shine in the light of The Lord.