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"Help for the desperate, those willing to seek Jesus Christ for the answers in their lives"



If you are ready to be delivered from your life-controlling problems, if you are ready for **JESUS**, then we believe that our program is for **YOU**. If you are looking for help for yourself or for a loved one, please pick up the phone and call us today... **573-371-2020**. We will be happy to help or direct you to one of our other 20 Mission Teen centers.



My name is **Steven Lee Martin**. I was born in 1981 in St. Louis, MO. I spent my childhood around severe alcoholics. My parents would argue a lot. When they were at work, my brother and I spent time at my grandparents. They would drink and argue a lot. I can remember all the way back to 5 years old. My grandpa was a security guard. He would come home from work every day with a case of beer and a bottle of alcohol and get drunk and then get mean. I guess I just assumed that was what men were supposed to do. It seems like I was always getting into trouble. I always wanted to take things apart to see how they worked but I would never put them back together. I got a girlfriend who lived just up the road. Her parents were also alcoholics. We would wait until they got drunk and passed out and then steel beer from them. We never

got caught and I really fell in love with alcohol. I loved feeling numb. At a young age, I began putting my love for alcohol and its effects before anyone or anything else. I fought a lot in school, and they put me in special classes and then eventually a special school. I felt like no one really wanted to help me, so I dropped out of school as soon as I turned 16. By this time, I had started adding cocaine and hallucinogens to my alcohol habit. I have been in and out of jails and insane asylums, rehabs etc. all of my life. I have hurt a lot of people in numerous ways. I've done nothing positive with my life and I have always left a trail of pain and misery behind me. God has been trying to get my attention for a very long time. I've just been running crazy being selfish. I've went to a couple of different programs and studied the Bible on and off for years, but something would happen, and I would start drinking again. The last program I was in, I left before completing to meet up with my girlfriend. We drank together and I ended up arrested for domestic violence. I cried out to God in jail and surrendered my will. It was the hardest, and best thing I've ever done. The judge allowed me to come to Freedom House. I was determined that this time would be different because I am finally surrendered. I am figuring out things about me and through Jesus I am being healed. So, if you are reading this and know someone or you yourself are struggling with addiction, come get away from the world and let us love you while you build a relationship with Jesus Christ. It's only through Jesus that we find out what and who we really are and are supposed to be. Praise God!! I just want to thank Freedom House for taking me in and Jesus for helping me figure some things out about myself. Ecclesiastes 12:13 "That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty."



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