

**PASTOR'S TESTIMONY**

I am writing to thank you for the time that you invested in my life in May. I am pleased to share that after seven weeks, God has truly made me free and kept me free.

I do not take this freedom lightly, and I am doing my part to maintain a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. I cannot put into words how helpful "The Daily Affirmation of Faith" and "Warfare Prayer" have been over the past weeks. It has also been a fresh blessing to memorize and meditate on scripture. For the first time in my life, I am also entering into quality personal worship of my Lord Jesus Christ.

Another blessing has been seeing lasting results in the ministry. For years I had viewed myself as an evangelist and had faith to lead many to salvation but none to lasting freedom. After years of personal bondage and defeat, my theology began to reflect my own experience that lasting victory was not possible on this side of glory.

My personal counseling ministry resembled a boxing coach in the corner of the ring watching my guy get beat up. Between rounds they would come into my office for counsel. My goal was to stop the bleeding, pat them on the back to cheer them up, give them a few verses of encouragement, and then send them back out to get beat up again. My punch line was, "If you must fail, do so victoriously". In my mind, winning the match was not the goal; the goal was to keep them in the fight for as many rounds as possible. I viewed defeat as inevitable; the goal was to postpone it as long as possible. How deceived I was!

What a joy to lead others to lasting freedom. I recognize that they are still in a boxing match, but they are fighting a defeated opponent. Jesus dealt the knock-out blow at Calvary, and by faith I enter into His victory.

Thank you again for your time and ministry in my life.