

Bill Click Testimony

My name is Bill Click. I was born in Fairbanks, Alaska on January 17, 1978. Shortly after, we moved to Texas, then Arizona. My dad was in the Air Force so we went from base to base. When I was 4 my parents divorced and my dad went to Korea for 6 years. I lived in Texas with my mom for those 6 years.

Life wasn't good at all. She has paranoid schizophrenia and is a drug addict. We lived on the streets a lot and I missed a lot of school. I went through emotional and mental trauma because I was taught lies that I didn't know were lies until later on in life. I saw and heard things a child shouldn't. My mom would be in and out of jail and mental institutes so I would be in and out of foster care because her parents couldn't afford to keep me. My dad came back from Korea in 1988 when I was 10 and obtained full custody of me. I have only seen my mom one time since that day.

I was very disobedient, rebellious, and disrespectful toward my dad for leaving me for all those years. Everything he said I would do the exact opposite. When I was 14 I got with the wrong crowd and began to use drugs on a daily basis. I've been arrested 15 times and have done an accumulative of over 5 years in the Frederick County Adult Detention Center. I became homeless, broken, lost, and confused. I walked into the Frederick Rescue Mission July 17, 2007 and I got saved.

A week later a guy named David Ray came in and spoke about how God had changed his life. I've done everything he said to do and have met the people he said to meet. I dove into the Bible and began to read it all the time. I started noticing changes in my attitudes, thoughts, and actions. I had quit drugs, including mood stabilizers and anti-psychotics for social anxiety disorder and bi-polar mental illness. I had taken them for over 15 years. Since I stopped taking them Aug.15, 2007 I have had no signs of a manic episode and I'm at ease around people.

My gratefulness for what Jesus has done for me motivates my determination for discipleship and serving ministries such as a Waterboyz table leader on Sunday nights at the Mission chapel from 7-8. Today I want my church family to know that I'm thankful for what Jesus has done to me and I'm going to walk with faith and trust in an intentional obedience of pleasing Him with your help. I was once lost and now I'm found. I was once blind and now I see. Because of repentance and continual change:

- I'm not who I ought to be.
- I'm not yet who I'm going to be.
- But by the grace of God I'm not who I used to be.