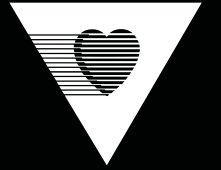


LOVE IN ACTION

finding freedom in Jesus Christ



Testimonies

Parents On The *Family Freedom Intensive*

On a warm July morning, 13 courageous individuals traveled to Memphis from across the country to attend our Family Freedom Intensive. They didn't know one another, and with nervous expectation they prepared to share some of their most profound fears and feelings about learning their child was struggling with sexual sin. We were so encouraged by their testimonies we decided to share them anonymously (all names have been changed). We hope you will be as encouraged by the following words as we were.

WORDS FROM A FATHER

The *Family Freedom Intensive* has impacted our family in a number of ways. My relationship with my son Bryan has already greatly improved; we both came away from the *Intensive* committed to holding each other accountable, spending more time together, and being more open and honest with each other.

For some time now Bryan has been angry with God, saying things like “How could he do this to me? How could he make me this way?” Bryan and I now understand that God didn’t “do this to him.” The *Family Freedom Intensive* put the issues Bryan is dealing with in a completely different light for both of us.

Before attending the *Intensive* Bryan kept everything inside and talked only to his counselor, his mother, and me. It was wonderful for him to be in a group of young people confronting the same issue. He is still in touch with some of them, and under my close supervision they have been mutually encouraging each other and building each other up. I was blown away by how touched Bryan was by the program, and he has mentioned he may want to attend *The Source* program before he goes off to college.

Something I personally got a lot out of during the *Intensive* was hearing from men who have been through *The Source* program and who were willing to share their stories with the group... it was powerful stuff. I was blown away by how God really is able to change people’s lives... including mine.

Since my youngest sister died of cancer two years ago I have held bitterness toward God, and have not been the spiritual leader I needed to be as a result. The *Family Freedom Intensive* challenged me to step up to the plate as a leader and father. For two years I have felt spiritually numb and have prayed that God would reignite the old fire in me and restore the joy of my salvation. The *Family Freedom Intensive* was an answer to prayer: it served to be the spark that rekindled my flame.

WORDS FROM MOTHERS

My son Liam heard stories at the *Family Freedom Intensive* that really opened his eyes to where he was heading with his life. Liam continues to meet with a counselor at our church, but he does it now because he wants to. He is becoming more involved in church and has decided to concentrate on his studies and his band. My relationship with Liam has changed for the better; we each know where the other stands on sexual issues, but more importantly Liam knows that I accept him. I have learned to trust that God will take care of my son, and that He loves him more than I do... this has brought me a lot of peace.

I know that my husband and I have started down a path that is not going to be easy, but I also know God loves my family and wants to give us peace. When we returned home our counselor told me, “That week did exactly what it was supposed to do.” I would not trade our week with Love In Action for anything in the world.

Since attending the *Family Freedom Intensive* we have been able to draw much more effective boundaries with our son. My husband and I are standing firmly in our love for him and have established new ground rules for the house that our son must abide by, even after he turns 18, if he is to receive our financial help for college and continue living with us.

I’m planning on sending a donation to help the work of Love In Action out of gratitude for what our family received during our time in the *Family Freedom Intensive*. Something important I received personally is the reminder that no matter what my son ultimately chooses to do with his life I need to pursue God for myself.

For more information on the Family Freedom Intensive, please visit our website or call our offices (toll-free) at 877.320.5217.

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