



## A Brotherhood Forged in Faith and Fire

Two of the biggest constants in the human soul are the ingrained need for a Savior and the desire to belong to a community. A healthy community keeps our hearts focused on the things that really matter. We have a small but powerful brotherhood in play in our program right now – three men who have struggled for most of their lives. Three men who sought to fill an emptiness in their soul with drugs or alcohol, and whose search for fellowship led them to join gangs and become criminals. But Kris, Chris and Elijah have a story that isn't done yet, because God has been calling them to do His bidding and in doing so, He brought them to each other at The Lighthouse.



Three men who found each other in our program. Three men now in constant fellowship with each other and with God. They laugh, clown around, finish each other's sentences, and with every move and gesture demonstrate that they truly care about the spiritual and mental well-being of their compatriots. It's clear to me that God brought together three people with intense personal struggles to give each the support they might not have found on their own.

Elijah is quick to bring humor to a conversation and speaks easily about his life before finding Christ. Incarcerated off and on since age 14, he has been a gang member, and he has stolen, hustled, and sold drugs. His life has centered around addiction, and when he reached his limits, he very nearly succeeded in taking his own life. As he describes that experience in detail, it is clear to me that God grabbed ahold of Elijah that day and kept him in this world so that he might serve a greater purpose. God has a plan for Elijah. He sees that too. He recounts several times when God reached out to him, sending the right person to him at the right moment, trying to get his attention. He says he is listening now.

Kris B. is the oldest of the trio and also has a long history of being involved in gangs and drug abuse. He has been in and out of prison and rehab facilities for much of his life and has reached bottom more than once. But to hear him speak about being a Christian in his warm and friendly baritone voice, you can tell that God is... *continued on next page*



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working in his life now. He speaks so genuinely about how his life has changed, and his compassion for others is infectious. He describes his companions as “brothers for life.”

Chris W. is a recovering alcoholic. He has been homeless, often sleeping in his car. He has been in other programs, but these programs didn't seem to work as he continued to return to his past sins. When he found The Lighthouse, he immersed himself in the scriptures and finally began to find relief. When he found his new brothers, he found support and accountability. Chris is the youngest of the three amigos and the quietest, and the older two seem to look out for him. They work to bring him out of his shell, encourage him, and are quick to point out his intelligence and his value to them as a friend. Chris is estranged from his family, and that clearly pains him, but he expresses hope that they will see the change in him and be willing to reconcile.

All three profess faith and the saving grace of Christ, and chose to get baptized at one of our recent Community Chapel services. They have found more than a fresh start as they have found Christian brotherhood and a deeper purpose in life. As Elijah said, “You have nothing to lose and everything to gain by turning your life over to Christ. You get peace, you get love, you get joy, you get understanding.” Jokingly, yet truthfully, he says that if he can be a gangster in the street, he can be a “gangster for God.”

Kris, Chris, and Elijah are feeling the pull to do God's work every day. They work hard here at The Lighthouse and are working to find their way as productive members of society and representatives of their faith. Here stand three men, all professing eternal brotherhood, an abiding faith, and a new mission in life. As Elijah said, “If our message touches just one person, then it's worth everything we've been through.”

Kris, Chris, and Elijah wanted me to express their gratitude for your continued support of The Lighthouse. This is where they met Jesus, and where their new story begins!



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