

MY ISSUE

"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." – Romans 3:23 ESV

DAVID'S STORY

So, on your first reading assignment in the Freedom Summit, I confess to you that I've had issues in the past, am struggling with a few issues currently, and likely will encounter even more issues down the road. Happily, that doesn't disqualify me (or you) from being a fully developing follower of Jesus. Note especially the word "developing." It suggests an ongoing process. We could call it a "lifestyle." For me, my life as a follower of Christ has been one of progressive revelation, deliverance, healing, and incremental sanctification. As my brother likes to say: "Inch by inch it's a cinch, yard by yard it's hard."

None of us, especially me, would like to have my past crap shown on the big screen at church where we put the worship lyrics and sermon points. I've been a piece of work or a hot mess, depending on how you look at things.

A JADED PAST

I have struggled with issues of passivity, ignorance, arrogance, lust, and porn addiction. But that was then, and this is now. I haven't arrived, and I'm not exactly who I want to be, but thank God, I'm not who I used to be. Because of experiences like the Freedom Summit, which I have been through multiple times over the years, I have received forgiveness, inner healing, deliverance, and am now filled with Holy Spirit power to walk a more straight and narrow path.



A BRILLIANT FUTURE

Today, I hunger for God more than ever. My schedule and spiritual disciplines are helping me to become a new and improved version of myself on a consistent basis.

BANANAS, ONIONS, AND ARTICHOKE

Some men are like a banana: you peel off one issue, and there's the fruit of a godly man. Others are more like an onion: you have to remove one issue after another. Then there is the artichoke-type of man: his heart is down there somewhere, but he's got his defenses up;



it takes skill to get to the issues and get free.

The Freedom Summit is designed to meet you at your point of need and work with God's Spirit to bring freedom through the power of the cross of Jesus!