

# Revival Stories

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In the summer of 2018, New Life Church in Corpus Christi, Texas, began to experience an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that continues to this day. As the testimonies have increased both in volume and magnitude, “Revival Stories” serves to give you a window into what God is doing in the lives of His people.

## NO MORE CELIAC DISEASE

For much of Gwen’s life, she experienced intense, debilitating stomach pains. These pains were usually accompanied by a shift in mood which made her grumpy and irritable. Around age seven or eight, her parents took her to the pediatrician to try and get an answer. Due to her stunted growth, the pediatrician decided to test her growth plates and thyroid. Nothing was unusual, though, so the doctor suggested removing gluten entirely from their home to see if Gwen had Celiac disease. It was confirmed shortly after cutting out gluten that Gwen did, in fact, have Celiac disease. A few years later, on Sunday, July 28th, a guest pastor, Richie Seltzer, invited anyone in need of physical healing to stand up. Gwen stood immediately, eager for her body to be healed. Her father decided to stand alongside her, placing his hand on her shoulder. In the middle of prayer, Richie called out that someone’s gut was being healed. Without a doubt, both Gwen and her father knew he was talking about her. During the response time at the end of service, Gwen asked to go to the altar. It was there that Gwen knelt and cried, seeking the Lord in a profound way for an eight-year-old. She told herself and God she wasn’t standing up from the altar until her gut was healed. Gwen recalls feeling a hand rest on her head which sent tingles throughout her whole body. It was God’s hand on her, healing her from head to toes. She hasn’t struggled with Celiac disease since!



**Gwen's childlike faith leads to supernatural healing.**  
(left) Gwen receiving prayer at the altar. (right) Gwen boldly sharing her testimony before the church alongside her parents.

# DOCTOR CONFIRMED HEART MONITOR DISAPPEARED

In October of 2023, 29-year-old Sam Escalante suffered a heart attack and was diagnosed with a heart arrhythmia known as AFib. Doctors surgically inserted a subdermal heart monitor, which regulated the rhythm of his heart and also sent alerts to both his phone and the doctors in case anything abnormal happened. A little less than a year later, New Life Church hosted the Greater Things conference, which Sam attended as a new staff member working with the creative department. As he operated cameras he could feel the activity of the Holy Spirit in him and spent Friday night in intense prayer, wrestling with this new expression of the Holy Spirit he was experiencing. At the next morning's session, Pastor Zane and Zach offered to pray for him to receive a baptism of the Holy Spirit. During this prayer, Sam saw a bright light and felt warm all over. He later remarked he felt the hand of God com-

forting him. By the end of the prayer, the pain in his chest went away. He felt an overwhelming sense of love and compassion, like he was floating in the presence of God. About an hour after the prayer, Sam went to check for the heart monitor and wires that ran across his chest. He realized he couldn't feel anything. To be sure they were gone he pulled out his phone to check if it was still connected to the device. To his astonishment, the monitor had not registered for hours. Soon after, he visited his cardiologist and the doctor informed Sam he is operating in perfect sinus rhythm, the fluid that was once around his heart is gone, and his heart's blood flow is back to normal. More so, he couldn't explain why but Sam's heart monitor and wires were completely gone.

## **AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

As God continues to pour out his Spirit at New Life Church, more and more people are receiving a touch from the Lord. This touch looks different for every individual, and the way it looks may even be surprising. For Tiffany Cardenas, a New Life member for several years, it was an experience that brought her to the ground. In August, Pastor Mike offered a time for people who desired a Holy Spirit encounter to come forward. This moment in service was just after a young lady had shared her recent experience with God. Tiffany went forward, but due to the mass of people who responded, she could only get as far as the aisle because the altar was already full. Eager for a touch from God and open to any way it would look, Tiffany stood ready for anything. The pastoral staff began working their way through the crowd, laying hands on those already receiving. When Pastor Josiah's hand touched Tiffany's hand, she let out a loud yell and fell to the ground. Not because she was scared, but because God's presence fell on her and his Spirit was doing a work in her. She described what happened next as spiritual CPR; with every compression on her chest, she let out a yell as God filled her with joy, peace, and life. Even more, God showed her how He sees her. The following week, she was able to share her encounter on stage, driving home the point that we shouldn't be afraid of or resist the move of the Holy Spirit in our lives. All that matters is his transforming power working inside of us.

## **COLLAPSED LUNG RESTORED**

In April of 2024, Josh Holloway was scheduled for a hernia surgery. At the end of the procedure, complications began, and his right lung suddenly collapsed. This sent him into a coma-like state, and the doctors immediately intubated him. Josh's mom contacted the church for prayer for her son. Later that afternoon, a few of the pastoral staff at New Life visited Josh in the ICU to lay hands and pray for him. While there, they recall the doctor coming in to tell Josh's wife he'd likely be intubated for at least two weeks. Knowing God is bigger than anything a doctor reports, the prayer team laid hands and began speaking life over Josh's body. They prayed his lung would be fully repaired and that he would be healed in Jesus' name. The following morning, a mere 16 hours later, Josh's mom sent a photo of her son awake, no longer intubated, and fully healed!

## **7-YR OLD HEALED FROM SEIZURES**

In September of 2023, Pastor Josiah, along with Cameron and Hannah Garcia, were called to go pray for a seven-year-old girl suffering from continuous seizures. Her last brain scan showed several abnormalities, and knowing she had another scan coming up, they prayed in faith that the test would show a good report and she would be healed. A few days later, when they got the results of the scans back, the doctors reported that they couldn't find anything wrong at all. Her brain was restored, she was no longer afflicted by seizures, and has since been able to live as any other healthy little girl. Following her healing, the young girl asked her parents if she could be baptized. While they wanted this for her, they also wanted to make sure she knew what it meant to truly give her life to Christ. She persisted for several months as her parents took notice of how she spoke about the Lord and how the Holy Spirit had truly touched her. She was baptized at the July Heaven Come service and hasn't had a single seizure since.

# BOLDNESS IN THE WORKPLACE LEADS TO 35 SALVATIONS

In the spring semester of 2023, Alex Garcia responded to an altar call at his young adult bible study to grow in his leadership. During this time of prayer, he felt an impression from the Lord to start something faith-based at his place of work. As a coach at a youth sports complex, he felt like he was in a unique place to minister to athletes. Some time later he began to plan an event called Faith and Football, a free training for students along with an opportunity for them to hear the Gospel. After opening in prayer, the kids began running through drills at various stations. At one of these stations, a young man named Eric hurt his back so badly he could barely stand. Having faith in the healing power of God, Alex offered to pray for him, and after persisting in prayer, the pain went away completely. When it came time to share the Gospel, Alex also invited Eric to share his testimony of God's healing. At the end, Alex gave a call for salvation and encouraged the young athletes to come forward to a makeshift altar they fashioned out of sports cones. Of the 44 in attendance, 35 responded to the call for salvation. Months later, Alex notes the students haven't been the same since that evening. Through Alex's obedience and boldness in his workplace, eternities have changed for that group of young men.



**Obedience yields the fruit of salvation.** Alex presenting the Gospel as 35 young athletes respond to God.