

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.

KIDNEY SURGERY CANCELLED

Kristine Tamayo was not anticipating a miracle to happen in her body when she decided to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Alexa and Nico. Kristine traveled to Corpus Christi from her home in the Valley in the summer of 2024 and was set to head back on a Sunday morning. However, after sharing with her daughter information about a recent diagnosis of renal artery stenosis, Alexa convinced her to simply come and see what God was doing at New Life Church. That morning, a message about healing was shared. Kristine was encouraged by Nico to respond and receive prayer. Kristine shared with the prayer team that the results of recent doctor’s appointments had culminated in a scheduled vascular kidney surgery in which stents would be put into arteries that were too narrow. But after hearing God’s desire for us to be healed, healthy, and whole, she was ready to receive a prayer for healing. While the prayer team laid hands on her, she began crying and felt something go through her body. She left Corpus Christi hopeful of what God was doing in her. The following week, Kristine went in for her pre-op appointment and heard the words she so desired to hear: her kidneys and arteries were completely normal, and her scheduled surgery was canceled! God met her and healed her!

HEALED, FREED, AND RENEWED

Leanna Jimenez was introduced to pornography around the age of 10. This led to a porn addiction by the age of 12. She was a pastor’s kid, meaning she grew up in the church and knew well what was right and what was sin. At 16 years old, during her

sophomore year, quarantine came and she was home much more often. She delved further and further into sin, kicking off a drug addiction, and began to identify as homosexual. At 17 years old, she entered into her first relationship with a boy. Trying to fill a God-sized hole, she fell into sexual sin. Shortly after, she found out she was pregnant. Despite knowing the word of God, she decided to get an abortion. By the time her freshman year at TAMU-CC began, she was plagued by depression and anxiety, realizing her sins were not going away. If anything, they were intensifying: cigarettes and weed turned into acid and edibles, and occasional drinking turned into binging.

At her lowest point, she texted a neighbor, Sloan, to ask for prayer. To her surprise, Sloan responded immediately by inviting her over to talk and pray together. Sitting together in Sloan's dorm room, Leanna began to express that she just didn't know how to escape all of the hurt and darkness in her life. Sloan began speaking the truth of Scripture to her and told her she needed to repent of everything and come into right standing with God. Leanna's eyes were opened so she could see how lukewarm she was with Jesus. She began confessing everything and then rededicated her life to the Lord. In that moment of confession and surrender, God dramatically changed Leanna's life: she stopped taking medication for depression and anxiety, she was freed from alcohol and drug abuse, and she was freed from homosexuality - God renewed her purity and innocence.



Leanna's water baptism in 2022. On November 11, Leanna stumbled upon a young adults Nights event happening on campus at the Hector P Garcia fountain.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

David Mattson is no stranger to near-death experiences. At age 9, he fell 210 feet from the top of his family's silo, cracking his skull, getting a concussion, and breaking an arm and a leg. At age 12, he was accidentally shot and lost a significant amount of blood. At age 14, he was impaled in the chest by a metal bar during a tractor accident. During his time serving our country, he sustained multiple gunshot wounds overseas. And at age 65, he suffered two heart attacks only ten days apart, the second being far more fatal than the first.

In May of 2024, David fell down a parking garage staircase after visiting his wife at the hospital. Surprisingly, he didn't realize he had actually cracked a rib and punctured his heart. He arrived home with his grand-daughter, Kaylie, and laid down for about 15 minutes and only then realized something was wrong. Fortunately, he was able to call for Kaylie just before his second heart attack began. In the ambulance, David died for ten minutes. After resuscitation, he was rushed into surgery where the doctors implanted five stints and a surgical bandage on the heart's puncture wound. After waking up post-op, David was told he experienced a severe heart attack. It was truly a miracle he survived the heart puncture by itself. But surviving the heart puncture and the widow-maker heart attack was beyond belief.

David was then scheduled for open heart surgery in a month's time, as the stints were just a temporary fix. At this point, David was desperate for prayer. He came to New Life Church on Sunday, August 4th, the weekend before his scheduled procedure, and met a member of the prayer team in the café. As they spoke he insisted he receive prayer at the altar. During that time of prayer, he had goosebumps run over his body and began to shake. David was overwhelmed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, he left the altar feeling much lighter. The next day David had his pre-op appointment, going through multiple x-rays and imaging to prepare for the surgery. To David's surprise, and the doctor's confusion, three stints and the medical bandage had disappeared! His doctor was so baffled, he brought in another heart specialist to review the imaging with himself and

David. They even ordered another round of testing and imaging to confirm his miraculous results.

And God didn't stop there; David was called in a few days later for even more testing. His heart was pumping at a solid 77 bpm and, as the doctor said, appeared stronger than some athletes! After some final x-rays, they also couldn't find a single sign of a crack on David's rib. David summed it up well, "I got a whole new set of insides."

YIELDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Believers are met with two options when the Holy Spirit desires an encounter: reject it or yield to it. This was Whitney Kelm's decision to make during the Greater Things Conference in July of last summer.

Whitney grew up in the church but was unfamiliar with any sort of expression of the Holy Spirit. While attending the conference, she started observing different expressions of the Holy Spirit, most of which made her uncomfortable. She knew she desired an encounter with the Holy Spirit but the idea of it seemed so foreign to her.

During her morning time alone with God, she read Isaiah 6: "Woe is me; I am a man of unclean lips." She prayed for a moment like Isaiah's. She wanted to see God. Following the morning's session, she realized she didn't know how to receive what the Holy Spirit had for her. Through the wisdom of her husband, she realized that she had unbelief in her heart and judgment in her mind. Later that day in the evening service, Randy Clark made a call for anyone wanting to be filled with power and love to step out of their seat for prayer. She made her way to the front of the room. When a prayer partner came along to lay hands on her, she was met with the choice to reject or yield to the Holy Spirit - and she chose to reject it. She immediately knew that she missed the moment. But God reminded her that He looks on his children who are humble and contrite in spirit. Another person came by and laid hands on her in prayer. This time, she decided to yield to the Lord's work in her life. As the Holy Spirit filled her she yelled loudly and then dropped to the floor. She felt the weight of God's presence and glory. She had the Isaiah 6 moment she desired; she thought, "Woe is me, I am a woman of unclean lips." During this time, God revealed His glory to her. He reminded her of what was said to Job when God asked, "Where were you when I

formed the foundations of the world?”

When Whitney finally stood up, she knew she felt lighter. She knew God did a cleansing in her and she felt the fear of God. It felt like the coal touched her lips. She knew she had encountered the living God. By removing herself from the seat of judgment, God changed Whitney’s perspective; where she once observed chaos during Spirit-filled moments, she could now see it with a clean heart and clean mind.



Testifying of the work of the Holy Spirit. Whitney and her husband, Tim, testify of her experience at the Greater Things Conference.