



### *Sarah's Story*

*“There was a time when alcohol had taken away all my joy, hope, and peace. My life had become unmanageable and I was on the verge of losing everything and everyone I cared about, and I could have easily lost my own life. I knew I had to make a drastic change -- I needed to be rescued. That's when I heard about the Panama City Rescue Mission and their recovery program at Bethel Village. Even though I had received Christ as my Lord and Savior at a young age, I had strayed. I rededicated my life to God and trusted that, through this program, my life and family would be restored. Being away from my husband and children for 9 months was the hardest thing I've ever done. I wanted to leave so many times, but I persevered and finished the recovery program. Because of that, I was able to reconcile with my husband, and my family has been brought closer together. I have a relationship with Jesus unlike ever before! God has blessed me with amazing friends and given me an opportunity to become actively involved in the Body of Christ through my church. I'm incredibly grateful for the love and compassion that was shown to me and my family during this challenging time of our lives. I'm grateful for my God for His restoration and redeeming power. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, I want you to know there is always hope. I highly recommend this program.”*

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