

## **Todd's Testimony**

I had been involved with pornography for about 15 years. I rationalized that it was better than premarital sex and used God's grace as my own license to sin. My addiction did not stop with pornography; it carried over into a lifestyle dominated by lust, compulsiveness, anger, frustration and a lack of overall joy. I was a horrible person who treated women as objects to be used. I didn't have quality friendships. I had people that I used for my own selfish gain. I thought just because my life was going well that God was in it, but Satan can counterfeit blessings. Looking back I realize that God was there in my life. He never left me but He had turned from me. Isaiah 59:2 says, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God, your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not hear". My relationship with God was distant and I was drifting further away each moment. God decided it was time to return this lost sheep home. I was shattered, my world was rocked and I was ready to die. This time it wasn't about getting caught. It was about getting away from the sin that I felt was drowning me. I was drinking from nasty puddle water; stagnant, filthy, rank with disease and the smell of death. Moving from one to the other because they never lasted long, expecting satisfaction. God has done an amazing work in my life and brought me out of the secret shame and darkness of who I was and what I was doing. Jesus is the only living water from which we can ever be satisfied.