

Anonymous Story

My first introduction to pornography of any kind was when I found magazines in my father's closet when I was around 11 years old. I would go back to look at them when my parents were not home, so I knew what I was doing was not right. I believe that experience set the hook for being addicted to viewing pornography later in life.

My former wife and I divorced after 4 years of marriage, not long after our child was born. Pornography was not the cause of our problems, but sexual immorality did play a vital role in our failure. I have had a long distance relationship with my son for 14 years and those first years were the hardest for me emotionally. I love him and my heart was broken. I turned to the ease of viewing pornography on the internet to numb my pain and give me some form of short term satisfaction. What I found was that after that short term high/excitement, I would end up feeling more lonely and isolated than ever before.

In March of 2014 my former wife called me to tell me that our son had confessed to her that he has been struggling with viewing pornography on the internet for close to a year, via a spam ad that popped up on his computer. I heard the devastation in her voice and my heart was broken again. The next day I called him and he came to the phone weeping and the shame in his voice, brought me to tears (I know that shame). I told him that I loved him and that I was here to support him and not judge him. I also shared with him that I have had a similar struggle in my own life. It was an extremely humbling conversation for both of us.

He met with his Pastor in Florida and his Pastor recommended the "The Way to Purity Course through Setting Captives Free." We did this bible study together over the phone for 60 lessons in 60 days. It has had a profound impact on both of our lives. This bible study led us through scripture and taught us about the sinful nature and effects of sexual immorality.

I am broken. Until this point in my life, I have not recognized how hard my heart had become and how far I have strayed from my God. I feel alive again and have a relationship with my savior for the first time in my life. Although, I am still tempted, digging in to God's word has severely diminished the power of this sin over me. There are several applications of this study that have done this for me: 1) Bringing my sin in to the light (confessing to others), 2) Having an accountability partner, 3) Drinking pure living water (feasting on scripture daily), 4) Radical amputation (getting rid of all temptations in my home and life).

Only by God's grace, am I free. I know I will be used for His service once again! Praise our Lord!