

We all have a story, here is mine in chronological, summary form.

- 1. Young boy has many insecurities, gets picked on and beat up, fails at his desired sports goals, lacks self-confidence.**
- 2. Good church boy graduates from high school, has no relationship with his “man’s man” father.**
- 3. Boy meets Baptist girl and get’s married to have sex. Sex is good. Boy does not get enough sex.**
- 4. Young man discovers porn at his new job as a young artist at about age 20. Porn takes immediate stronghold and escalates quickly.**
- 5. Young man meets prostitute and vomits after.**
- 6. Young man uses porn in car and someone sees and reports to police. Young man gets arrested for indecent exposure. Terror and shame.**
- 7. Young man keeps secret for maybe a year or two then starts an affair, can no longer keep secret and tells his wife. All hell breaks out and things get broken.**
- 8. Young couple try to rebuild, leaves job and gets a new job with Christian organization, in a new city, new church and now a new baby boy.**
- 9. Young man becomes church leader and adult Sunday school teacher for the next 12 years and memorizes 100’s of Bible verses, trying to battle lust, reoccurring pornography and masturbation.**
- 10. Problem returns and gets much work, behaviors escalate, shame becomes his identity and secret.**
- 11. Man gets arrested again and reported to Christian organization. They do nothing, and get him to “sign a piece of paper” and go back to work, with no offer of counseling.**
- 12. Man has second, then third precious son, he loves his boys.**

- 13. Man is becoming hopeless, leaves job and church and becomes senior art director of advertising agency and considers working for the other side, or something to end the battle he can not win.**
- 14. Man is arrested again and deceives lie detector, avoids going to prison. Probably should have, as behaviors were becoming frightening.**
- 15. Man finds himself in a place, with thoughts and knows something is seriously wrong with his thinking, piercing headaches, fear, bleeding and finds a psychologist to examine his life and brain.**
- 16. Psychologist makes 3 suggestions, bring porn into marriage, join a local 12 step group, or enter an out of state 30-day treatment center for sex addiction.**
- 17. Man is suicidal, with a rifle in the deer hunting woods, stumbles out and takes door #3, the treatment center.**
- 18. Man joins local 12 step group and tries to repair marriage. Gets seemingly crazy sponsor.**
- 19. Man is unemployed and starts his own business.**
- 20. Wife divorces him, has every right to. Boys get split into two houses. She remarries.**
- 21. Man gets in an, un-Christian relationship for better or worse and can not seem to get out for 5 years.**
- 22. Man finds new church and his group of men help him get out and he begins greater levels of sobriety and even abstinence.**
- 23. Man thinks about possibility of dating, without sex and desires to find a strong Christian wife. Man dates, without sex and finds he can get out of a relationship, if wise to, and he does.**
- 24. Man then dates a client and friend and adventually marries and discovers marriage is good and yet far more difficult than either of them had imagined.**
- 25. Man realizes wife has a story also and maybe she also needs healing. She is not so sure.**

- 26. Wife gets new job at a mega church, that the man does not want to attend.**
- 27. Man starts *The Uncovering* ministry in 2008, helping men recover from sex addiction, many join in.**
- 28. About 2013, man's mega church Pastor is fired after 35 years building the church, for sexually inappropriate long term relationship.**
- 29. 2014 Church hires new Pastor and wife, with a heart for the hurting and addicts.**
- 30. 2016, they introduce *Celebrate Recovery* to the church.**
- 31. Man is now invited to help start *Celebrate Recovery* program at his church, with new pastor and his wife and becomes a teacher, trainer and sex addiction open share group leader, for many courageous men recovering from sex addiction. They chose the name, *Blade Brothers*.**
- 32. October of 2016, man finds himself in South Africa. Man shares story at *Grace Family Church* and is taken to *South Coast Recovery Centre* and meets a recovery brother.**
- 33. Man is challenged to a higher level of sobriety and grows in confidence and boldness.**
- 34. February, 27 2017 man surrenders, another level of his lust, to embrace new CR sobriety definition.**
- 35. March 2017, his wife releases him from the expectation of making an income and tells him "to go and *give your life away* helping men and marriages."**
- 36. May 28, 2017, his son nearly dies of a serious incident, and is not expected to live. After 4 days in a coma, he has a miraculous recovery beyond any imagination. Mostly a full recovery.**
- 37. This challenges man to the core and the word surrender takes on new meaning and a new level of commitment to ministry with addicts. June 5, 2017, man surrenders his life and will, to a new level of understanding.**

- 38. September 11, 2017, Man surrenders his son back to God's care, after an amazing recovery.**
- 39. June, 2018, man finds himself speaking to over 400 counselors, psychologists and pastors at *Grace Family Church's* annual *Christian Counseling Conference*, in South Africa, and leading a small group of about 50 through his program called, *The Uncovering*. An amazing 3 weeks, speaking 22 times at 9 churches, God seems to be blessing and using his broken story.**
- 40. September 17, 2018, he surrendered into God's care, his trying to "fix" his wife and marriage.**
- 41. April 2, 2018, Man surrenders his insecurities, self doubt, shame and fears. Embracing, his new names, Forgiven, Loved, Redeemed, Brave, Messenger and Son.**
- 42. Today, he seeks to use his pain and his story, to encourage other men toward hope and freedom!**

May God bring you hope and freedom, from my story.