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*Change
lives*

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FROM THE GRAVE TO GRACE

**You helped Shane find healing
when he wanted to end it all . . .**

Dear God, please forgive me, Shane whispered.

And then, he jumped.

What might be even more shocking than Shane ending his life is how clearly — and calmly — he planned it.

He waited until work took him to Cincinnati. He spent two weeks getting everything in order. Decades of drinking and “putting on a happy face” had swallowed his soul. Numb from the empty promises of alcohol, he’d lost his will to live.

Toeing the edge of a Cincinnati bridge, Shane jumped.

God spared his life . . .

Shane’s injuries were severe. Pins and screws held his body together, and doctors warned him he might never walk again.

“I was so angry at God because now I’m worse than when I started,” Shane recalls.

His road to physical recovery would indeed be long and grueling. But Shane’s spiritual

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Every \$3.99 you
give provides
an Easter meal,
hope, and
healing!

Every \$3.99 will provide an Easter season meal — giving hope, healing, and

Your generosity
this Easter will
help a man heal
from addiction!



Because of you, Shane is finding strength, community, and a renewed relationship with Jesus at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. Thank you for helping men like him find freedom from addiction and new life in Christ!

Shane's story . . . *(Continued from pg. 1)*

and emotional healing would prove to be an even more difficult journey — one where he'd confront years of alcohol abuse.

The first step was entering the faith-based recovery program at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission.

Surrounded by other men from all walks of life, Shane discovered acceptance and community. "I've accepted where I'm at and have just been able to be vulnerable here," Shane says. "I'm not a lost cause."

No longer alone

Today, Shane is full of hope for the future — something he thought he could never be again after struggling with alcohol since the age of 18. This time, he's letting God take control.

"What God has planned for me . . . I'm excited," he says. "It takes a lot of pressure off when you don't

have to be the one in charge."

He's also deeply moved by the generosity of donors like you who have made his recovery possible.

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"It's amazing that places like this exist," he says. "People that don't know us . . . and never will . . . it's just amazing that so many people care and you're not alone."

Because of you, Shane's life was lifted from the depths of the grave and transformed by God's grace. He's now learned how to trust, forgive, and hope again.

Your Easter gift today will shine the light of Christ's hope into more lives like Shane's — and turn graves into grace for men rebuilding their lives in the Triad.

Please give a generous gift today!

EASTER AT THE MISSION

Resurrection power on display every day, thanks to YOU

When Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb, He turned to His disciples and said, “Unbind him, and let him go.” That’s what your generosity looks like at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission — helping men who’ve stepped out of addiction become new and alive in Christ.

This Easter, men in our programs will gather for a special meal, time of worship, and message of hope. But Easter isn’t just a one-day celebration here. The message of resurrection power is at work here every day through the care you provide!

We start simple . . . with warm meals, a safe bed, clothing, and all the basic necessities needed to feel secure.

As days turn into weeks, you see graveclothes begin to fall away in recovery, life-skills classes, and certified counseling.

And through the entire program, a man hears the truth of God through daily devotions and chapel services — that he’s already called out of the tomb.



Freedom from graveclothes



LOU CARRICO
Mission Ambassador

Lazarus was wrapped limb to limb in linen strips, stumbling out of the tomb, breathing but still bound.

I imagine
Lazarus could

hardly unwrap himself from his graveclothes. That’s why Jesus turned to his followers and said, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Men who make the decision to step out of the grave of addiction come to us in “graveclothes” — fear, lies, shame, anger, grief.

They can’t unwrap themselves alone.

You, me, our staff, and every other friend in this work are the ones Jesus calls to help unwrap a man from his graveclothes, layer by layer, through patient love and steady presence.

Here at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, we celebrate the Easter message not just in the springtime. We walk in it, believe for it, and praise God for it every day. Because resurrection and freedom from graveclothes is a living picture of what happens inside our walls.

Thank you for helping men unravel the pain of their pasts and step into the freedom God created them for.



Every time you give, you’re standing beside a man coming out of addiction and helping him find freedom from the grave



By supporting the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, you are investing in a proven path to restoration, where hope replaces despair and men are given the power to start again.

This Easter season . . .

Give a man everything he needs to be victorious over his addiction

Thinking about the hurdles and hurts facing the men in our care, a meal might seem like such a small thing.

But at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, the meal you provide is a moment where everything can change.

For just \$3.99, you'll not only feed a man in our program — you'll give him a reason to hope. A meal at our table is a chance for someone who's been lost in addiction and shame to

“taste and see” the Lord’s love, grace, and mercy.

Your gift of a simple meal says, “You matter. You belong. There’s still a future for you.”

This Easter, will you turn graves into grace by giving meals? You’ll help a man rise from survival to new life in Christ and keep him moving forward in lasting freedom.

3 easy ways to make your life-changing impact!

Give now to share meals and vital care with men hurting from addiction and poverty in the Triad

- 1. MAIL** your gift and reply form in the enclosed envelope.



- 2. GIVE ONLINE** at wsrescue.org/Easter26.



- 3. SCAN** the QR code to give now.



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