

Addiction

Out of the Cave - Part 5

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We've all been impacted by addiction.

Addiction can take all kinds of shapes and sizes:

- **Substance:** alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, cocaine, prescription drugs, opioids, inhalants, kratom, and others
- **Behavioral:** food, gambling, shopping, sex, pornography, phone, TV, social media, video games, work, relationships, and countless others

The consequences of addiction impact every area of our life: Relational, Physical, Psychological, Professional, Financial, Legal, Spiritual

"These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death." James 1:15 (NLT)

Addiction is giving up everything for one thing. **Recovery** is giving up one thing to regain everything.

*"You say, 'I am allowed to do anything' —but not everything is good for you. And even though 'I am allowed to do anything,' I must not become a **slave** to anything."* 1 Corinthians 6:12 (NLT)

Addictions destroy people and the people closest to them.

"²⁴Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 7:24-25 (NLT)

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." John 10:10 (NLT)

No matter how long you've battled addiction, there is help, hope and redemption.

Restoration: Relationally, Physically, Psychologically, Professionally, Financially, Legally, Spiritually