



FCC Membership Biography



Tom Salen

Tom Salen's story, "How God saved an addict"

Born April *th 1951 into a middle class family in Edina, Minnesota. My family was not Christian and went to church only on holidays. I knew of God but I did not know Him. I married right out of high school and had three daughters by the age of 22. My marriage lasted 20 years - I don't know how it lasted that long without Christ.

I worked for my dad at his Perkins restaurant for many years. I bought dad out at age 35 and sold the restaurant at age 70.

I married again in a drunken stupor and that didn't last long either, I wonder why? 38 years of drinking and drugging. I went to Hazelden treatment center at age 50 to run away, not to recover for there was no recovery in me. The plan was to kill myself, I was physically dying, spiritually dead, mentally insane. My only choice was to END IT!

Moments before thinking about killing myself I fell to my knees. I called out to God saying, "Help me!!"

That instant He came to rescue me, held me in His arms so gently as if liquid love flowed through my body! I heard His audible voice say to me, "Tom ,I love you. I have always loved you. Trust in ME"...

I have been sober 20 plus years and now redeemed with the blood of the Lamb and forgiven. I live a purposeful life with my wife of 12 years, the greatest Christian wife in the world. I have a beautiful blended family with 12 grandkids, three daughters, one step daughter, and one step son.

Praise God!!

