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Mike Stone 00:00

Hello, and welcome to Behind the Mike: Conversations of Hope, we are glad you're here. This podcast exists simply to encourage and provide hope to Christ followers on their journey and to point people to Jesus Christ, the true source of hope. This show is available on all your favorite podcasts and you can watch also on the YouTube channel. We all need hope in this life. And the stories that you're going to hear on this podcast will meet you where you are, and give you hope and encouragement. So subscribe, like and share. Doing so will help to shine some hope in the lives of others. We'd like to remind everyone that if your life is grounded in Jesus, even in the darkest times, there is hope. Well, hey, I want to thank you all for joining us on behind the mic conversations of hope. Thank you for listening. Thank you for watching. We are on podcast we are on YouTube. And so tell your friends, we are here because we want to glorify Jesus Christ, because we want to encourage you and give you some hope. And that's what we're here for. And today. Speaking of hope, so I am here with a brother in the Lord Ronnie Kesner. And we're going to we're going to talk to Ronnie about his story, which is an amazing story. Thank you for being here. And thank you for sharing your story today.



Ronnie Kesner 01:34

Absolutely, it's an honor.



Mike Stone 01:36

So if you are watching on YouTube, or I should say if you're not watching on YouTube, Ronnie has got a baseball cap on backwards. He's got tats under his eyes. He's got a nose ring. I don't even know what do you call that? Is it just a nose ring? With the little balls on the end? And? Okay, yeah, I don't know the terms that you got the ear thing going on. which caught my attention when I was flipping through, tick tock a while back and, and I heard you say something about Christ. And it made me stop. I wanted to hear what you had to say. I

absolutely love what you're doing on social media. So I've invited you here, so that you can share your story with all of us, including me, I don't really know a lot of your story. So again, thank you for being here. Tell us about Ronnie Kesner

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Ronnie Kesner 02:31

Well, as of now, I mean, I'm a Christian rapper, I like to speak out and testify for the most Hi always, I mean, he saved he saved me from every bit of what I thought I couldn't be saved for. So I kind of feel like it's my goal. Kind of just live for the Lord. Now in every in every way possible. I don't take my walk lightly. It's you know, it's an honor to serve the living God it is. The story of my life, you know, I can say is a story about God. It's just told, from my perspective, you know, he's been calling me as he does a lot of us a lot of us received the call, you know, and you know, we either ignore it or we don't realize how powerful it is in the moment or that it's really God speaking through others, or, you know, the call to God. But um, I lived most of my life I started out from a home that, you know, my parents were young, they were, you know, addicted and things at first when I was born, they weren't married. There's a come from, like a party, you know, encounter with my parents, you know what I mean? Yeah, just kind of lived in like a broken home all my life, they'd love me, but it was just very dysfunctional at best. Like, I guess you could say, you know, obviously, these tattoos, I got these upside down crosses all across my face, I'd upside down cross here and upside down right here in here. You know, I did serve the devil for 15 plus years. In sixth grade, I started going upside down cross tattooed on my arm. I remember someone said, I was like, isn't that bad? And he's like, he's like, yeah, man, that's the side you want to be on. You know, that's, that's what you want to do is something like, you know, eighth grade or something. And, you know, that's what started my whole journey down the occult man. I don't know why I absolutely hated the name. Jesus, I hated anything I had to do with Christianity. My whole life, I literally was the opposite. I served the devil, you know, got really deep into the occult, but uh, start shooting up when I was 13. Shooting up IV opiates and methamphetamines. from a really young age is just the norm. It wasn't anything. I didn't see nothing wrong with it. It's it's what was normal. I didn't use it to cover up anything. I just, I don't know. I think the devil I truly believe that the devil tries to get us as young as possible. If he can destroy you, then it will cause lots of problems in your future. I do believe that. Yeah. But so, let's see. It's I lived a life of living in the world once once I realized, you know, because the devil will give people what they want in this world. I mean, look at the pop stars, the musicians, the artists, you know, people that are throwing their brothers and sisters under the bus to make it to the top or whatever. You know, for those who know the hierarchy of the demonic realm it is it's just as real as Jesus is. And the thing is, I didn't even believe in God, but he's been calling me all my life like, July 30 2012, as a prime example. I was, I did not believe in God at all. I was in a condo full of devil worshipers to proclaim devil worshippers, you know, some promiscuous street women to say the least. And a couple more drug dealers were there picking up a shipment of narcotics at Virginia Beach, and I didn't believe in God, I don't even believe in what we were even saying I just believed in like darkness, the concept of evil, you know, it served its purpose at the time, which always leads to death anyway. But in my sleep that night, I remember something was like, God talks to our hearts, Whether you believe or not like he speaks to our hearts. And I didn't. I was like asking these questions to myself in the year coming up leading up to this, I was like, Is there something else? Like, what is this feeling? I keep feeling like, but I wasn't giving any attention. But this is just like the beginning of all of it. I mean, God has been calling me for so long. But I rejected it. I didn't believe I was very angry at Christians and Christ. For no reason, really. I mean, it's the antichrist spirit. That's what's going around the world now, man, for no reason, because it because it's true. I remember, I had a dream that night, July 13,

2012, a dream, a picture of Jesus came into the frame, never, I don't come from a Christian background. No one in my family, like as a proclaimed Christian, that stands up in their faith or let alone walks in obedience. But it's It's crazy to think that there's nothing that could have contributed to all the encounters I've had with God throughout my life. But um, I had a dream that night, July 13, 2012, where a picture of Jesus came, came into frame and he said, Come join me. And you know, the thing is, like, when God speaks, it's something you can't deny if anyone that's heard his voice or had experiences like that. But it woke me up out of my sleep, I've been told my friends, I said, Dude, there's something else out there. I didn't want to why I didn't acknowledge that it was Jesus Christ Himself, the picture, whatever it was. But I knew that it was God, I knew someone speaking to me. And that started my spiritual journey. And I'd already been walking with the occult for so long, addicted, selling drugs, was in some pretty fun bands, you know, to say the least dropped out of school. I mean, like fully embracing that life and the demonic realm. I mean, there's a lot of people in this world now that don't even realize they're indirectly submitting to the, to the beast to the darkness, you know. And that's something one of my biggest messages to man. But we'll get into that later. But so that was the first experience I have with God. But I didn't want to give credit to the one that showed itself to me in the dream. So I rejected that, but I knew that there was something else and that began my spiritual journey, man. I started seeking, I wanted to know what this was that spoke to me what this was, I knew it was something out of this world. So I sought God, or what you would call it God and everything else in Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, New Age, and eventually landed back on the occult, right? Because that's what will serve me, the dark forces were responding to my, you know, my rituals, and it's a hierarchy, man, you have to do bad stuff to gain power in that realm. Which is, it's horrible. I'm not proud of that. But it's very real. You know, the dark side is very real, just as Jesus is. But I didn't want to believe, didn't want to believe man. But you know, I got really heavy into the occult. There's a lot of things that I choose not to speak about. There's a lot of things that I can't speak about. But it consumed me as it as it does others. Others, you know, it's very real. But so?



Mike Stone 09:01

Well, I find it interesting that you said you didn't believe in God. But you were into the the occult very deeply. And you didn't necessarily even believe that. But yet you had an encounter with Jesus Christ in the middle of that, and you remember the date? Oh, yeah. And I think that's pretty profound is that you're in the midst of all this. And I also find it interesting, too, that you started in the drug scene and all of that, and you didn't have like you'd mentioned you didn't have like these, these deep, dark secrets that you're trying to hide or abuse in the past or anything that you mentioned, at least. You just started going down that road. So was it was it friends, was it influence from your parents? What was it just you said it was just the norm? It wasn't anything that really took you there? It was just it was just a norm. So I don't I don't know if you could speak to any of that. But I do find it interesting, though, that you were walking in darkness. And you had that encounter with Jesus Christ on On July 2012, I think that's pretty incredible that where you were at that point, but yet he was still there.



Ronnie Kesner 10:08

Absolutely. You know, one of my favorite hobbies, I call it a hobby, because it's, it's just fun to look back, I used to have a notebook, I would write all the times that God was actually there. And I didn't even you know, see, here's the thing, guys, Whether you believe or not, God does

love everyone, he wishes everyone to come to Jesus and repentance. You know, he will, he is not going to, like, not help you and lead you into His arms, just people rejected, they'll accept the, you know, that good things are happening to him, but it's all through Jesus. It's all to bring people to Christ, I see that now. He's been calling me for so, so long, but his timing is perfect. He know he's outside of time, he already knows. But yeah, it was the norm to be let on from like, the hood from my parents were very, they did their best, I honor them, you know, they did their best. I love my my parents so much, actually, they were shot. Three years ago, my parents, my parents got shot a few years back. But everything happens in God's time. It's, you know, I trust him, Justin very much. But living like us is just the norm like literally get high. Get with as many people as you can start a band, you know, sell drugs, that was the normal, normal for my family, it was no normal for everyone around me, the people I surrounded myself with, you know, I was already involved in like, you know, the darkness, embracing the darkness and all areas.



Mike Stone 11:30

Talk about the occult, I think that there are some I don't know a lot about it. But there are. There are a lot of people who talk about Satanists, and there are people who talk about the occult, in general and different, I think even different forms of that evil darkness or following whatever you want to call it, but devil worshipping. I mean, can you talk to what exactly you mean by the occult? What were what were you pursuing at that point?



Ronnie Kesner 11:57

Well, you know, one of the things that I will say is why it's so important for me to be very loving to all I think that people don't feel welcome to the kingdom. You know, that's why it's important for me to show like for us to show love. You know, and there was Christians in my life, that looking back, I know that they were Christian, and they were unconditionally loving. But I didn't equate that to Jesus. But that's that's the truth. You know, God is love when we have Jesus in us, we have love. But um, you know, I knew the dark side accepted me. So it already had me in its grips in that in that area. But once I started really tapping into, I said, I didn't believe in God or Jesus or the devil, it was just more or less a description when I said a devil worshiper, I was I was worshipping and giving voluntary observance. Right. So worship is voluntary observance to the concepts of evil, I believe in spirits. I was I was in part of, like, new age, you know, which is, you know, it's very, very, like real to them, which it is it is, but they're not understanding like, what what they're getting themselves involved in, you know, it seems just fun and innocent guys. And it's not like what originally started with the deeper parts of my cult is, before I got into it super deep, it was more just an image and words at that point, you know, you know, embracing the dark kind of music talking about murder and stuff all the time. And like, like they do, you know, sadness, murder, making money, all that stuff. But through my seeking, you know, like praising darkness, the see I remember, I'm pretty good with dates. I specifically remember that one because we were in virginia beach picking up a shipment of drugs. You know, I was in a condo when that July 3 of 2012, well, around 2014. Granted, this was when I was under the influence, but I went to like a sleep paralysis, self sleeping in my ex girlfriend's car. And I went to sleep paralysis. And I'm not going to get into the complete entirety of the of the experience. But I did witness a demon while in that, and I was so interested in the occult and and I didn't have, you know, no one told me that this stuff isn't good to actually play with that. It's very real, that it will you know, no one told me that this stuff is is very real and will use

you and harm you and suppress you and oppress you. You know, that I remember I gave a lot of attention to it. I was very interested in it. I remember everything is said to me and everything. When I was in this experience that it wasn't very much it didn't say much but the things that it said to me absolutely line up with some of the things that I allowed the dark side to use me for, you know, and some of the struggles that I had throughout that but that was my first encounter with like, demonic. Like your stuff is so real and listen, I don't think I have to justify or explain like most people that maybe say you're one of the most down to earth people I've met, you know, but I've seen a lot of spiritual experience things in my life. If you know, but that's when I first acknowledged the truth and demonic realm and really solid. And then like, I'd probably I'd like use me all the people that know me from the past would be like, like my buddy said, Last time he seen me that the last thing I said to him was, I had a Satanist shirt on, he has something like what Baphomet or some on it. And I told him I welcome the evil spirits, I want them to use me. And that's what I said every day. And they will, that's the thing they will, they absolutely will beat beyond your desires, to be quite honest. Especially if you're not tapped into the light that started my in depth seeking of the occult, I was like, man, demons are real. Let's get it. You know, that's how I thought at the time, you know, see, again, people don't know what they're doing to themselves. But again, there's a lot of things I literally cannot speak about, of those experiences. But what I will say is in a demonic realm, that's why I firmly believe in, like, the rituals, the sacrifices and things they make at the top. Because for me to get where I am, the height of my demonic experience, took a lot of evil works in the dark realm. It's about your works, you know, in Christ, It is finished. But in the dark realm, it's about your work. It's a hierarchy. And if you don't continue doing what the darkness tells you to do, or you don't allow it to use you for what it needs, it squeezes you dry and let you go. And I just kept involving myself in the things that told me to, you know, read into course, fallen knowledge and things like that. All the things that tickle a lot of people's ears and leads them to, to the dark side. They don't even realize it until it's too late. You know, my music was starting to take off. I used to be a rapper for the dark side. Music was starting to take off because I was submitting to the darkness. It's ridiculous. And that's when COVID happened. My parents got shot then had my I had an encounter with God. himself. But um,



Mike Stone 17:04

so you, you I got I gathered from watching your social media you speak like you speak like you've been a believer for quite some time. But you told me before we jumped on the recording here, it's it's not been very long that you accepted Christ. And you are. You are all in. I think I think anybody that knows you would say that. So how long has it been since you actually accepted Christ and started following him?



Ronnie Kesner 17:35

Well, let's see. So after I had almost two years sober, but without God, my music was starting to take off for the demonic realm represented the devil still didn't believe you know, so of course, I was still rocking with that. It's crazy. Sure How God times things to like COVID happened, my parents got shot, and I relapsed all in like a four month period, you know, so that halted all plans. Of course, I was back in substance abuse and act of addiction. Ended up having had my own house, whenever I'm getting into the experience that God came to me. This was 22 months ago and approximately May. So I didn't believe I know he's been calling me but I didn't give it any time of day. I still hated Christians. I was anti Christian. Like literally,

absolutely. If you said us Christian, I said Get away from me. I don't like you. I don't believe what you believe. And I just hated it. For no reason. It's the antichrist spirit, man, of course, that hates Jesus. And it all makes sense now. But um, so 22 months ago, I woke up one morning, I was walking to my entertainment center, and I was completely sober. I hadn't got to us yet. I was very conscious, very awake, I was still standing up when it happened. It's like God pulled from my pulled me from my body. Like literally, I didn't, I had no belief, I was still demonic, still writing devil music worshipping in their truths. And in their spirit. You know, the opposite of God, literally. When I got, like, pulled from my body, I don't know how else to describe it, like human words will not describe what happened to me that day. But um, so I was walking to my entertainment center to get a cigarette just woke up. I remember the last thing I saw before, I remember seeing the do on the windows in my living room. When uh, next thing I know is like in a flash in a moment, I came to like, it's like I came to and I was in this place. It was like a void. It was all black, but there was blue and purple streaks all around me. And then they're like moving. I didn't know of course, where I was, I still don't know to this day what that was. But um, so I remember looking around and I heard a voice speak out. The first thing. It said to me, it said you're not a demon. You're my child. And like I said, I know that we know God inside because I recognize the voice immediately. I knew I was like, this is you know, but in the moment actually was very scary. It wasn't that that part wasn't fun. When God said that, to me. That wasn't fun because it was like I felt like a child that knew he was was doing wrong in the voice of God spoke and when God speaks it is so like, you know, I'll get into that here in a minute too. But he said, You're not a demon, you're my child. And if the best way I can describe what happened to me is, like I said, like understanding that I've been doing wrong all my life. Dropped in worship, but I didn't have a body. They don't know how to describe it like the feeling of like, like, yes, yes, yes, Lord, like, we know God already. You know, I'm telling you, we already know God. Well, yeah. So after that moment, I remember I said is this I was asking, like, is this goddess it is this he said, Yes, Ronnie. And I asked him again, I said, is this and he said, Yes, Ronnie louder. That second time that he said it to me, it was like that was that feeling of knowing for sure solidified that I was talking to God Himself. And when he spoke every time he spoke to me, it's like, it came from all around me. And it sounded like, the best way I can describe it from what I remember was, like, all notes on the keyboard being pressed down something Oh, it's very all inclusive. I don't know how to describe it, like very powerful, and it spoke through me. It didn't speak into anything. It went straight. It was everywhere and went all through me. That was the moment when he said my name, the second time that I felt full, full embrace. I knew for a fact who I was talking to a comfort piece, like, Listen, man, it was so exciting. I'm so full of joy, that the best way to describe it, it's like fireworks shooting out of my eyes. I don't know how to describe it. I'm telling you human words don't describe this place that I was at, but it felt more real than this world does. I really, truly believe this. This world is a manifestation of the Spirit Realm. I really, really do. So after that moment, he allowed me to ask questions. But, but I didn't get to choose which questions I was asking. Like, they just felt like they were coming for me. The first thing he tells me and this is why it's important. He told me said I'm coming soon. That's the first thing he told me. Sets. I feel like it's definitely part of my story to speak out on that I'm not regurgitating what other people said, God himself told me when I don't have a biblical background. So he definitely said, I'm coming soon. The next thing he said to me, I asked him, he allowed me to ask which I didn't get to pick the questions. But he said Who is Jesus? I said, Who is Jesus? He said, That's my son. That's your brother. And again, that's immediately okay. You told me that that your son? And in no way do I think I'm related to Jesus. But I know what God was trying to say to me because I understood it as that's my right hand man, my comrade, my, my go to my everything. He's that he's for me. He's a brother. The next thing that God says to me, he said, I said, What about getting sober? He said, Don't worry about getting sober. In the moment. I thought that meant I can continue getting high. Like it felt like God said it's good. Little did I know he was going to supernaturally placed me in a

position to not only detox but purely Deliver me from 18 years of substance abuse, I have not battled a sense I don't even understand what it feels like to be addicted again, I know I know Jesus is the the healer and deliver. Because of what he did for me instantly. I didn't work for this. I by no means can say I did anything to get this. It's all him. And the last two things that he said to me. He said, Don't go around telling people right now. And then I've been praying ever since that day, to show me when to speak on this encounter, which he pretty much let me know that only If prompted, and only if asked to speak on it, and it makes sense. Then the very last part, I said, I remember, I was so excited. And I said to God, I remember saying to him, I said it was like a jokingly like playful manner. I said, uh, I said you knew this is all I needed to believe. Like I was like laughing and happy. And you know, if you want to call it that, and this other realm, I said, I said you knew this is all I needed to believe. And I asked him, I said, What do you look like I want to see you. I never got to see him. But just the idea. I got to see a light off in the distance. And it was getting closer to me. And I never got to see anything other than the light. But as I got closer, it was too much for my spirit to bear at where I was at. I submitted I was okay. Okay. And I came back to my body man. And it was the craziest thing. The first thing I said when I came out of that encounter was Jesus is real. Jesus is real. So I get excited about because it changed my life. I literally have gave my life to him since and not look back. I'm a child of God, nothing more, nothing less me and I like it here.



Mike Stone 24:22

You know, Ronnie, I work for a company called covenant eyes. And we help people to overcome porn, which is a strong addiction. And I know, based on what I've learned at that company, I've learned a lot of the psychology and the physiological ways that addictions can consume you. Yes. So for you to say that you are instantly and not everybody is even, you know, even those that want to be healed of addiction. Not everybody is instantaneous, but that's pretty powerful. Especially like you said, You didn't just start up a couple years before, this was a lifelong thing for you and for you to be supernaturally heal. Old Man, how powerful is that just alone. But then the way that he like he said, This is your new this is the way that you needed to reach me. Man, it's so powerful. And and I love to, you know, my my only my only experience with the supernatural is there was a guy years ago who wrote a book called this present darkness. His name was Frank Peretti. And I read that and I remember so well the book because it was, it was a normal story. But he was also in the, in the present stage of life like we see it, he was also showing what was happening in the spiritual realm. And that's when I started to realize that the spiritual realm is the good and the evil. And there's really a battle for our souls going on every single day. And like you said, I believe it's simple things like horoscopes, and and I'm not saying everything is evil, but I am saying, like you said, when you open yourself up to certain things, you know, we've talked on another podcast about the Ouija board, and just how, you know, I think it was Milton Bradley that came out with that, and for so many stories of what's happening, because you're playing around with things that are not meant to be messed with. And in your case, you know, you experienced that firsthand. And, and then to see the truth in all of that. Absolutely astounds me. That is as deep as you were into that darkness. Christ. Was there a love it. I absolutely love. Yes,



Ronnie Kesner 26:32

yes. And, you know, that's, I think it's a major message to like that people don't know what they're messing with Intel until you get too deep with it. You know, this, this walk is very narrow, but worth it. I mean, it's very peaceful on this, on this journey with Christ in Christ

alone. You know, anything that's not of God, it's got it's gotta go, but it's worth it. It's amazing.



Mike Stone 26:55

Yeah. We've also said many times that, you know, everything that God created was good. And Satan takes everything that was good and perverts it. Yes. And I think that even even simply those things, and we talk about like, just simple things like food. We are human, we live in a fallen world. And I don't care how clean God makes us, we still struggle with sin, because we live in a world full of sin. We're constantly tempted. And I love him, that he understands I love the fact that he became one of us to understand us to understand the temptations, we have to understand the struggles that we have, and to know that, Ronnie, what you've been through Christ has been there, he may not have been high, he may have not have gone in to the dark things, but he understands those temptations, just like you did. Things I struggle with. He understands that. And I think the only Savior we could ever have is one that understands Yes, yes. Yeah. And I don't know I get a get pumped up as well. Because it's it's hard for me to understand that the creator of the universe, loves me f and loves you.



Ronnie Kesner 28:08

He loves you so much man. And he loves you wherever you're at. That's, that's what I love about him. He literally loves the work if he loved me when I was hating on him and still pulled me out. And I'm no one special man. You know, if you love me, then like I can only imagine, you know, like, there's no one too far gone that can't be pulled out by Jesus. And he craves that fellowship with people. They just got to say yes to him. I've learned that it's it's literally, and he will supernaturally love you to life. It's so crazy, man. It's still It still blows my mind every day, literally every day. I'm like, Man, why? Why do you love us so much. But he does.



Mike Stone 28:44

You know, for guy that a kid that was raised in the church, I grew up in a Christian family for those that listen know that. I think it's almost something that we take for granted. Like I'm at least three generations of Christians. And I think that you know, you're you're raised the first Sunday that I probably the first Sunday that I was on this earth. I was in church, you know, I don't think it would have been a week later. I think I was born on a Sunday, the next Sunday, I was probably in church. That was my life. And I think that we when you get so close to that you start having this familiarity, that it's just kind of like oh, yeah, Christ loves me. You know, I know the Bible stories. I know what the Bible says, I know that. I've been raised singing Jesus loves me. Yes, I know, and all those things. And I think that we have such a familiarity with it, that it can breed some serious concerns about our relationship with Christ, because we take it so for granted. And I think your situation how do you take that for granted, knowing where I was? Listen, I was I was just as lost as Ronnie was, except I didn't necessarily no it, you know what I'm saying? And I think that when you saw that, that that conversation you had with the Lord, you knew it. And I think that's why I, I'm concerned about the church today because I think we have a lot of people that believe that they are Christ followers, they would say they're Christians, and yet they have no fruits to show that. Yes. And I think it's such a serious concern. So what what would you say to people out there and there may be people listening that are

exactly in your shoes right now? Maybe there are people like me out there that feel like I'm a pretty decent guy. But what do you have to say for both sides of that, man, through your experience and knowing the Lord for 22 months?

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Ronnie Kesner 30:35

Yes, I speak on that a lot. You know, one of the gifts that God gave me is not only discernment, but seeing in the Spirit. And of course, I come I come with love, only with love and what God has shown me and Revelation has given me yes, there's so much that's like, I'm thankful for my past, I'm thankful to have seen hell on earth, before coming to God, you know, he, like my life depends on it literally. Now, I know the enemies after me himself. So I claim to him therefore, like, I get to see the true transformation power and what he's done. Literally, the love that he's gave me for all and you know, I don't have anything negative to necessarily say, but I do believe that you know, how they speak about religion versus relationship, but it's all over the place. Right? But it's the truth. You know, if an if an ex devil worshiper like I don't understand how personally because ever since he came to me, like my Bible stays open. I'm, I'm in the word constantly, always in prayer. repentant, I think the the ingredients to a renewed mind are left out of the body, you know, that that going to church? I don't even go to church, my brother, I haven't went to church. I don't go to church. I mean, I do have the Spirit says, because there's a reason there's always there's always something good to hear. But you know, we are the church. It's that seeking on your own man. And I think you're right, the complacency the idea that I'm attending and I was raised in this so I'm good to go. Man. It's a lifelong thing. It's a seeking every day, every day and not just with our words, but with our actions. And I think but that's okay. It's like I said, it's beautiful. And it's sad, and I wouldn't, I'm thankful that he is. Everything that I am or unbecoming to this day is built on the foundation of Christ. In Christ alone, I had only pants that I've worn for two or three weeks when I when I started my journey. Nothing else like but it's, it's I think it's being overlooked in the body. Like of the of the word worship prayer, repentance, man, I haven't heard that word. And I've been going to churches for 1919 months, I haven't heard the word repent one time. And I don't say that in a negative way. But ever since God came to me, I've sought him with every bit of my being, you know, and I thought, I thought these things came along with it. I thought reading your word everyday was normal. I thought, you know, a repentant heart, a desire to overcome, asking what God asked him was I thought that was normal. And then as I go into the body, I don't hear any of this. You know, it's no offense to him. It's just it's usually just a good message. And you go, and it's like, nothing like, and I don't mean to sound so complaint, you know, complaining because I'm not trying to, but that's something I've noticed. You know, like, you know, what I say to people what I feel like, we go to church on Sunday, right? Okay, you got that Holy Spirit. Good feel you got a good message? What do you do with it? You know, like, God tells me like God loves so GO, GO pour out your cup into someone right now you filled you up, let go use it. You know, and I fall back reload, getting the word, pray and go love when people. You know, that's, I thought that was normal. Yeah.

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Mike Stone 33:41

You know, one phrase I heard a long time ago was we are the hands and the feet of Jesus. And that is a 24/7 thing. And if we're not doing that, we should be concerned. Because, again, it comes down to Christ left, he went back to, to be seated at the right hand of God the Father, and He sent the Holy Spirit that resides in us who call him our Savior. And that Holy Spirit

allows us to be His hands and feet. He's not here. But we're here. Like you said, we are the church. It's time for the church to rise up. And to be to show the love of Jesus Christ everywhere. Our country is falling apart at the seams. Because it's all about us. It's all about what we want. That goes into all these movements going on right around right now that that are pulling people apart, rather than pulling people together. And I don't necessarily even like when our politicians talk about unity, because I don't know that it's the true unity that we really want to see. Because it's conditional, and Christ's love was unconditional. Just like you said. He met you where you were when you were at your worst. Same with me when I was at my worst he was there. That's unconditional love. And that's what we're supposed to take out into the world where we're at, I believe You're in West Virginia, I'm in Ohio, wherever our world is, we need to represent Jesus Christ. Because if we're going to label ourselves as Christians, which means because like, we better be Christ like,

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Ronnie Kesner 35:12

yeah, you're speaking, I feel like you're, I'm speaking to myself when I hear you, man, because that's all things that I, the spirit has shown me to, you know, one of the one of my phrases I say, it's like, you don't have any face tattoos. You didn't come from the same background. And I don't know what it's like to be raised in a church. But I say like, you love Christ. Me too. Me too. Same team, same team. Let's go out here and love people together. Man knows. If you see people like this, the uniting of our backgrounds don't matter. But we have the same goal. Right? Same spirit, same goal. Why are we working together? And you'd be surprised or maybe not. So I don't want to say rejection because I've met some really, really good people in the churches love, lots of love lots of really heartfelt good Christians that I cherish, you know, to be quite honest, I cherish them. I love their walk, and I'm thankful. But I think, I think a lot of us that have callings and giftings and we're walking in obedience and love and purpose. We're not being given a place to, to utilize it at times. You know, I think it's coming to a time where, you know, it's even prophesied about in these days that they're, that, that God is definitely rising up a type of Christian that's, you know, we stand in truth, we don't play with our salvation. We don't play with our walk. We love people, you know, and it's time to unite and you realize that we're on the same team doing the same things. We all have giftings that we can operate in together, you have a special purpose inside of you, we all have a purpose for the kingdom that's only unique to you. But how are we going to make moves if we're not walking together, man, real unity. Like, hey, if I'm being honest, I've had to pray. Like my brother, I love you very much. But the beginning of my walk, I had to pray about softening my heart toward those who haven't been what I've been through. Right. And my question is, why isn't that happening toward toward us? You know, type deal. It's okay, we're still going to love Christ love people. But like, we should be working toward unity and actually like praying these things out and acknowledging our you know, what, separating us lay down all the, the, our own views on what, you know, context of scriptures and things. Let's go back to salvation in Christ and start there, you know, and grow together.

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Mike Stone 37:29

Yeah, I believe that salvation is pretty simple. And we we have complicated and listen, I understand. I went to Bible college, I understand theology and different views from different denominations. I understand all of that. But most of that doesn't really matter. Right? What matters is, Jesus is Lord. He is our salvation. And we know I can give you my mission statement,

and you probably would agree with it. But it doesn't matter, other than the fact that Jesus is the one who came to save us. The only one he became one of us, He conquered. Yeah, he conquered sin because nobody else could do it. And he conquered death, so that you and I could have life. It's as simple as that. And I like what you said, we know if you are if you call yourself a believer in Jesus Christ, you're following Him. We need to drop all those I've heard it say that, you know, major on the major and minor on the minors, and let's leave the minor stuff alone. Let's don't worry about the minor stuff. Let's focus on the majors. Let's lock arms, and let's take on the lost world. If you're you're either lost, or you're a follower. And if you're a follower, we need to we need to band together and be Christ like together and to our world. And that's I feel really strongly about that. Because there's too many people that are literally going to hell, while we fight over. You know, the color of the carpet or we fight over, you know, what you do is right, and it's not right for me and whatever. Those are the minor things Christ, His blood covered our sins, if we follow Him, we're a believer. Listen, even scripture says the demons believe and they tremble, right. You know, you've been there, you know that. And so, I guess, Ronnie, I know that you you work nights. So we're keeping you up. I want to give you some time to get some sleep. But I, I really appreciate you coming on and sharing what you have. I would love to have you back. We also want to get your social media links so that people can follow you because you have some really great things to say. encouragement. We want to make sure we get that out as well. And I'm going to I'm going to ask you though, where you're at right now. What's next for Ronnie? Where are you headed? And I will say to have for those that are watching on YouTube. Any any future plans to get rid of the tats, the piercings, all of that? What how do you how do you feel about that now?

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Ronnie Kesner 39:59

Well, I know the whole Holy Spirit will definitely let me know. He will convict me if there's if there needed to go. You know what the one thing that's crazy about I don't keep my piercings on purpose like for this reason. But what I have learned as these these tattoos, piercings I am, that is my key to get into any trap house any set of devil worshippers. They see me as one of them and I'm like, Man, I love Jesus do Jesus's love bro, you don't want to be like that. It's Keith, it gets me into any place. Yeah.



Mike Stone 40:29

And, you know, that's honestly, that's why I ask is because I think that, you know, we've talked also about how we have scars, we, when we go through life, we accumulate scars. And I see as I'm looking at you, I see those things as being scars that remind you of where you came from. And like you said, the keys, you know, that could be the way that God wants to use your you look at Paul and the apostle Paul, who was killing Christians. And on the road to Damascus, man, Jesus woke him up said, why are you persecuting me? Yeah, it turned his life around. Yes. And, and I see a lot of a lot of related things between Paul and Ronnie. And I'm grateful for that, bro.

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Ronnie Kesner 41:11

I love Paul. I tried to stay in the New Testament a lot. Like I just relate with him a lot. So I kind of listen to what he says. I feel him for sure. Yeah, Paul is awesome.



Mike Stone 41:22

How can we pray for you?



Ronnie Kesner 41:24

Man, just strength to continue overcoming. You asked me what's next for me. While I do know for each and every one of us that God has something for us. But in order to get to where he wants us to be. He's got to come first. In our life, we're called to overcome. We're overcomers that repentant heart man is major. You know, he's got something for each and every one of us and I know what wherever he places me is going to be great. But I know he's taking me places and he wants to take others places to wilder than their greatest desires, man. But it requires a you know, seeking with all your heart, which is worth it. It's like a win win situation. There's nothing negative that can come from it's all glory to glory, man. But that's it. Prayer strength, probably just strength. Got it.



Mike Stone 42:09

We'll do that. We have a lot of listeners, a lot of people who watch on YouTube. I know you do, too. You have a lot of followers as well. And so I hope that I hope that they will continue to pray for you as well. I know this is a rough life but with Christ, man. That's all that matters. And you know, and I tell people a lot of times you know there were 12 disciples, it only took one to get out of the boat though. And that's what we need to do is get out of the boat. Step out of the boat. And, and God will lead us. That's right. That's right. Ronnie, thank you so much for joining us. I appreciate your taking time out of your your actually your sleep time. I appreciate that. We'd love to have you back. Follow Ronnie on social media man, and you will be blessed. I guarantee it. Ronnie, thank you so much.



Ronnie Kesner 42:52

Yes, thank you my brother.