

## Bob's Testimony

"I was always trying to make people laugh, from as far back as I could remember, from when I was a little boy, to this present day, as an established comedian. However, as I got older and went out on my own, I became cynical, manipulative, lustful, and very disciplined in my comedy career. I became a master at protecting myself&mdash;standing right next to people and being miles away at the same time.

"Outwardly, I was doing very well: my career had taken off, I had a nice house, fancy cars, money and clothes, I was blessed with a perfect little boy and a beautiful wife. By the Grace of God, I married a Christian girl. However, my wife was not pleased with the progress of our relationship&mdash;on the outside I showered her with gifts and even told her I was born-again, but my heart remained distant, and she could see the rotten fruit in my life.

"As my wife tried to reach out to me, she made many concessions in her own life, and noticeably began to lose her peace. I manipulatively confronted her on her lack of &ldquo;joy in the Lord&rdquo;&mdash;that was all she needed to hear. She refocused her life on Jesus and had her joy back. She no longer responded to my manipulations&mdash;I could not reach her.

"I began to unravel. My career came to a stand still, and nothing could satisfy my pains or desires. When my wife asked me to leave our home, I sensed a loss of power. I thought that if I could not control my wife, then I was not control of anything around me, including myself. I began to panic, was at my wits end, and finally asked the Lord to come into my life. The changes in my character have come slowly, yet surely. I now know that if I keep my eyes on the Son of God, my shadowy past will remain behind me.

"It has been a long road to get where God would have me. I had been traveling the wrong way on the road of life for over 30 years. I thank my gracious Lord, each and every day that my wife and son are right at my side making the journey with me.

"I minister through my comedy in the comedy clubs, theaters and even casinos around the country. And recently the Lord has opened doors for me to minister to the church body and their unsaved friends during the same performance. I have found that I am rejuvenated as I perform in churches as well, sort of a recharging of a battery&mdash;and found that many people can relate to my story."

