

Talking Points

Hi, my name is Tyrone Moore,

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Early in 2014, I was unfaithful to my wife... the ultimate marital sin! My marriage was on the rocks after 14 years, and I was contemplating a separation from my wife.

I needed major recovery in my marriage. One day my wife suggested that we should go check out the gospel service at Saddleback Church Lake Forest. Although I knew we needed to do something to save our marriage, I went kicking and screaming.

But something miraculous happened that Sunday, almost as soon as I got out of the car walking towards the church service. I immediately noticed something as we walked up in a stream of people leaving the previous service.

My eye caught how joyful all the families looked together, and how their kids were joyful; frolicking all around. Also, what really caught my attention was that the teenagers were engaged and walking with their families. My experience was that most teenagers in our society today don't want any part of family activities, especially if that activity includes church! Often, teenagers have to be pleaded with to hang around the rest of the family. But this day was different. These teenagers were very much engaged with their families. I immediately thought, if a church can sell teenagers on the value of church and family, then I'm sold as well! Because trust me, teenagers are a hard sell on anything.

I fell in love with Saddleback Church before I got to my seat. My wife and I sat in the front row that day, because I was also recovering from a very serious motor cycle accident and was on crutches, wearing a knee brace and couldn't bend my knee.

I gave my life to Christ THAT DAY!!

My wife and I became members of the Saddleback Church, Anaheim in 2015 and soon after that I was baptized. Very soon after that, I began volunteering on the security team at Saddleback Church Anaheim.

I searched for a marriage support group for men and I ran across the Men On The Edge or (MOTE), a men's support group offering "*HOPE TO MARRIED MEN*". It was perfect for my situation. I started to attend weekly MOTÉ meetings on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Week after week I drove all the way from Garden Grove to the Lake Forest Campus. Through MOTÉ I was learning and growing, both in my faith and as a husband.

After three years of attending MOTÉ, I took it to the next level. I ASKED GOD TO USE ME. HOWEVER... WHERE EVER THAT MIGHT BE! I felt God was leading me to start my own men's small group, a version of MOTÉ off campus, near the Saddleback Church Anaheim.

As I asked God... I soon learned that God always uses an available... humble... willing vessel!

MAYBE HURT ... MAYBE BROKEN ... MAYBE FLAWED ...HOWEVER, I'VE LEARNED THAT'S WHEN GOD DOES HIS BEST WORK and OFTEN HE USES THE MOST UNLIKELY PEOPLE!

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THE SECRET I'VE LEARNED IS TO HAVE A PURE HEART, WITH PURE MOTIVES As it says in Matthew 5:8 says; *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"*

As I began this new MOTE men's group with God's help and three church friends, we met in the club house in the complex where I live. The book and study guide *Don't Give Up!* by Gary Hoffman is what we use today to help the men in our group. Our focus is for each man to begin to see his part in a challenging marriage and begin to own his part of the problem. With that, he can start on the road of recovery and to a healthy marriage.

Soon after meeting for a year, we were able to have our own place of meeting, Thursday nights 7:00 pm Saddleback Church Anaheim.

This year, we just recently celebrated our one-year anniversary for the "Men On The Edge Group," in Anaheim. The first satellite men's group established from MOTE Lake Forest.

I am very proud, honored, and blessed to be a part of what God is doing to help men's marriages, including my own marriage.

Unfortunately, sad to say, that some these marriages aren't saved. But all is not lost! I have WITNESSED MANY MEN'S LIVES BEING TRANSFORMED as they are changed through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christian fellowship, and hard work. Many come to saving faith in Christ. A key part in all this is the amazing support group ministry... called Men On The Edge!

I am forever in debt to Jesus Christ, and the men of MOTE for saving my life, and for saving my marriage!

My prayer is for men to find a Christ-centered church, and to join a men's support group or men's bible study. They too can LEARN HOW TO HAVE CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF THEIR MARRIAGES... FOR HIS GLORY!

Thank you