

My name is Elijah Chaplin, and this is my testimony. I was blessed to be born into a good, Godly family, but as a child I didn't know what it meant to give my life to Christ. I didn't care about Jesus, reading my bible, or church, and because my family was homeschooled, I didn't have any friends. It all changed when my dad got orders to Germany and our family moved there. In Germany we got grounded in a bible preaching church where I got saved and baptized. After I got saved, I began to care about reading my bible, praying, and caring about what Jesus thinks about me. I thought that my life was perfect. That was until my family got orders back to Wright Patterson Airforce Base. It was at this time I really struggled with bitterness toward God. He took away what I enjoyed, and took away my friends, he touched my idol which was comfort. I would fake a smile at church but was struggling internally. Once I got into youth group and started to hear Cam preach, I knew that I needed to let go of this bitterness toward God and trust in his plan for me, once I did this I re-found the peace and joy that the Lord provides.

A verse that I love is Proverbs 27:17 *"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."*