

# Old Man – New Man “Program 8”

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## Victory Lane

A man bought a house, moved in with his family, and started to fix it to make it their own. As he started clearing the back yard from junk and over grown plants he found an old rusty motorcycle. He saw the potential in it and so he started to fix this old rusty machine. In the process, he needed a part and was directed to call the dealership because they didn't have that particular part at the local shop. Apparently Harley Davidson keeps good track of its machines. When they told him he needed the serial number in order to get this particular part, he got the number, gave it to them, and after a few minutes the fellow at the dealership made him an offer to buy the old rusty machine. To make the long story short, this old piece of junk had belonged to Elvis Presley. He ended up selling it for a good amount of money. It wasn't junk after all. God makes no junk. Sin has damaged our lives but it's His plan to restore us to "His image."

## Declare

1. We may tend to "romanticize" bootleggers of the past century as rebels to an oppressive system, but to what would you compare bootleggers today?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The story of Pastor John Earnhardt is a powerful reminder that God doesn't place labels on our foreheads and classifies us accordingly. In fact, we all stand equal before His eyes.

## Dig

3. As you review the following verses explain how the Bible describes our human sinful condition:
  - a. Isaiah 64:6 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Revelation 3:15-17 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Romans 3:10, 11, 23 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are you struggling with that has a strong hold in your life? Share with the group. This group should keep confidence and be supportive because we are all sinners and need each other.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
5. "Victory Lane" is Pastor Earnhardt's testimony of how God's Power transforms the lowest of sinners. There's hope!
6. Three powerful things happened in John's life. The first one is that someone prayed for him. Holding John as a new-born baby, Nurse Ruth Oliver prayed: "Lord may he learn words of praise to you, may he hear your voice when you speak dear Lord, may he see with his heart, and with his hands may he do your bidding, may his feet walk in your path." Is there someone praying for you? Read the following verses and explain who is praying and what he is saying:

- a. John 17 registers Jesus last prayer before the crucifixion. In verse 20 He prayed for you.  
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  - b. John 14:16-18 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Romans 8:26 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Hebrews 7:25 \_\_\_\_\_
7. The second thing that happened to Pastor Earnhardt was that he saw miracles in his life, where God saved him. Once when he was lost and half frozen, several times in his parents dealings with the Law, when he tried to kill a man, and of course all of those times he drove so fast. Pastor Earnhardt's guarding angels must be in good physical shape with all that work they have done in his life! Have you experienced a miracle in your life? Share briefly with the group.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If you can't think of a particular instance of a miracle then read Psalm 91.
8. The third thing that happened to Pastor Earnhardt was that he was confronted with God's Word. Read the following verses and share how God's Word appeals to you.
- a. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. John 3:15-17 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. John 10:10 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 \_\_\_\_\_
9. What happened to Elder Earnhardt after he heard 1 Corinthians 6:19? What was his reaction?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Truly a "Man's man," yet John's heart was broken when confronted with the Cross. How do react as you see Jesus and his suffering for you on the cross? Read Isaiah 53:5
- a. \_\_\_\_\_

*Devote*

11. As John looked down his rifle, finger on the trigger, ready to shoot the man that had caused so much grief in his life, something held him back. Eventually, hate was exchanged for forgiveness! Letting go and letting God! God wrestles with us; His Spirit works in our hearts even in the least likely of places. Is God knocking on the door of your heart today? Is God convicting you of a decision you need to make tonight?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If your answer is "yes" don't let today pass without making a commitment to let God be the Master of your heart.

Pastor Earnhardt ends with a great suggestion: a prayer of surrender. He suggests three simple steps: "Lord I receive you, I confess my sins and I want you to walk with me and guide me into the truth." End the meeting with this kind of prayer. Allow for a time of silence when each one in the group will have an opportunity to pray this prayer.