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## THE POSTER CHILD

*by Kayla Johnston*

Years of alcoholism, abuse, and depression led to the moment when 23-year-old Cori Caldwell took her own life. Everything was going according to plan that day as she hanged herself from the tree in a park near her home; that is, until she was saved by a passerby. After several minutes of unconsciousness, Cori was resuscitated.

"I knew God wasn't done with me," Cori says of the days following her brush with death. But the renewed hope she found in her second chance at life wasn't enough to keep her from indulging in her greatest vice: alcohol.

Her constant battle with alcoholism as a teenager had caused her to drop out of high school, get married, and become pregnant by the age of 19. It was only during her pregnancy that she was sober enough to see her marriage clearly. She was not happy with what she saw.

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Cori moved home with her parents, gave birth to her son, and tried to remain sober. However, several relapses forced her to relinquish custody of her son and drove her to the attempted suicide.

A few months after the suicide attempt, at an AA meeting she heard a woman speak about remaining sober through tragedy. Cori felt encouraged enough to end her marriage and pursue permanent sobriety. On December 9, 2011, at the age of 24, she took her last sip of alcohol — the only way to get her son back.

A glimmer of hope came when Cori met Karen, a Saddleback member. Karen took Cori under her wing, invited her into her home, and helped her search for jobs. Even better, she invited her to church.

Sitting in the crowd at Saddleback, Cori felt comfort as she recognized the similarities between the service and her AA meetings. Both encouraged hope and redemption, but at Saddleback, Cori found the truth in Jesus she had been needing.

Now, years later, Cori has met a Christian man and attends Saddleback with her son each Saturday. Her community is her support. She is in a small group and is in the church's counseling training program with the hope of helping others with similar struggles.

"I used to be the poster child for hopelessness, but now all I have is hope," Cori says with a wide smile.

*Read the full story at [saddleback.com/stories](http://saddleback.com/stories).*



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We have a place where you can receive one-on-one prayer. Visit the Connection Center to learn more.

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<b>07.06</b>	Saddleback Academy of Music SEARCH: ACADEMY	<b>07.12</b>	HIV&AIDS Initiative Meeting SEARCH: HIV
<b>07.09</b>	Becoming a Powerful Christian Woman Retreat SEARCH: CHRISTIAN WOMAN	<b>07.16</b>	Men's Thursday Morning Gathering SEARCH: AM GATHERING
<b>07.11</b>	Single Parent Connection SEARCH: SINGLE PARENT	<b>07.20</b>	Career Coaching and Counseling Ministry SEARCH: CAREER
<b>07.11</b>	Saddleback Kids New Leader Orientation SEARCH: NEW LEADER	<b>07.25</b>	PEACE Night SEARCH: PEACE NIGHT

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[saddleback.com/class](http://saddleback.com/class)



**HOST A SMALL GROUP SUMMER BLOCK PARTY**

How long has it been since you hosted a party? Make this summer an unforgettable one when you take the small group challenge by hosting a block party for your small group and friends. Free materials for your party can be picked up at the Small Group Table this weekend. Visit our website for insight from Pastors Matt and Ben on how to throw an amazing block party!

[mysaddleback.com/summerblockparty](http://mysaddleback.com/summerblockparty)



**JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMP**

Junior High Ministry JHM is headed to summer camp August 2 through 7. This adventure is for students entering Grade 7 or 8 in the fall. They will experience an awesome camp environment that includes new friendships, amazing counselors, incredible camp facilities, and an unforgettable time with God. There are lots of fun things your camper will love to do, like rock climbing and ziplining! Your child won't want to miss this opportunity (\$399).

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## MY NEXT STEPS

God has a plan and purpose for you and we want to help you reach your God-sized potential. Fill out the card below and we will help you get connected and take the next step on your spiritual journey.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ MOBILE ☐ HOME ☐ WORK

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Make LAKE FOREST my home campus.

- CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**
- ☐ This is my first time at Saddleback.
  - ☐ I want to learn more about accepting Jesus Christ as my Savior.
  - ☐ I made the decision to follow Christ today.
  - ☐ I want to be baptized.
  - ☐ I am ready to become a member and join the Saddleback family.
  - ☐ I am interested in belonging to a small group.

**PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION ABOUT SERVING IN:**  
(Check all that apply)

☐ Care & Support Team ☐ PEACE Center ☐ Sports & Fitness

☐ Office/Administration ☐ Saddleback Kids ☐ Weekend Teams

☐ Our Community ☐ Saddleback Student ☐ Other

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*Please share your prayer requests so that our pastors can pray for you.*

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