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Hello Dear Friends,

On occasion, I will receive a comment about how counseling at Alpha has helped someone and usually they are verbal statements. While at a local church several commented on how God had blessed them. One commented that she had been free for several years of an eating disorder since learning to forgive. Praise the LORD! However, it is not quite the same for me to repeat what someone has said to me, because I have been known to get some details confused, so I want to share an email I received some time ago.

I know that you remember the story of Saul, the Pharisee, a man full of himself and a persecutor of Christians. He oversaw the stoning of Stephen. On the road to Damascus, a bright flash of light and a voice from God himself, then his eyes were covered and he was blinded for 3 days.
He then needed to depend on a man named Ananias to remove the scales from his eyes.
He was enlightened. He was saved and he was baptized.
That is exactly how I feel. I have traveled on that road myself, full of myself, full of pain, full of all sorts of issues that made me blind. The flash of light was a series of events that left me without a rudder and needing some help. My persecution of others was in un-forgiveness and being unmerciful. I never surrendered to God everything that I needed to surrender.
I carried the same hatred of myself for my own sins.
I needed help to remove the scales from my eyes and I now see so much better.
Thank you for helping remove the scales from my eyes. God's hand was in that, I am convinced.
This journey is a long one and I will be faithful to continuing down the right road now. I look forward to sharing and receiving more with you.

God has changed a man who was blind but now can see so much better in this world and into the kingdom of God.
You share in this victory as much as anyone because without your prayers and help Alpha would not be here today!

God Bless You!

Richard