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Water Baptism Testimony
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BLACK ROCK CHURCH

Hello, my name is Winston Bish. My story is about the God who wouldn't let me go.

I was born and raised in Bridgeport, and, although my family didn't talk much about God, our mother made sure that all nine children were in church! This was the beginning of my journey toward Jesus. As a young man, I was carefree and tried to lead what I thought was a good life. If something seemed wrong, I tried to make it right. When I was 15, I started attending Black Rock Teenagers at the original Ellsworth Street church. Something drew me to Black Rock, and now I know that it was the Holy Spirit using friends with whom I could relate. I began to realize that my life was incomplete and came to understand that to be a follower of Christ I had to ask Jesus to forgive my sins and to be my Savior. Two years after I first came to Black Rock, I gave my life to Jesus in the basement of the church!

Unfortunately, I soon left the church and lived my life away from Jesus. I wasn't doing anything seriously wrong but always felt that God wanted more for me. Decades later, I attended a Bible study with Alan and Dottie Dodd which reawakened my faith. After so much time away, it was a struggle coming back to church because I felt unworthy, but I finally did. I soon joined Starting Point which was a powerful jumpstart to my faith. I also got involved with a men's Bible study which has greatly strengthened me. Joining this group has drawn me closer to the Lord and provided me with needed support through the physical trials I'm now facing. As I battle a brain tumor God has my full attention, and I'm trusting Him for daily strength and healing.

As I became more involved in Bible study, I realized that God was asking me to be baptized. However, I felt so undeserving to take this step. I finally understand that there's NOTHING I can do to make myself worthy - God ACCEPTS me just as I am, and HE LOVES ME! So today I choose to obey and follow my Saviour into baptism. THANK YOU JESUS FOR NEVER GIVING UP ON ME!