

Grace Fellowship International's Certification Process

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It has been an amazing experience to receive the benefits of this type of training, applying it to my own life and then having God-given opportunities to share this knowledge and guidance by the Holy Spirit.

So, first of all, my own life journey through this Certification process was unique in the sense of how God went about bringing me along to this point in time. I arrived in Pigeon Forge where God was about to show me my ultimate need to trust Him in a way that would change the course of my life.

Learning the “rest of the Gospel” is what the world needs now and I sure needed to learn it. Applying the principles has given me clarity about my own unique flesh patterns—how I was set up to fail without Christ at the center of life. I learned that the Christian life is *Christ living through me* instead of through my own strength.

The opening of one's eyes is on a God-given time table because He knows right where each individual is on their journey. The Holy Spirit is wooing them and knows when they are ready to receive truth.

It has been a dream of mine for many years to share truth with the hurting. In God's time and in His way I came to Pigeon Forge, TN to learn God's way of sharing and helping people. It is God's intention to truly show people how to live a more victorious and fruitful life. The process of exchanging one's life for a new one and allowing Christ to be their source for living is key to the new life in Christ.

Having the opportunity to work with John Woodward through this training process was quite healing for me. He displayed the character of Christ with humility and patience. He was also generous with his time, knowledge, and experience. Maybe my experience is unique that I happen to live here in Pigeon Forge and have had so many opportunities to co-counsel with him and to see the process shared in so many different scenarios. I can only thank God for allowing me to be a part of this process in guiding people into this life-changing truth process.

It is quite a wonderful sight to behold hurting people come to trust their Savior through faith in a new way. Seeing those who were in bondage and set free builds our faith in the One who knows us and what it takes to walk hand in hand with Him.

I have shared these truths with people within my sphere of influence in hopes some would want to know more. Sometimes we don't know how God wants to use this information. I have been disappointed that more have not been interested in these truths; perhaps I have been planting and watering seeds until they are ready to sprout. Maybe God is working in my life to trust Him more to move me forward. Of course, being set free yourself is a confidence builder in Christ's power and work.

My vision for sharing the principles I've learned is bigger than I'm qualified to carry out, which only suggests that I can't but He (Christ) can through me.

- I would Love to have the ease of connecting with people in such a way that would guide them to want more conversations that would challenge them to grow.
- I would like to grow in character and faith to be a source of influence for sharing the principles and truths to whomever God brings into my life.
- I want to be careful not to set an agenda of direction of certain goals because I will be tempted to perform to make it happen. I want to be lead more organically and allow the Lord to show me, which He has not done yet. I will continue to seek him to show me where He wants to use me and in what avenue.

Personally I would love to live out these truths in my own marriage so as to be more equally yoked within our marriage. I have hopes of sharing the truths of Christ with others as a couple.

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