

Your son Charles is 14 years old. Things have been very tough on all of the family since the unemployment. And your son seems to be taking it very badly. He's wanting to stay out with his friends, running around all over town, and you're sure he's going right down the very streets sane people are afraid to walk down in day light. You always were so proud of his wonderful looks and natural sports ability. Staying on the football team has been keeping his grades up, since he knows he will be kicked off the team without the grades.

Age 16

Charles decides he's in a little too deep with the friends he had been running the streets with in hopes to make a little cash for the family and that he needs counseling to help cope with financial burden he feels he needs to fix for his family. The counselor helps him realize the unemployment circumstances is nothing he can fix. He's just a kid! He gets more involved with his football friends and starts focusing more on his athletic and academic future.

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Age 18

Wow! Keeping focus on his bright future has really paid off! Captain of the football team and valedictorian of his senior class, Charles accepts a full ride scholarship to the best university in the state for athletics and academics.

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Age 18

His fighting has landed Charles in the hospital. His injuries are so critical, he spends weeks and weeks recovering. His hospital stay pulls him off of the drugs quick and gives him time to start thinking about his life. He's decided he needs to get things turned around and check himself into a rehab center.

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Age 20

Playing football for the best college in the state really put him in the spot light. The NFL noticed him right off. He decides to push himself to graduate early with his Bachelor's degree and head to the pro's!

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Age 14

Today he came home from school and didn't want you to see him as he rushed in past you. You stopped him in the hallway and saw his black eye. You grabbed his shoulder to turn him around and he openly winced in pain. You got into a shouting match and demanded to know what was going on. You know he is lying, he says he was running and tripped and fell. Clearly, the terrible bruises and cuts were from a fight. What is this boy getting into? **STOP HERE UNTIL YOUR NEXT TURN**

Age 16

Turns out in hopes of making the family some money and supporting himself by selling drugs, he's also gotten addicted. Now, all of his money is going to drugs and it's just not enough to support his habit. He's been beaten up one to many times and has decided he needs to start learning how to fight back a little harder and has taken up cage fighting and lost his spot on the football team. He's failing all of his classes.

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Age 18

Oh no, Charles gets injured during opening game of his senior year and has learned he will never step foot on the football field again.

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Age 18

He's finally learned to fight with the best of them and has gained control of the drugs in his area. Some would even call him the drug lord.

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Age 20

His football and academic scholarship requirements have pushed him a little too far. He's grades are getting worse and the football coach is threatening to put him on the bench. Will he lose both of his scholarships?

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Age 20

Since football had pushed him to keep his grades up. Charles had learned not only was he athletic but pretty smart too! Although, his injury had ended his hopes of a football career, Charles focused all of his energy on his academics, graduated with honors and was attending the local college so he could help coach his high school football team.

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Age 20

Rehab worked! Charles is motivated to get back out in the world and turn his life around. He has gotten a job at the sporting goods store and is working on getting his GED.

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Age 20

Charles has himself involved in some risky business. His drug lord business has got himself making lots of money. He thinks he's living the high life, with his awesome car and huge house!

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Age 22

Wow! The NFL has led Charles to meet his wife, have kids, and live rich, famous, and happily ever after!

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Age 22

Shew! With an awesome tutor and some extra time spent after practice, Charles was able to pull it all back together! He graduates with his education degree and is hired as athletic director in the local school system.

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Age 20

After the diagnosis of never playing football again. Depression set in! Charles gave up on his schooling and is living on his friends couch, bumming money left and right, with no motivation to do anything.

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Age 20

Charles couldn't handle it. He has checked himself out of rehab and gets right back out on the streets selling drugs and relapses into using once again.

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Age 20

An undercover cop was investigating Charles' drug business and he was busted! Off to jail he goes!

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Age 22

The NFL has its perks, but man it can make a boy weak! Charles just couldn't handle the pressure from all of the NFL team's cheerleaders and got caught up in a cheating scandal, leading to divorce and the break-up of his family.

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Age 22

The bad grades really got to him and he was doing so poorly the coach put him on probation. He got so down, he decided the only thing he could do was quit!

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Age 22

Charles has graduated college with a 4.0 and has now been offered a position with the college football team.

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Age 22

Living on his friends couch, has actually paid off. They got him to get in gear, get a job, and start applying to colleges.

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Age 22

Charles completed his GED, went on to college, met an amazing woman through work, and they have decided to start a family together.

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Age 22

Well, he only thought making the big money, driving the fancy car, and living it up in the mansion as the big man on top of the local drug operation would make all of his problems go away. But, he found himself in trouble once again and this time he thinks it's time to try rehab before he loses it all.

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Age 22

With all of his focus on his academics and helping out with the high school football team, Charles has realized in the social arena of his life he has become quite the loner. All of his friends have moved on to the next chapter of their lives; marriage and families.... And he seems to be stuck trying to relive high school through the players he has been helping coach.

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Age 22

Charles' friends have kicked him out for never helping out and always being down on life. He has really hit rock bottom and thinks just getting off the grid is the answer. He's going to head out as soon as he get a few more dollars – but where?

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Age 22

Getting off the drugs seemed easy at first, but these withdrawals sure have been tough! He's really being tempted to start using again.

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Age 22

There is always someone higher up the chain – and Charles owes this one lots of money! He's scared about what he's hearing on the street. He's going to have leave town and lay low a while. That is going to be tough with no friends, family or money available!

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Age 22:

After some too close calls from his chaotic life, Charles has been clean for over five months! He's finally feeling like he just might make it this time!

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Age 22

After getting clean and finally beating the addiction, Charles has a job and is starting to make a little money. He has a couple of new friends he's met at his NA meetings and they love going to the casino. Unfortunately, his gaming skills aren't very good. He's sure he can win it back tonight!

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Age 22

Charles is being charged with multiple crimes from drugs and illegal gun trafficking, to transporting across a state line. He will be going to the federal penitentiary and spending a minimum of 9-12 years locked up!

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Age 22:

Spending a little time in jail was enough of a wakeup call for Charles! He's convinced he will do whatever he needs to never go back in there again! He's really ready for your help and support to start the right path!

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