

The Opioid Crisis and The Church

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1. Opiod overdose daily death rate average of _____ people.
2. In 2016, _____ Americans died from drug overdose.
3. Drug overdose is the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of _____.
4. The death rate is estimated to hit One Million by _____.
5. In 2016, the number of overdose deaths involving opioids was _____
_____ higher than in 1999.

The 3 Waves of the Current Opiate Crisis

6. Increased _____ of opioids in the 1990s by doctors.
7. The second wave began in 2010, with rapid increases in overdose deaths involving _____.
8. The third wave began in 2013, with significant increases in overdose deaths involving _____.
9. This is the main killer today, the fentanyl that is added by _____.

Treatment

10. Typical treatment uses drugs like Suboxone and Vivitrol that diminish _____ and _____.
11. _____ is a non RX drug that saves lives. Everyone should carry it around.
12. _____ experiment raised questions that addiction can be environmental, not just biological.
13. No matter what else we do, building healthy _____ is the most important single issue
14. Celebrate Recovery is a _____ Recovery program that functions well in churches. (<https://www.celebraterecovery.com>)
15. The Genesis Process goes to the _____ of why I do the things I don't want to do. (<https://www.genesisprocess.org/>)

Who We Are

Dave Sayers:

- ◇ Follower of Christ
- ◇ Recovery Director at Real Life Ministries, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- ◇ Owner of Coeur d'Alene Drywall
- ◇ Recovering Addict/Alcoholic
- ◇ Rides a Harley

Our Tribe



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- ◇ Follower of Christ
- ◇ Recovery coach since 2003 in Celebrate Recovery at RLM
- ◇ Special Education Teacher (Jr. High) since 2006 -MEd in ASD
- ◇ Recovering Addict/Alcoholic
- ◇ Is called Nana by 3 fantastic people



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Drug Overdose Deaths in America

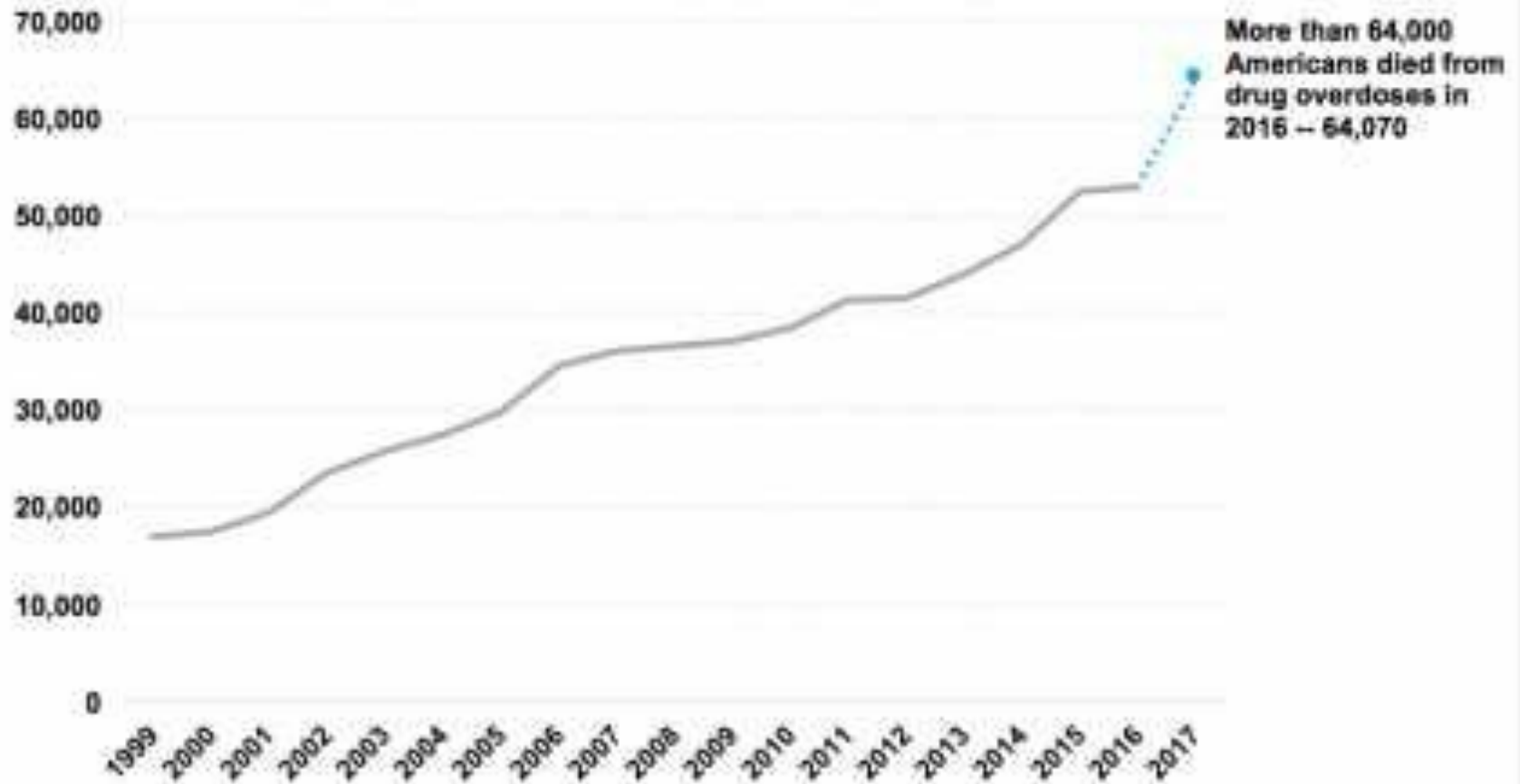
- Daily death rate average of 115-175 people
- In 2016, 64,000 Americans died from drug overdose
- Leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 50
- Death rate estimated to hit One Million by 2020

Children are the
silent victims of the
opioid crisis.

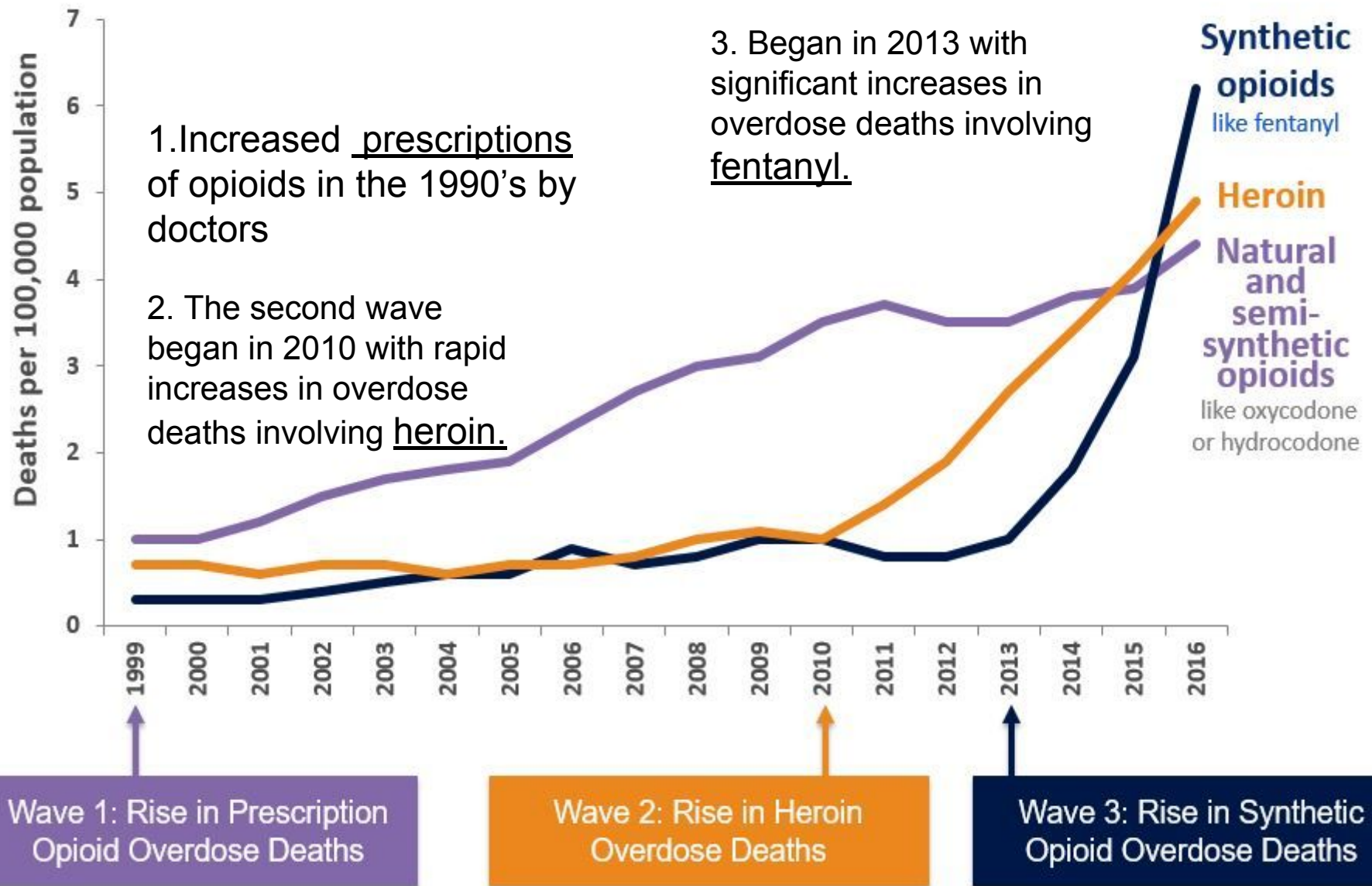


- In 2016 overdose deaths involving opioids was 5 times higher than in 1999.

Total U.S. Drug Deaths



3 Waves of the Rise in Opioid Overdose Deaths



This is the main killer today, the fentanyl that is added by drug dealers.

SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System Mortality File.

Did the FDA Play A Role in the Opioid Epidemic?

- ❖ FDA originated in 1906 in response to the Nation's Epidemic of Opium-derived drugs, including heroin and morphine
- ❖ FDA approved Oxycontin in 1995 with a label that made it appear less addictive than other opioids - that wasn't true!
- ❖ FDA allowed Purdue Pharma to market oxycontin as less than 1% addictive - that wasn't true!
- ❖ Doctors began prescribing opioids for chronic pain in record numbers
- ❖ Pharma fined \$600 Million+ in 2007 for misleading public, it was making \$Billions



Memorial on the steps of the Capitol building in West Virginia

How are we treating opioid addiction in America?



An orange circle with a slight gradient and a shadow, containing the text "Drug Maintenance Therapy".

Drug Maintenance Therapy

Pros

- Reduces cravings
- Avoid harsh withdrawal symptoms
- Can lead normal life

Cons

- Can be abused
- Is addictive
- Keeps the addict on a drug

Suboxone and Vivatrol that diminish withdrawal symptoms and cravings

Narcon is a non RX drug that saves lives. Everyone should carry it around.

What is Addiction? What is Sobriety?



Rat Park Experiment

Is addiction
environmental or
biological?

We think it is both,
we see addicts that
have healthy
environments and
relationships who still
struggle with walking
away from opioids.

No matter what else we
do, building healthy
relationships is the most
important issue.

What We Do In Recovery at Real Life Ministries

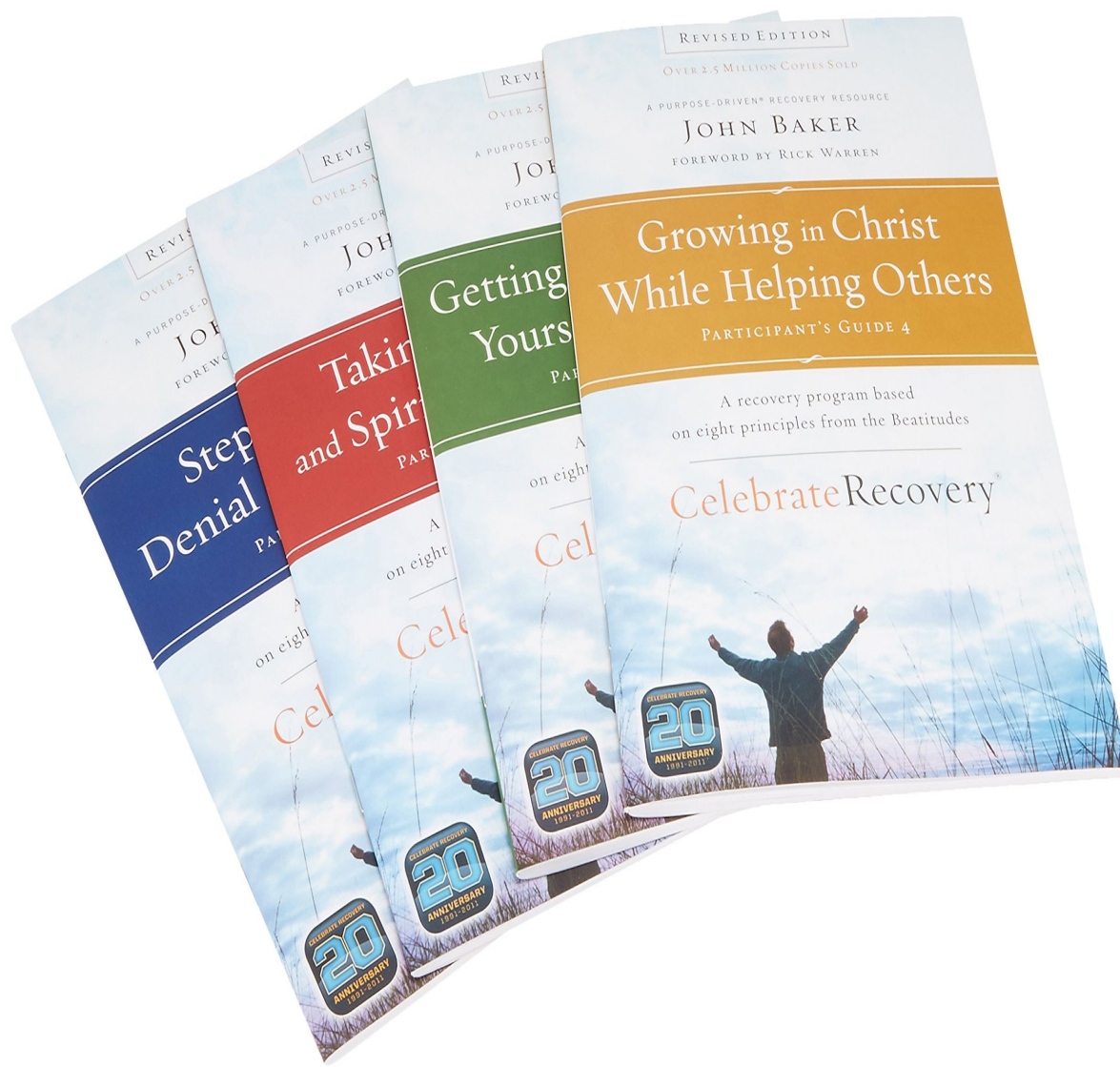
Our 4 Core Principles:

1. Being in relationship with God
2. Being in relationship with others
3. Being an active part of the Church
4. Honestly and humbly addressing our sin, brokenness, and temptation



What we Use?

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12 step program, begun in 1991 by John Baker under the leadership of Rick Warren. There are 4 booklets that contain the 12-steps with weekly lessons. It is a 7-12 month process.



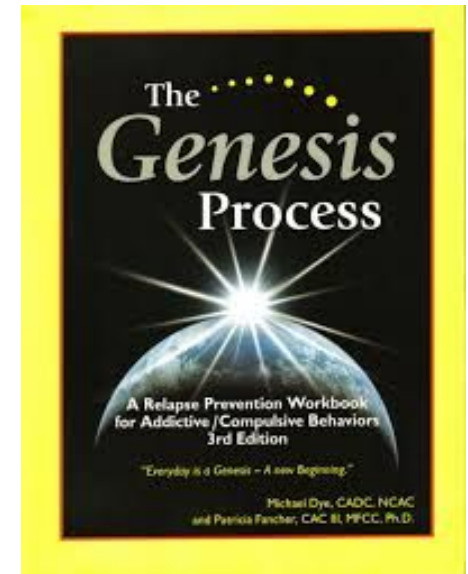
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3 DOORS
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The Genesis Process

The Genesis Process provides a Biblical and neurochemical understanding of what is broken and causes our self-destruction.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY WE ARE BEGINNING TO
UNDERSTAND WHAT IS BROKEN WHEN WE CONTINUE TO DO
SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIORS (*ADDICTIONS*).



The Genesis Process

Gender specific groups that meet weekly and work through 25 “processes” or lessons with homework. Therefore, the groups generally last 24-25 weeks or 6-7 months.

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.
Romans 7:15 (ESV)



Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Matthew 9:37-38 “Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”



Be Brave



“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9



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