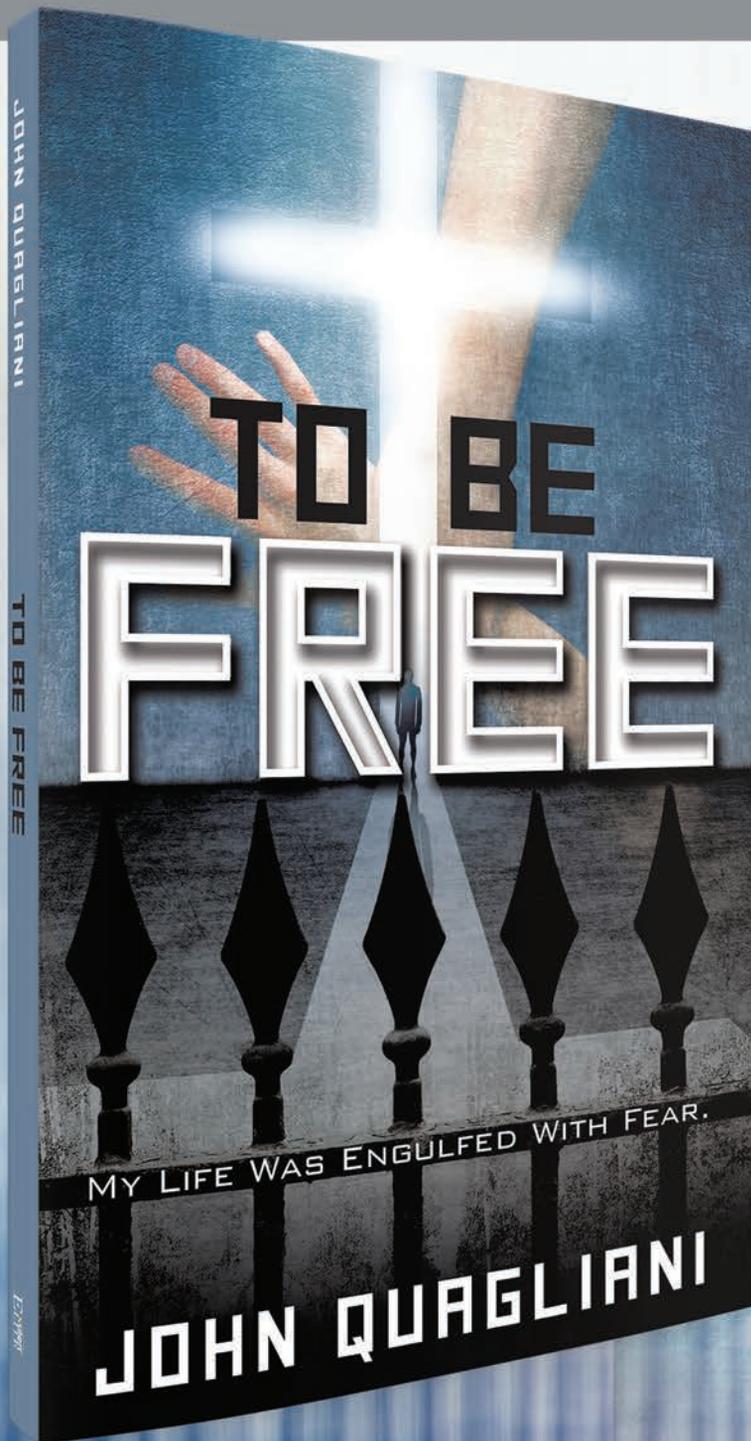


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JOHN QUAGLIANI

Xulon Press sat down with author John Quagliani to chat about his life, his faith, and his book, *To Be Free*.

XP: SO TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND.

JQ: I was born into a rough family; unloving parents, and eventually abandoned—left in an orphanage. I was sexually assaulted while at that facility. Around the time I was in the ninth grade, I went to Boys Town, and then later into the military.

When I got out of the military, I became an alcoholic. I was drunk every opportunity I had. I sedated myself with drugs because I was so mad at the world! I ended up becoming a serious drug user for seventeen years.

XP: WHEN DID YOU GIVE YOUR LIFE TO GOD?

JQ: Well, I remember the first time I stepped in a church: September 20th, 1987—my daughters fourteenth birthday—but I didn't give my life to God then. Around November of that year, I started feeling comfortable around the people there and really believing.

XP: YOUR BOOK IS TITLED 'TO BE FREE.' HOW LONG WAS IT AFTER YOU BEGAN BELIEVING THAT YOU WERE TRULY SET FREE?

JQ: I remember clear as day the first time I realized that I was free. It was a Sunday morning, I was forty-two years old and for the first time in my life, I felt joy-filled.

When I first got saved, I had a friend tell me: "You need to forgive people." To which I said, "Okay, I'll work on that." It took three to four months to get through forgiveness and get clean from drugs. I hadn't realized it, but God had been walking me through the forgiveness process. All of the sudden, I *knew* I was free. When you really just give it away and let Him be the guy in charge, you enter another realm.

XP: HOW DID THE BOY ABANDONED AT THE ORPHANAGE BECOME A "SELF-MADE", MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BUSINESSMAN?

JQ: I had \$30 in my bank account when I lost my job as Vice-President of Sales at a company and my wife said, "What are you going to do?" So I asked God, "Will you show me how to do this?" When you relinquish control and brainstorm, don't think inside the box. Let God think through you.

Readers of *To Be Free* will say to themselves: "I don't have to stay in the godforsaken pit. I don't have to rely on welfare; I don't have to rely on the government. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

XP: ANY LAST PARTING WORDS TO OUR READERS?

JQ: I want readers to know that if they are true to themselves, and let themselves be open, they can do anything they want to do with God behind them.

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