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**10/07/2017 at 19:00...Encounter...60minutes.** Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis co-host Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of guests in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. Their guest today is a man named David who was led to Jesus through Our Lady. David grew up in Toronto, Ontario in a Catholic family, although they didn't always go to Mass. He attended a Catholic high school where he was ruled by sin and addiction. He realized that if he wanted a better life he would need to follow the Ten Commandments, but couldn't seem to get through an entire day without breaking at least one. Then, David's mother asked him if he'd want to attend a Militia of the Immaculata retreat. He agreed and this retreat turned out to be very instrumental in the conversion of his life. He went to confession and consecrated himself to Mary. Although he felt changed from this experience, he fell back into his old habits again after this retreat. During his senior year of high school, he suddenly felt the desire to pray the rosary. He went to his room and prayed the rosary by himself, then began to cry tears of joy because he realized he was not alone in his room—Jesus and Mary were with him. David woke up the next day and realized his whole life had changed. He was no longer addicted to cigarettes. He began attending daily Mass and would count the hours until he could receive Jesus again. David felt a desire to become a priest and eventually became a friar. For the remainder of the hour David shared his experiences in his order and evangelizing others.

**10/14/2017 at 19:00...Encounter...60minutes.** Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis co-host Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of guests in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. Dan & Patrick interviewed John Ballou who runs the Steubenville Conferences. However, John wasn't always on fire for his faith. He remembers being a junior in high school, at a Confirmation retreat, and they were told to take a half-hour nature walk and pick up something that represented their faith. He remembers picking up a piece of bark. When it came to him, he said that bark on a tree is alive, but I got this bark from the ground where it is dead – just like my faith. After high school he was looking for something and was afraid to start college as he feared where college life might lead him. So he went to a retreat that was run by the NET team. He found himself in a praise and worship setting and people praying in tongues and thought he needed to call his mother to come get him as this was nuts. Then he looked across the room and there was a girl sitting there with her palms up saying over and over, “Jesus, I love you.” John realized that he had never said those words. He asked God to give him what that girl had. Several days later he went to Confession and bared his soul. He told God, “I'll do whatever you want me to do.” A short time later some NET team members approached John and said they were praying and believe Jesus wants him to be part of the NET team. Well after his prayer to God, John felt he couldn't say “no.” This was the life-changing moment for him. It's been 40+ years later and he's still on fire for the Lord and helping others to be on fire for Jesus. This past year the Steubenville Conferences ran 25 youth conferences, 3 young adult conferences and 5 adult conferences serving 60,000 people.

**10/21/2017 at 19:00...Encounter...60minutes.** Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis co-host Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of Catholics in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. After discussing the story of the woman at the well, their guest, Jim Beckman, shared his conversion story. As a child his family suffered many tragedies including a freak accident which left his father paralyzed from the neck down, the sudden sickness and death of his sister, and another sister born with cerebral palsy. His father had numerous health problems, had more than 30 surgeries, and was placed in a nursing home. When he was nine, Jim's mother had a breakdown and the children were all farmed out to different relatives. When they returned, his mother seemed depressed and was abusing alcohol. Then she heard an announcement at church for an Abundant Living seminar. She went to prove that it couldn't help her circumstances. Bitter and angry, she approached the speaker and threw her binder at him. He explained to her that everything he was speaking about, all the verses, were in the bible. She spent the next several hours sitting at a Denny's restaurant comparing the notes she'd been given with the bible, then fell to her knees and told God, “If you're real, I want you in my life.” She was transformed from that day forward and, consequently, her family, was also changed and received a number of miracles. After hearing a speaker on another occasion, Jim's brother received the gift on tongues which led to the conversion of their very bitter father.

During a seizure he had a vision of Jesus washing his feet and was completely healed and could walk. Dan and Patrick spoke with Jim in further detail about his conversion story for the remainder of the hour.

**10/28/2017 at 19:00...Encounter...60minutes.** Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis co-host Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of Catholics in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. After discussing what St. Paul said in his first letter to the Colossians about God's will in our lives, they announced their guest. Their guest today is Amber DeMatte, a stay-at-home mother of four, graduate of Franciscan University, and wife of Dan. She explained that in junior high she began trying to find out who she was. She tried to determine who she was through the clothes she wore, who she was dating, her friends, and material things. When she was a senior in high school a teacher began a youth group. One night sitting in a chapel with this group, Amber voiced that she wanted to know Jesus and wanted this to be a meaningful group—not just a group to attend meetings in order to go on a ski trip. She was in an abusive relationship and realized that she did not want to be a part of the relationship anymore. Growing up Amber felt she wasn't good at anything and didn't try anything because she was sure she would fail. As a young adult she continued to believe this. When she gave birth to her first child, Amber was determined to be the perfect mother. When she recognized that she couldn't be the absolute perfect mother she felt a darkness enter her life. She turned to God and rather than begging Him to "fix" her, she understood that she is made in His image and needed to first recognize who He is, that He was already helping her, and she recognized who she was in light of Him. In order to empower women and defeat the lies that the devil tells us, Amber got involved in an online prayer and exercise group. For the remainder of the hour, Amber shared how she began her own online group, the "Conquerers' Club," which empowers mothers to transform both physically and spiritually.

**11/4/2017 at 19:00...Encounter...60minutes.** Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis co-host Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of Catholics in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. After discussing the saints and how we need to learn about them but not idolize them, they introduced their guest. Brother Tommy Pialado, a Capuchin Franciscan, called in to share his testimony. He grew up in a loving family and from a young age was intrigued by his faith. Brother Tommy explained how he was intrigued by all the symbols of the Catholic Church. He was part of Dan's youth group in high school where he felt a part of the community of his parish. During his senior year of high school, he read Pope Benedict's book, "Jesus of Nazareth," and realized his intimacy with the Lord and wanted that same intimacy. He went on to college and had a fun experience partying and developing friendships, but also was deeply rooted in his faith and read many of Pope Benedict's books. His most invigorating experience in college was an independent study he did on the writings of St. Francis. Brother Tommy felt fulfilled in the intellectual life in the Church and, while he enjoyed partying, said it was extremely shallow. Feeling called to live as Jesus taught in the Gospels, as St. Francis did, Brother Tommy desired to become a Capuchin Franciscan. For the remainder of the hour he shared his experience with recognizing his call to the priesthood.

**11/11/2017 at 19:00...Encounter...60minutes.** Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis co-host Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of Catholics in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. On today's show Dan is sharing his individual testimony of the journey that brought him to where he is presently. Growing up his family went to church every week. His mother was a devote Catholic and his father was complacent, attending Mass, but not participating in the Mass. He attended Catholic schools and was instructed by female teachers, leading him to believe that Jesus was for women. Many of the students in his class took pills and were cutters, and many of these youth sought Dan for help. His mom told him Jesus was his strength, so he tried to lead his classmates to Jesus. In high school, he attended Mass and was a member of a Catholic youth group, but was also living in the flesh. His two goals in high school were to go to Notre Dame and to excel in wrestling. During his senior year, within weeks of each other, Dan lost his match at State wrestling and received a rejection letter from Notre Dame. When he read this letter, he fell to his knees and prayed in front of the crucifix in his bedroom. At that moment, he could sense Jesus asking him, "My love for you cost me my life. What has your love for me ever cost you?" He realized he was disengaged from the loving relationship Jesus was offering him. Even though he didn't yet love the Catholic Church, Dan signed up to be a missionary for Net Ministries. He had a deep devotion to Mary, but didn't believe in the Eucharist. His youth minister gave him an encyclical by Pope John Paul II and told him to give a talk at a mission on Mary and the Eucharist. Once he read the encyclical, he realized and believed in the Eucharist. When Dan received Communion with full faith, he felt an outpouring of graces and had an intense desire to lead souls to Jesus. He felt the desire to become a missionary not just for one year, but for life.

**11/25/2017 at 19:00...Encounter...60minutes.** Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis co-host Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of guests in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. After discussing what God intended for us when He created us, they introduced their guest, Bart Shoots from the John Paul Catholic Healing Center. Bart shared that he grew up in a Catholic family and went to Catholic schools. He is the youngest of seven, and his dad left the family when Bart was only five. He had a deep hatred for his father and channeled his energy into sports. In college Bart left the Catholic Church—his god was college football. After being confronted by a few girls he had hurt, he realized the effects his actions were having on others. He prayed to God that if he was real to reveal himself. His friend asked to go on a weekend retreat and Bart agreed to go. Some of the speakers deeply impacted him, including a repented politician who had been unfaithful and reminded Bart of his father. He felt the Holy Spirit's presence and God telling him that he is his father and he loves him. That was 29 years ago. For the remainder of the hour Bart shared how he reconciled with his father and how he has served Jesus Christ since this powerful experience.

**12/2/2017 at 19:00...Encounter...60minutes.** Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis co-host Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of guests in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. After Dan and Patrick discussed several verses from the bible about darkness, sin, the Truth, and living in the light of Jesus, they introduced their guest, Kim Zember, who overcame a homosexual lifestyle. She was raised in the Catholic faith, receiving the sacraments and going to church every Sunday. Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Kim felt sheltered by the Catholic school she attended. In high school she never had a hard time getting a boyfriend, but getting a girlfriend was a challenge. Although she was attracted to men, she felt drawn to having a girlfriend and was sucked in by a particular relationship. She became "secret friends" with a girl that was rumored to be a lesbian. Kim said she felt a craving for intimate female relationships after high school. She continued to attend church although she was secretly engaging in relationships with women. During this time, she also dated men, but struggled to give her heart completely to one man in particular. After praying for God to show her her heart, she was shown Africa and remembered that as a child she felt a desire to help those on that continent. While there this man proposed to her and she agreed to get married because she felt fulfilled by helping others and vowed to quit engaging in relationships with women. After being married for only a couple months, she cheated on him with a woman. Although he wanted to work on the relationship, Kim knew it wasn't right and sought a divorce. She continued to date women. In October of 2014 after a woman she was dating cheated on her, Kim surrendered to God and told him she was His and for one year she vowed not to date anyone. At a retreat she experienced a man prophesying over her and was transformed spiritually. She left feeling purified and with a hunger to grow in her faith. She now attends daily Mass, conferences, and adoration and goes to the sacrament of reconciliation regularly. Kim admits that she still feels attracted to women, but she chooses God because the beauty of Him is far greater than that lifestyle.

**12/9/2017 at 19:00...Encounter...60minutes.** Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis co-host Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of guests in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. After discussing the power of God's forgiveness, Dan and Patrick introduced their guest, Rachael Muha. Rachel's ministry, "Run the Race," was launched after a major tragedy in her life. She has two sons and lives in Columbus, Ohio. They attended a Catholic church and schools, were very close in age, and were best friends. They both attended Franciscan University. While her son Brian was at college taking a summer class, he and a friend were murdered by two inner-city men who wanted to see what it was like to kill someone. Rachel explained their week-long search for her son when he went missing and the heart-breaking moment she and her son Chris were told his body had been found. Because of her faith, Rachel was able to forgive Brian's killer before they even found his body. At the trial the family was given the opportunity to speak to these two men. Rather than explain to them how they affected their lives, Rachel explained to them how what they did affected their souls and told them how to get to heaven. They also explained to them the power of the rosary and let them know they would be praying the rosary every day for them. One of the men broke down and cried while the other remained tough. Since then Rachel has begun her ministry, "Run the Race," which gives scholarships and opportunities to inner-city youth in order to change the outcomes of their lives.

**12/16/2017 at 19:00...Encounter...60minutes.** Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis co-host Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of guests in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. After discussing Revelation 12, they introduced their guest, Peter Burak, founder of ID 916 Young Adult Ministry. Peter was raised in a strong Catholic home, going to Mass every Sunday and praying the rosary regularly. At eight years old after being told he could no longer play sports because of a condition he had, Peter handed his life over to God. All of his

suffering was given to God with the personal mantra, “God is real and He loves me.” In high school Pete felt like he was living two separate lives: a Christian life at home and a non-Christian life at school. He was ashamed that he couldn’t own his faith in front of his peers. After rejecting his faith three times when a priest asked the congregation to stand if they had a relationship with Jesus, he had a “come to Jesus” meeting with his parents who questioned who he really was. After that talk with his parents, Peter decided to no longer be ashamed to show that he was a follower of Jesus. During college orientation, Peter experienced a senior preaching to a group about how he felt all pro-lifers were crazy. He prayed to Jesus to be given the courage to stand up and defend Him if it was His will. Peter stood up preached the Gospel for about five minutes, and upon the conclusion, the senior conceded. For the remainder of the show Peter shared how he met his wife and began his ministry, ID 916, which sends members to parishes to preach to young adults about their faith.