



Dwight Owens headlines as speaker at Forrest CWC

HATTIESBURG – Inmates at the Forrest County Community Work Center heard that being knocked down doesn't mean their future will be worse than their past.

Dwight Owens, who suffered life-threatening injuries at the age of 23, shared his inspirational story as the guest speaker.

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INSPIRATIONAL Speaker Visit

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An Awesome & Impactful Experience!

Forrest County Community Work Center was honored to welcome motivational speaker and author, Dwight Owens, who shared his incredible story of survival, perseverance, forgiveness, and triumph with the men at the facility.

“ DWIGHT’S MESSAGE OF “STILL STANDING” REMINDED US THAT BEING KNOCKED DOWN DOES NOT MEAN BEING DEFEATED. ”

ADVERSITY DOESN'T DEFINE YOU - YOUR RESPONSE DOES!

STILL STANDING

A POWERFUL MESSAGE OF...

- ✓ **PERSEVERANCE** - Keep pushing forward no matter the obstacles.
- ✓ **ACCOUNTABILITY** - Take responsibility for your choices and your future.
- ✓ **POSITIVITY** - Change your mindset, change your life.
- ✓ **PURPOSE** - You have a purpose, your past does not define your future.
- ✓ **SECOND CHANCES** - It's never too late to make a better choice.

The men were attentive, engaged, and inspired by Dwight's testimony and the way he continues to live with purpose, impact, and determination.

Thank you, Dwight Owens, for sharing your story, your strength, and your message of hope!

FORREST COUNTY COMMUNITY WORK CENTER IS PROUD TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES THAT INSPIRE GROWTH, CHANGE, AND SUCCESS!

DWIGHT OWENS' STORY

In 2005, at the age of 23, Dwight was in a horrible car accident. After only 2 years of teaching, a 72-year-old drunk driver crashed into Dwight's vehicle and his life was changed forever.

Dwight stayed in the hospital almost a year through life support, ICU, and rehab fighting for his life. He is a miracle!

Dwight had broken bones, punctured lungs, a broken back, brain trauma, a severed spinal cord, and a lifetime of paralysis ahead of him. He is permanently paralyzed from the waist down.

Dwight coded immediately after the accident and the doctors gave him no chance to survive. But survive he did, and what could have become a life of depression, self-pity, and bitterness has instead transformed into one of uplifting courage, self-reliance, and forgiveness.

After surviving life support and an entire year in the hospital, Dwight found the courage to turn tragedy into triumph, and he has become a motivational speaker sought after nationally.

After a two-year interval filled with countless surgeries, medical setbacks, and a grueling rehabilitation regimen, Dwight was restored to sound health and looking to make a contribution to the world. He was approached by several churches, school groups, communities, and rehab organizations and asked to tell his story.

“ YOUR PAST MAY BE PART OF YOUR STORY, but it does not have to be the end of it. ”

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