

# Grateful Ray's Interlude

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So, the last time I got high  
I got high for, like, five days straight  
I was peaking  
Went home - stumbled home  
To my little basement apartment  
And I cried there for, like, five hours  
Next thing you know  
I start making ends  
I get clean  
I'm hitting, you know, thirty days - sixty days  
And even though I was getting clean  
I kept hustling  
The thing is, you know, hustling clean and responsible  
My - the whole thing flourished  
So, I'm making, you know, a few hundred dollars a week  
To five hundred - a thousand a week  
To ten thousand  
To, like, thirty - forty thousand a month  
Back then, I'm - I'm thinking I arrived  
And it's cool when there's a lot of people around  
And when I'm having barbecues in my big house  
When people are on my boat  
When we're at the boat club  
But when people would start to leave  
I would get that "voidy" feeling  
My whole life, I thought the problem was that I was poor  
I was a drug addict  
Now, I'm not  
I got money and I'm clean and I'm living that quote-unquote "life"  
I was still miserable, bro  
Deep down inside, I was just miserable  
And I always believed in God  
I didn't know who Jesus was, none of that stuff  
I didn't know, like, the Gospels  
I just always believed in God, since I was a kid  
It was me in this big house by myself  
I say  
"Yo, whatever it means to give my life to You, I want to give my life to You  
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And I said this - I said  
"I don't know if I'm going to be walking around with a Bible under my arm or  
what that looks like, but I'm done"  
And I went upstairs - I fell asleep  
I woke up and became the guy you know today  
Stopped cursing - stopped hustling  
You know, all the stuff that comes from that sinful life  
That was the real - the GOD moment  
You know what I'm saying?  
The Spirit of the Lord was upon me, I guess, right?  
Like, thinking about it...

23 years clean, my boy?!

23 joints including weekends