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# GOD'S CHURCH

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## IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS



Jesus Loves You! As we move into October, we thank the Lord for all the blessings He has given us as the body of Christ. Normally in October, God's Church and God's Ranches would be out in the community, working events such as the Annual Phelan Phun Days which we have been a part of for the last four years, and of course due to COVID 19, that event was cancelled. We would also be coordinating with community agencies and other local churches in the community to put on trunk-or-treat for the kids, but this is 2020. We know God is on the throne and trust that He has a purpose and a plan for everything, even this, and that He will cause even these times of peril and uncertainty to work out for His Good and His Glory, to the praise of His Glorious Grace. I look forward to the time that we as the body of Christ will be able to fellowship together as Christ has called us to and be able to be His hands and feet in the Community reaching out as beacons of light and ambassadors of love to the

hurt, the broken, and the lost, as well as to all whom Jesus places in our path. God is still using us in a vital capacity through our discipleship ranches. We are open, and we are still receiving men and women seeking to build a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The process is slower, we are quarantining men for a couple days when they get here and are only receiving one or two at a time, and the Women are requiring COVID testing, but we are still welcoming men women and children into our Ranches and loving them and Disciplining them in Jesus Name. The LORD is providing for us too. We thank those who have been praying for us faithfully, and for those who have made contributions to our Ranch during these difficult times. Please continue to pray for God to use us as vessels to reach the lost, the broken and the hurting. Pray for our nation that God will provide us a cure or Vaccine for the Virus soon, and please pray also that God will continue to provide all of our needs at the ranches. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support.

JESUS LOVES YOU!

### Psalm 1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.<sup>3</sup> And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.<sup>4</sup> The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.<sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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# Word of our Testimony

I originally came to God's Ranch in October of last year. My original plan was to do my 60 day commitment and bounce into a phase 2 program (like Joshua House). So I handed Miles the letter, and that was the last I heard from him. I figured the closed door was God's way of saying He had something better in His plans.

After completing my original 60 day commitment, I fell into diabetic complications that would eventually lead me to becoming a right leg amputee. Being an amputee can really mess with your head; from the phantom pains that ache in areas without skin and bone, to going through the grieving process of losing a body part, to how it can and will change the rest of your life.

I already know God had better plans for my life, and as I get ready to step into those plans. I must thank the Father for giving me the courage to walk (every day), instead of wallowing in self pity and defeat. God brought me to this point, so I know he will bring me through not only this trial, but any and all others as well. That way, He alone gets the praise and the glory

As I board the bus for Kansas City, Missouri next Thursday, I take with me a band of brothers, stronger than any I've been associated with (including the military). But, in the words of Michael W. Smith... Friends are friends forever, if the Lord is the Lord of them. I already know this group is going to do

amazing things for the world of the kingdom advancement. And I plan to do my share, as well.



—Gary McDonald

I come from a good family. They aren't perfect and like every family we all have issues. My problem was trying to use those issues of mine to play a victim role. It lead me to thinking the world owed me everything. I like to call this my stinking thinking. I didn't realize I was sad, confused, and all together lost in my way of life. When I truly came to Jesus Christ I was a broken creation using God as a vending machine, praying only when I needed or wanted something. I had no clue as to how damaged I really was, thinking I had faith and doing good deeds was enough in my Creators eyes. I was 27 years old when the hard drug use started, trying to unknowably numb the hurt and defeat I was feeling due to my own demise. Now God does have a sense of humor sometimes with the way He will bring you back to the righteous path, or show signs that He is with you in your muck and mire. This lasted five long years, being on the streets of Upland, CA on meth, hanging with a crowd I never

thought I'd be around. I recently tried to fix my life at 33 years of age. I tried Set Free knowing nothing about it. That is when I met my fiancée, a God-fearing woman and we have two beautiful daughters that God has blessed me with. So I am a new Dad. I had issues come up that led me right back into the streets of San Bernardino, CA. I fell once again, telling myself that I could fix it—No, I was very wrong. My pride said, "I'll never go to the ranch." But God said, "Oh yes you will!" There I was, afraid, and feeling hopeless as a dad. So, to God's Ranch I went. It was to the point where my only way to succeed was through my Father. Now this is how good God is, and how great His love and Mercy is in our lives. We can't outrun Him, it's a fact I must share with you the Church and the body of our Redeemer. He has given me everything, and my eyes have been opened wide to his wonderful splendor. These gifts have been a family to learn from and to teach as well, the answers to some of the questions I have had, and a sense of purpose. I know now and have comfort in knowing that everything that I have been through isn't for nothing. It's been all for great reasons and led me to this point right here, right now. So I leave you with this ladies and gentlemen:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV)

Seek him diligently, and you will find your sense of purpose. May God bless you all.

--Byron McCauley