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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS



“You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.”

(Psalm 91 5-6)

Jesus loves you! We are excited as we move past 2020 and into 2021 about everything the Lord is doing in us, through us, and to us. No matter what 2020 brought about, God is in control. We may not know what the future holds but we know Who holds the future. God has blessed us immensely and he uses us each and every day as his hands and feet reaching out to a world lost in the darkness. We are doing things differently because of COVID-19, but our doors are open. We are still receiving men and women into our discipleship ranches who want

to commit to sixty days to separate themselves from the world and its daily temptations and begin to live the life that God has for them. We continue to be a blessing in community helping out with moving, handy-work, and yard work. Whatever the Lord has for us to do we are here to be a blessing. Our food ministry is still active and we are able to be a blessing in the community feeding the hungry residents of Phelan. As we move forward into 2021 we are excited about God's provisions toward bringing the virus under control, including home test kits, vaccines, and new medications and treatments that have dramatically lowered the fatality rate and are helping to move us into a time when we will be able to do more and more for the kingdom of God while keeping the men, women, and children in our Discipleship Ministries safe. For more information about God's Ranches or for intake interview, please call (760) 868-3805.

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Walk in Love, Light and Wisdom (EP 5)

Happy New Year! As we enter into a new year in the Lord it is important to remember to walk in Christ's Example. "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children" Ephesians 5:1 We walk in Love And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" Ep 5:2. Jesus taught us how to love, He laid down His life for us. It is important that we love our brothers and sisters in Christ, not just in Word, but also in action, by sharing His love, and meeting their needs. We walk in Light Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (Ephesians 5:7-14) We used to live a life that was corrupted by our sinful flesh, but now we are new creations in Christ and should put off the old lifestyle with its old ways and put on the new self full of truth and Spiritual Truth. Old things have passed away behold all things become new. Instead of living for our own pleasure we live to worship Him. We walk in Wisdom Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Ephesians 5:15-17) We have wasted enough time in our lives living foolishly with foolish decisions. Now we must know what God's will is. His will is for us to lead others to Him. As we move into the new year instead of making a "new years resolution" we hope that you experience a NEW LIFE in Christ! **JESUS LOVES YOU!**

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Word of our Testimony

Testimony ---Michael Mc Andrews

My name is Mike McAndrews and I am from San Diego, but for the last two years I have been living in San Clemente. I started using alcohol and marijuana in my early teens and started using hard drugs in my twenties and thirties. I quit using drugs when I was 42 years old. During this time I was working a lot of different jobs. My father was an alcoholic and when I was I kid I swore to myself I would never become a drunk like my dad. But I too became a full blown alcoholic by the time I was forty. My mother was a God-fearing Christian woman and she did her best to teach my two brothers and I about the Lord when we were kids. So I knew about the Lord at an early age but I chose to run around and get into trouble and drink and do drugs. In 2010 I was baptized and was serving the Lord. I was clean for five years before I relapsed. I started drinking again and my life started to go downhill. In July 2020, I came to God's Ranch and blessed out in September but when I left instead of getting plugged into a good church I started drinking again, and my life got out of control real quick. I ended up in the hospital for a week with alcohol poisoning. After leaving the hospital three days later I came back to the ranch and I was so glad that I did. I know now that God has other plans for me. I just need to start listening to him.

Michael Mc Andrews

Testimony—Sarah Springer

Without God, someone might wonder if there is a God at all. My life before I found the Lord was like watching a silent movie, things would happen and sometimes you saw a visual but didn't

really understand what was going on. As a single mother, I worked two jobs, but was still living with my mom. My parents were divorced, my mom remarried, and my Dad became a heroin addict, living out of a van. I tried hard to give my son a stable life until he turned five. Then my mom passed away and I had lost my footing in life. I needed money and couldn't support Luke like he deserved. So my sister took him for a while until I could figure it all out. God knew all I was doing, it was all bad, selling weed first. I got enough saved to get my own place. But personally, my life was falling into a pit-depression, anger for my mom passing and no self confidence. I completely fell off the deep end. I overdosed on pills twice and I still didn't seek God's help. Relationships of abuse and neglect and losing my son slowly crept into my thoughts. I sold more drugs, getting into situations that for sure I was bound to get arrested for. Everything was out of control. One day while on probation for grand theft auto an officer asked me who I was. I gave him a fake name and boom! I was locked up for the first time in my thirty-five years of life, eight months was my sentence. Let me tell you, when they say God puts you into trials so that we can get closer to Him, they weren't kidding. There I sat, no one to talk to but sinners, thieves, killers. Liars and addicts. Nowhere else to turn and then my boyfriend sent me a Bible. He told me he would leave me if I didn't take God seriously. That was it. There I was, sitting in jail reading my Bible and when I called my fiancé he offered me the opportunity to go to the Women's Ranch. Let me tell you I denied it twice thinking I didn't need it. Then the Lord gave me no other choices. So then I got out and went to the ranch. At first fear struck me be-

cause I was in a new place. But after getting deeper in the Word with my sisters and knowing just how much God wanted me to do good. I opened my heart and emptied my hands to Him. Do you want to know what the Lord did? He gave me so many blessings I couldn't think straight. He gave me a relationship with my son again. My fiancé and I are now getting married and my sister is finally proud of me. God gave me wisdom to not sin and now I fear the Lord and have never been happier. I am confident that my spirit is of God and it seems endless. The possibilities I could have being with a man who loves Jesus and loves me, something I never thought possible—having a new family to take care of and more children to help raise. Only God and this ranch were able to give me that. Learning to love myself and being able to solely focus on just me is what the ranch can do. God lead me step by step and sixty days with the sisters of the most high helped me greatly. It's not just a discipleship here; its learning to grow with the Lord and produce good fruit, having a chance to get to know other Christians in this house with God motives is something I never had before. Now not only is God a good friend of mine but these ladies are too. God blessed me because I fully trusted in Him and gave it all up. It's a beautiful thing to trust in the Lord and to die to my sin.

1 Sam 25:6

Dan 9:4

Luke 2:14

Acts 17:25

1 Tim 1:17

1 Peter 3:18

Sarah Springer

