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# IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS



JESUS LOVES YOU! As we continue into 2021, into the month of March we are privileged to serve the Lord Jesus and be about his business, here at God's Church and God's Ranches. While our in person services have been on pause due to the Pandemic our service is broadcast live each week. Join us every Sunday AM for Praise and Worship, Testimonies and Bible teaching. We are at <http://www.facebook.com/godsranphelan>. We look forward to fellowship with you online every week.

Our ranches are still open and still receiving people from various walks of life who are distressed by life's crises who are willing to commit to sixty days to separate themselves from "the world" and its daily

temptations and begin to live the life God would have for them. For many individuals the Ranches are their first real exposure to Jesus Christ. Many open up their hearts to the Lord and begin a relationship with Him at God's Ranches. Others use this time to learn, grow and draw closer to Him. Things are a bit different because of the Pandemic but if you or someone you know is in need of help, we encourage you to pick up the phone and complete an over the phone intake interview. The Women's Ranch requires a negative COVID test, the Men's Ranch does not generally require a test but sometimes will depending on the situation. At the Men's Ranch new intakes quarantine for a period of 72 hours. For more information or intake interview please call us at (760) 868-3805.

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## Trials and Temptations (Jas 1:2-12)

<sup>2</sup>Count it all joy, my brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> when you fall into various temptations, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> Let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.<sup>5</sup> But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, without any doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed. <sup>7</sup> For that man shouldn't think that he will receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.<sup>9</sup> But let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his high position; <sup>10</sup> and the rich, in that he is made humble, because like the flower in the grass, he will pass away. <sup>11</sup> For the sun arises with the scorching wind and withers the grass, and the flower in it falls, and the beauty of its appearance perishes. So the rich man will also fade away in his pursuits.

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# Word of our Testimony

Testimony—Anthony Patchin

Good morning. Hi my name is Anthony. I am 31 years old. I can say by the grace that God has shown me, he has pulled me out of some pretty dark times. Always knowing there was a God. I was so blinded by worldly things. Filled with so much hurt, never feeling loved, feeling abandoned, losing my mom and dad at a young age to drugs and being raised by my grandparents that abused us mentally and physically. I would act out for attention. Suspension after suspension (from school) , expelled four times, and then Juvenile Hall. I was following in my family's footsteps. I was out on my own when I was 17. I got my first felony a week later after I turned eighteen. I gave up on life. I started hanging around people that I called "friends" that were using drugs. Before I knew it, I was using with them. I felt like it filled a void that was missing with all the wrong things. I felt a sense of belonging finally, someone that cared. The lifestyle I was living was going to take me down a dark road, and it did from selling drugs to using every drug in the book. Felony upon felony and pushing everyone that did care away. I was isolating myself from the world only to find out I was looking at twelve years in prison. God showed mercy. I ended up doing eleven months, and all I could think about is all of the wrong doing and hurt I caused people. I did not want to be the same person I had been. I was sure that I was done with that lifestyle. I found myself homeless and on drugs. Then I finally had enough. I started going to NA meetings with the willingness and desire to want better for myself. For the first time in my life, I had a little over a year and a half off of hard drugs. Because I had that gift of desperation, I was able to get off of probation. I held

down a career with the Carpenter's Union for a little while, over a year. I have reliable transportation. I know my Lord Jesus Christ was there the whole time. I truly feel that he place people in our path for a reason. I feel like God brought me to God's Ranches to strengthen our relationship. I have come to realize that I can't live life without Him. I just felt in my heart that this is where God wanted me, and I am learning so much here. 1 Peter 5:8 tells us, "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the Devil walks about like a roaring



lion, seeking who he may devour." See I find truth in that. I truly feel that the Bible is basic instructions before leaving earth. With that being said, I am here to do God's will, not my own. Thank you Tommy , Vance, Rick, Jeremiah, Rob, Billy, Tom, Chris,

Andrew, Brett, Lou and Country, for being great disciples and showing the way. Thank you also to all my brothers in Christ. You all helped strengthen my walk with the Lord.

Thank you.

Anthony Patchin

Testimony—Anthony Manzanerez

My name is Anthony Manzanerez. I am a thirty-five year old alcoholic. Well my testimony starts at an early age, so I'll keep it brief. I was born and raised in Riverside, CA. I lived in a small neighborhood which wasn't the best, so it was kind of easy for me to get mixed up with the wrong crowd, even more so because half the neighborhood was related to me. I always wanted to fit in and hung around all the older people, mostly cousins that were distinctly street. I started drinking about middle school, basically just partying. Slowly over time I realized I was being consumed by alcohol and with the night life. Eventually that led me into a deeper and dark place. I definitely was lost looking for all the wrong things in even worse places. I was getting into extreme amounts of trouble. I was sent to live in Hemet trying to fix the wrong in my life, but I was still holding on to my past. I finally realized it. It took numerous bad experiences for me to figure out what I was missing. GOD!!! He is the key. Now with him I'm being transformed. I am not a soldier or a slave of the streets any more. I'm in God's Army. With the tools of God's Ranch I am finding my salvation through his word. Thank you.

