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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS



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Summer time is here and the Lord continues to do a mighty work in us, through us and to us. As the body of Christ God uses us as willing vessels to be beacons of His light and ambassadors of His love reaching out to the lost and hurting and sharing hope with the hopeless. God's Ranches of the High Desert offers discipleship ranches for both men and women (including children). God's Ranches serve to help participants to learn to surrender their lives to Jesus and to begin to live the life that God has for them. The Ranch programs allow participants to separate themselves from "the World" and its daily temptations and have a time set apart for focusing and growing in the Lord. Our programs are available to all those who are distressed from the many crises of life, including but not limited to substance abuse, homelessness, loneliness, or total lack of self discipline. Many "programs" in the world teach 12 steps, what we offer at the ranch is One Step-Jesus! By building a relationship with the Lord and welcoming Him into our lives we experience heart transformation and life transformation. The Word tell us in Ezekiel 36:36, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give

you a heart of flesh." For many participants, the ranch programs are their first real exposure to Jesus, some welcoming Him into their lives for the first time. Others use their time here to draw even closer to the Lord.

Our Bible Studies emphasize the saving power of Christ, forgiving our sins past, present, and future, God's Grace, and His Love. We emphasize prayer, fellowship, and Bible Study, key components for a successful relationship with the Jesus-if you lose one, the others quickly follow. We teach work ethic and self discipline by waking up early, following a regimented schedule, and by sending disciples out on work blessings in the community. We encourage the men to share their faith with others through daily testimonies as well as outreach opportunities. We remind disciples daily that no matter what Jesus Loves them (Romans 8:38-39) , we encourage them that they have a future and a hope in Christ (Jeremiah 29:11), and we remind them that no matter what circumstances they are facing to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus! (Matthew 14:30) . If you or someone you know is struggling with life's crises or would like to take a break to spend sixty days drawing closer to the Master, sitting at His feet and feasting in the LORD, please call (760) 868-3805. Jesus loves you!

Parable of the Loving Father

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. (Luke 15:11-24 NIV)

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Word of our Testimony

Testimony—Tonatiuh Iniguez

Well, where to begin- back at it again. For the fifth time. Praise God. For someone that's me who knows God's word and believes in Jesus Christ, I sure do know how to lean on my own understanding. I do the complete opposite of what God's word tells me to do, act, and follow. I am a drinker or should I say former drinker. I am actually cautious. Actually I don't even want to say former but I finally believe that my next drink or binge will kill me. If I came in horrible this last time, lost two very close friends who took me into their home and I disrespected their home. Next which is the biggest for me, I may have lost my best friend. That one I had to leave her at the cross. Because only Jesus can fix that only with prayer. Now, every time I have been here, I've had an agenda, motive, always have. It was my nature. Now, right now, I have lost almost everything but still have an opportunity to finally fully serve God. Don't get me wrong, I am going to do whatever is asked to me, but I finally understand finally why Mary sat at Jesus feet. Here I have a wonderful blessing and opportunity to sit at His feet. That means something. I would be distracted by the world and my possessions and God took all that away from me. I am broken and have nothing and no one except my mom and pop but even they're keeping their distance from me as well they should. So now right now Jesus/God can finally use me. I feel like He's been waiting 38 years for this moment and to tell me the truth I am very excited about what is to come for me. Best part is I have no freaking idea. It's awesome. Thank you Jesus! Tona this is YOUR last chance to save your life! If you do not surrender, I mean fully surrender, then Mama is going to bury her son... Conquer your demon! With Jesus. Amen Tona Iniguez

Testimony—Gabriel Rossa

I am a new Christian. I guess I was a Christian when I was younger, but Mormon actually, but as I got older I fell

away from the church. I started using drugs, committed crimes and just doing ignorant stupid stuff. I started getting in trouble and eventually at 16 years old, got arrested for the first time, and put on probation. I didn't like any of it, but for some reason that I did not stop me from doing more stupid stuff. As time went on, I kept to my stubborn stupid ways, and I kept going to juvenile Hall. Then eventually I was 18 years old and well I went to jail. Now I'm a felon with a strike and still on probation. I've been incarcerated twice as an adult and I'm only 19. All these stupid decisions have a major negative impact on my life present and future-wise, but it all had to take place in order for me to wind up here at God's Ranch. Now I went to the little meetings on Sunday every time I was incarcerated. I'd pray, sing do whatever was going on in the moment, but it was only for show really; To look like I found God, just keep doing what I had to do to get a good disposition, or to look good in court. It was all fake! But now I've only been here for a few weeks now, but here I honestly feel that I am creating and building a relationship with the Lord. I honestly have not felt the way I do here now ever! I still have my off days but that's human. But I for some reason have been a lot happier here than I went out there, before I came in. I wasn't sure about it. I planned on just giving it a week, walking the program, and go back out and tell my PO something I'd make up, some excuse. I'd give her clean test and wing the rest. But now that I've been here and stayed instead, I honestly feel blessed everyday. I'm not concerned about getting high or what I'm going to do tomorrow. My family has been relieved of a lot of stress. My girlfriend who takes care of our kids doesn't worry about me. She's actually happy that I'm here getting better and proud of me. Her mom who is basically my street mom is proud of me and I got to see my girlfriend and our babies and not feel all sick and twisted inside from being high or anything in front of them, because that does cut me up inside. My kids seeing me high even if they're too young to know what is going on. These are all blessings in

themselves and honestly I have to think nobody else but the one responsible for all these things and that's God! It is Him who put me here, Him who made all these things transpire and now that I'm here reconstructing it building my bond relationship with Him, I can honestly that I know in my heart that it was Him and he is real without a doubt in my mind. I have never felt so strongly. I don't know what else to call it but the Spirit that's here. God surrounded me by these men, overseers and brothers for a reason, and I am grateful for that. Everything is getting better and that's because of God and this is my testimony.

Testimony Theo Trujillo

before I came to Christ, I wasn't in a good place. I would always build up my life, get to a point of contentment and end up losing everything. Usually, my addiction was the cause of most of the problems in my life! I now realize that I was just covering up my problems with substances and trying to numb feelings I didn't want. As a teenager I started drinking a lot and experimenting with drugs. By age 15, I was in juvenile Hall, taken to a boys home and had to stay there for a year. By 18, I was going in and out of jail and I really just was not caring about anything. So until now I hadn't really changed. I've been going in and out, the drugs got worse, the addiction progressed, and I've been to around 10 programs. My relationship with those I have loved has suffered. I have ruined relationships and I haven't been there for those who need me. I realized that emptiness; that feeling, trying to fill that hole in my heart was never going to work. Through God, I now feel like I am comfortable as myself without substances. God gives me the strength to face my problems sober. I now feel like a new person thanks to God. Before I came, I felt pretty hopeless, like my life was pretty much done. I now feel like all things are possible. God has given me hope. I now wake up rejoicing that I have been renewed in Christ.

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