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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS



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God is so good all the time. We are so blessed to walk in the calling He has called us to and the purpose He has given us. As we are moving through the summer God continues to meet the needs of our ranches. Thanks to the generous support we were recently able to make significant improvements to our living conditions, including the purchase of thirty new mattresses for our Men's Ranch. God's timing is perfect too because we are filling up. God has been increasing our numbers, that His Name may be glorified in peoples lives. Our church is

growing also! We look forward to a time when we can rent the community center here in Phelan again to hold our services (It's only available right now at half capacity-we wouldn't fit!). So moving forward into August, we pray that the Lord continue to bless us in supplying all of our needs and some of our wants and to continue to draw in the lost, those distressed by life's crises who need the Master's touch at work in their lives.

If you or someone you know is distressed by life's crises, we may be able to help. For more information or for intake interview please call (760) 868-3805.

God's Peace, Power and Provision (Phil 4:6-19)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.



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Word of our Testimony

Ruth's Testimony

I knew about the Lord when I was younger, but I started separating from God and just started to do whatever I wanted to do. I didn't really care about anything and I noticed that I started to become really distant with not only God but also with my family. I would sin a lot and be careless. When I got to God's Women's Ranch I reconciled with God and started to learn about things that I did not know, like how much he unconditionally loves me. God started giving me peace and serenity. I started taking things more seriously. I started to care about things and also about my family; also my relationship with God. I feel like I changed a lot because I am more talkative and expressive with God and also other people. My future plans are just to continue being a good follower of Jesus Christ and also be more humble and more loving toward my family. I also want to start attending church if it is possible, also just to help out my mom anyway I can. I also want to get my GED and start working and keep my ways on a straight path—focus on God and then my family and everything else. What I stand firm on in the Bible is Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you a future and a hope. 2 Cor 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new.” Amen

Testimony Alex Ahumada

Well to start off I have been successful and always had a job and money to survive up until I started using drugs. The drugs have ruined my life and I have lost everything that I had going for myself. I have always believed in God all of my life, but I separated myself for awhile. I was using drugs. I was mad at the whole world because of my own mistakes. I have lived in the streets and God had been there with me for the whole time. I was jumped and stabbed and left for dead bleeding out and God rescued me and got me to the hospital

and I was saved! I separated myself from God but he never left me. I am alive today because of his grace. I was losing my mind, going crazy on drugs and he locked me up in jail prison so I could sober up and get my mind right because if I had not I would have gone completely crazy. But by God's grace I am still alive in my mind is still good. I had nowhere to go and God placed me here in God's Ranch so I can get closer to him and walk with him so I can get my life back in order and stay sober so he could bless me the way he had been blessing me all of my life. So I'm going to complete this program and move on with my life is start over. But this time I will continue to walk with God and do great! Alex.

Testimony Jeremiah Napier

This is my testimony. It started in high school when I would ditch school to get high and drink because it was cool parentheses (lol). Then after high school I started working. Actually I dropped out of school in the 10th grade, started working, and went and got my GED. On the weekends I would go party at a friend's house and stay the night. It started with drinking only on the weekends. Then after awhile it went to drinking and cocaine, but still only on the weekends. I got my first DUI at age 18. I rear ended a parked minivan on the 15 freeway. I passed out behind the wheel. I still did not learn. I got another car and moved down to Chino while drinking became more and more cocaine turned into meth and for seven years I was a meth addict. I had my son at the age of 27. I quit meth for him, but I turned into a worse drunk. I got my second DUI and went to jail. Now I wasn't there for my son or my girl which became my wife shortly after I got out. I quit drinking, got an apartment, and was doing good for a while. But then I started drinking again. I was good for a while but I got worse and worse up until seven

years ago, my wife finally left me because of my drinking and cocaine abuse. Again now it was more often than not. That devastated me so I kept drinking and the cocaine was a daily everyday thing. I lost my job, my house, my car, my son, and my wife this went on for two years. Now I met this girl at Stater Brother's and we hung out for a while and moved in together and I saw myself doing the same thing again. So at that moment four years ago I said to myself no more I'm not doing this again! I'm not going to make the same mistake twice. So I quit. When I did my lady fell into her addiction. Now I'm sober and she is not! Now in my sober time, I started going to church and taking the whole family, when I could. But a lot of times, she was so high we just stayed home. Now at all this, I felt sorry and ashamed because it was like payback for everything I ever did. And I realized why my wife left and I forgave her. Now me and my girl had been together five years. She is good and falls good and falls getting better every time, but I feel that I cannot give up on her because someone gave up on me and it hurt and made me worse. Now I started leaving and drinking every time she got high until it got to where I was drinking regardless. My new family, friends, and brothers pointed me here to the Gods Ranch. I made promises and swore to get better for my family and brotherhood that I will learn the word of Christ to use it to help others and my girl and my family and others along my path as God wants me to. So that's why I'm here. I'm my own will and will not walk until I am done and ready to go home and take care of my family the right way, because I am a leader of my household and Lord almighty is my leader. Amen.

—Jeremiah Napier

