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**IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS**



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God is good all the time. 2021 was quite the year and as we move into 2022, we are yet again in the Pandemic. So far the men's ranch has been blessed not to catch COVID. The Women recovered from COVID last January. As we move into 2022, please pray for a hedge of protection around our ranches and our church as we continue to navigate through the Pandemic. Even though we have to do things a bit differently, we are doing them and to the praise of His glorious grace we are thriving as a a ministry. So while things are a little different moving forward, we are excited about what God has for us in the coming year. As it stands, we are not planning to shut down church for several months like we did last year or to stop taking intakes or anything like that. We are trusting Jesus! We are continuing to have our Sunday services at our Men's Ranch. Come join us for Praise, Worship, Testimonies, Prayer and

a powerful message from Pastor Rico every Sunday Morning at 10 AM at God's Church—4751 Nyack Road in , but if you can't make it , you can always join us live on facebook. Either way we'd love to have you be a part of us. For more information or directions, please call 760 868 3805. As we enter 2022, we are excited about the privilege of advancing God's kingdom through outreach. This Christmas day we partnered with brother Gabriel Mejia and the Dream Center to be beacons of Christ's light and ambassadors of His love to the people of Pomona sharing love, fellowship and food with the homeless and hungry there.. Our men had a great experience and are looking forward to more opportunities to reach out. Please stay connected with our newsletter and our facebook page to find out about upcoming outreach activities. We look forward to being out in the community, sharing Jesus. For more information about God's Church, our Discipleship Ranches, or Outreaches, please call (760) 868-3805. JESUS LOVES YOU!

**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 be- come 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 a r i s e f r o m t h e d e a d ,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 way sand 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



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I started getting in trouble as a teenager. I became a ward of the state and I was in and out of juvenile hall and group homes until I became 18. Growing up without a positive role model I had no idea nor interest really in adulting, only in having fun. And for the next 13 years if I wasn't incarcerated or in some rehab or a program then I would be homeless wandering the streets. There would be times I would couch surf with family or friends or whatever girl showed interest in me at the time, but my drinking always inevitably really burned those bridges and back to the streets I would go. I got comfortable with it. No responsibility, no one to tell you what to do. I fooled myself into thinking I was free, when in reality, I was wrapped up in so much bondage of alcoholism, drug addiction and fornication that I couldn't stop even if I wanted to. And for a long time I did not want to do. God started calling me fairly young. In juvenile hall in fact the time between then and now ,it's been me running from calling or just slowly drifting away from it. I was distracted by so many of the other things in this world that pull our attention and affection. Each time I went back to my old ways, it got worse and worse. My mental and spiritual state was under constant torment and stress. I was lost. Then, My last time I got ranch something happened. God gave me a new mind. Where I once thought the world and people were against me and I wasn't worth it or good enough, God broke that stronghold on my life and changed it to the opposite. People are for me and have been all along and through Christ, I am worth it and I am good

enough. And though I'm back again from another mistake, I thank God for a new heart and mind. I will continue to seek his face.

Justin Buseth

To me, it's been wonderful journey because I Eric Fernandez have completed Set Free Lake Elsinore and I was blessed out and went to the second phase. It was truly a blessing to me. God is working in my life. And he is working in my ministry. My fiance was in her muck and mire so as a man in Christ I took a step back to help my fiance out and to get her here. I do good work helping the love of my life. But I had to learn to put God first. It is good to know that I have been here before around good people. My fiance and her mother introduced me to the Set Free church. I am truly blessed to be here with you and my brothers in Christ. So it is a blessing to help my brothers knowing that I completed a program like this. Thank you father and brother for the light of Godliness you have put in my life as I continue to be a work in progress.

—Eric Fernandez

God is so good. He is always faithful to his promises. He has taught me that He is my peace, that I could always go to him, no matter what I am going through, and He will be there for me. I never have to face anything alone because he will never leave me or forsake me. God is my strength when I feel weak. He has also shown me that it's not only the bad times that I should fellowship with him, but to remain in contact with him even

during the good times and to always be thankful to him for all that he blesses me with each day. To be content no matter what is going on knowing that God is in full control. He is helping me in giving him my life, my heart and my full trust in him. I love you Lord. Thank you for loving me, leading me, and your forgiveness. "Perfect love cast out fear." Amen

—Kara Leffler

Thank you Lord for sending me to God's womens ranch. I learned a lot more about Jesus and the word of God. Doing two Bible studies a day and doing gospel hour has taught me more about the way people lived in those times, the food they ate, the clothes they wore and how they worship. Also watching the movies has helped me to visualize the whole story about what happened before and after Jesus was born. I've been reading more of the Bible since I've been here. I'm even remembering what the scriptures say. I am learning more about how to speak to people and how to change my thinking. I had a problem when I first got here with trying to shut my mind down when I go to bed, but I've learned to pray the stupid thoughts away. I have a hard time sleeping at night and have for a long time. Praying is the only way I can clear it so I can sleep. That's part of the peace and quiet that is here at the ranch. I've learned that I am more grateful for what I have and I don't worry as much as I did before I came here. I am still trying to learn the armor of God but I am getting the verses down.

--Theresa Williams