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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS



August was a blessed month and we are looking forward to an exciting September in Jesus! We are excited about our baptism and communion service, on September 1st and are looking forward to Family Day on September 15th. Family Day is a potluck so remember to bring your favorite dish!

Men and Women in our discipleship Ranches are blessed and privileged to have the opportunity to sit at Jesus feet and feast in the Lord. God's Ranches provide a place for men and women to separate themselves from "the world" and its daily temptations and begin to live the life God will have for them. Our days consist of immersion in the Word of God, with group studies in Proverbs, Scripture Memorization, Daily Bible Studies, Devotions as well as Daily Chapter studies to allow disciples to apply the scriptures in their daily Christian Life. These ranches are an excellent place to begin and build a relationship with our Savior and Lord, King Jesus. If you or someone you know is afflicted by life's crises and needs help call 760

868-3805 for intake interview or more information.

The Men and Women of God's Ranches love to give back and be a blessing in the community. We are beacons of Jesus' light and ambassadors of His love. We reach out to the community almost everyday, and all year round through our work blessing ministry. Our men and women work hard daily being a blessing performing yardwork, painting houses, helping people move, and even tree service—all done with the love of Jesus! Best of all, we work for donations only so that we can be a true blessing. Isn't that what Jesus calls us to do? For more information or to schedule a blessing please call Brian at (760) 961-1431

Come join us every Tuesday at 1PM for our weekly bread giveaway. First come first serve. Our bread giveaway is held in front of Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal, MI, 4232 Phelan Rd. in Phelan. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information about our bread giveaway please call (760)868-3805.

Scriptures to Reflect Upon

Romans 15:1-2

We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. (NLT)

Mark 11:22-25

Then Jesus said to the disciples 'have faith in God . I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea, and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. But when you are praying , first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your father in heaven will forgive your sins, too. (NLT)

2nd Corinthians 1:4

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. (NLT)

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Word of our Testimony

My alcoholism began when I was 18 years old. I was living with my dad, and I would drink from his bottles of tequila when he wasn't around or when he'd be passed out and drunk. I'd drink to not feel the pain of seeing my dad constantly drunk; to numb myself. I would also be smoking a lot of weed when I started drinking heavily back then. I moved out of my dad's place to live and study at San Diego State university shortly after, but I dropped out after a month there because I still had thoughts and emotions welled up inside of me from the experience I had when I was living with my dad. I kept drinking and smoking weed after I dropped out. I had moved back with my mom and would spend most of my time on the streets with friends or even by myself to drink or smoke. I would never maintain a steady job because I wouldn't show up. I'd rather ditch to be with friends or by myself to smoke weed or drink or do other things. My mom would kick me out and I would move in with my aunts or uncles or friends or even back in with my alcoholic dad. I was always moving from place to place because I would constantly get kicked out because I wasn't being responsible with going to work or because of my use of weed and alcohol. Smoking weed would make me lazy, and I would just want to listen to music or watch movies or spend time on YouTube. Alcohol on the other hand made me easily irritated, angry, violent, belligerent, all that bad stuff. I have been in and out of rehabs, general hospitals, mental hospitals, and jail because of my substance abuse. I have almost died on several occasions because of my alcohol abuse. I have burned many bridges. I have destroyed many healthy relationships because of my alcohol abuse. There came a point where I stopped smoking weed because I couldn't feel much of a kick out of it anymore, plus it was pricey, and so I began to focus more and solely on alcohol. Cheap, strong

beer from 7:11 would be my go to. 211 and hurricanes. I have always drank with the intention to get a hard buzz because that would numb me. But it would always end up with me wanting to fight someone, or hitting things around me, or yelling, or I would black out and wake up somewhere not knowing how I got there. So, I have been battling with alcoholism since I was 18 and also battling with negative thoughts and emotions. I've always failed miserably when I've tried to quit. I always end up drinking again and getting into problems. I don't care too much about myself because of my low self-esteem and low confidence and depressive thoughts. Each time I drink I know that I'm killing my soul little by little. God's still has me around for a reason. What it is I'm trying to figure out but in the meantime, I am learning it much as I can about His word. By reading the Bible and listening to other brothers here at the ranch. God's Ranch. I've had a lot of great happy moments here that have helped me a lot in keeping a positive mindset. It's been a long time since I've felt this good around people. And this brotherhood some days are hard for me because of depressive thoughts but overall, much greater days than bad. I appreciate everyone here. I've been blessed to live at the ranch so far. I will overcome my weakness because I "can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". Philippians 4:13.

--Gabriel Velazquez

My journey started when I was nine years old period I only had my birth dad, because my birth mom died from drugs when I was a baby. My dad passed when I was nine years old. First experience I had losing someone close. When my dad passed, I came to Victorville to live with my aunt and uncle. They took me in as their own

and I started calling them mom and dad. I gained four siblings, two sisters and two brothers. But they were a lot older than me by 20 years. I grew up my whole life in the high desert and graduated from high school out here. I had to grow up fast though because I had had my first kid at 20 years old period I moved to Las Vegas and had a baby girl. I lived there for about two years and moved back to many people and me and the baby mom went out our own ways. I started drinking when I was 21 in Las Vegas but it wasn't out of control period I ended up meeting someone new at 23 and had a second kid a boy at 24. I started drinking a lot more but only beer. Me and baby mom number 2 ended up having a second son when I was 28 but we split up fast. I started drinking vodka and moved in with a party crowd period from 28 to 34 I was a roomie and just living the party alive. My mom died when I was 35 and it hit me super hard. I started getting tattoos everywhere and drinking every night. Six months later I lost my dad and it got worse. I had my own house by then but I have always been in my kids lives. Me and my kids all have a good and healthy relationship. I did know about god my whole life, I would baptize at 12 years old period I became a teacher in 2012, I decided I needed help in 2022 but I relapsed. In 2024 I came to God's Ranch. I'm about to finish my 60 days here and I believe with God on my side and the good support system I have I will make it this time period I have a loving family and a girlfriend who supports me and I'm going to stay away from alcohol this time. I've met good brothers here. Big help.

--Jacob Sedillo

