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“...By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love for one another.” *John 13:35*

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## Chaplains in the Island State of Hawaii

by Dave Harvey

It was five years in the making, but we now have two Cowboys For Christ Chaplains in the great state of Hawaii. The LORD worked everything out to make it possible, as my wife and I had been working on a trip to Hawaii to visit our son, who is stationed there in the Air Force. Once things slowed down and the holiday season was coming, we were able to catch an inexpensive flight to Oahu and I called Chaplain trainee, Henry Lindo to get all of the details worked out for him and his wife, Zhantell's Ordination service. The LORD greatly blessed the timing and the entire program, as I was so blessed to share GOD'S WORD in the morning service at Kaunakakai Baptist Church, which is located on the island of Molokai. Molokai is one of the islands of Hawaii and about 60 miles from Honolulu. Henry serves as Pastor of the church and is very active in outreach ministry on the island, especially in the cowboy world. And Henry and Zhantell have headed up the Cowboys For Christ Kuuhana Chapter there for a number of years. The



Dave, Zhantell & Henry Lindo, and Jimmy Duvauchelle

Ordination service was scheduled shortly after the morning service to allow many family members, friends and other pastors to attend who were busy during the morning service time.

The Ordination service was held in the beautiful tropical church courtyard, and everything was set up by the many workers that included a shade covering for the attendees. The fellowship hall

porch gave great shade for the abundance of island food, for which the great state of Hawaii is so famous, and which was served after the service. I again was blessed to share a message of serving our Glorious LORD and closed out the service with officiating at the Ordination of our newest Chaplains and the first for the island state. Hawaii has a long history of ranching and cowboys, which are called paniolo. And Zhantell's father and grandfather has just recently been inducted into Paniolo Hall of Fame of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council.

Jimmy Duvauchelle, another lifetime Hawaiian cowboy and inductee into the Paniolo Hall of Fame attended the service. It truly was an honor and a great privilege to be a part of such a wonderful happening in such a beautiful part of the world with such wonderful people who really take the LOVE OF GOD to another level. Please be in prayer for Henry and Zhantell Lindo and their great work on the islands of Hawaii, and all of our Chaplains as they go to share the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST to cowboys and cowgirls; all across this nation and anywhere and everywhere they are called.



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Chaplain Jesse Bowman, Mary Bowman, Kevin & Robin Warren



**Cowboys For Christ Visits  
Glory Reins Ranch**  
by Chaplain Jesse Bowman

On September 11, 2022 Cowboys For Christ was invited to Glory Reins Ranch in Farmville Virginia as part of the weekend “Hoedown” fundraiser. The weekend activities at Glory Reins Ranch sponsored a Cowboy Church on Sunday morning and invited Cowboys For Christ to participate. Owners Kevin and Robin Warren operate Glory Reins Ranch to help individuals recover from the trauma of physical and emotional abuse and neglect. The focus of this Christ centered ministry is using our Creator’s majestic and wonderful horses to demonstrate Christ’s love in order to reach the lost and to help Christians grow. The focus of the ranch is to place hurting hands into the hands of Jesus, the ultimate healer. Saturday’s “Hoedown” was a success, which included a dance on Saturday evening and breakfast followed by Cowboy Church on Sunday morning. An enthusiastic crowd gathered in the barn Sunday morning and enjoyed a delicious breakfast. Sandy Kohut played the guitar and led the group in singing hymns. Cowboys For Christ Chaplain Jesse Bowman shared the message of God’s word. Many folks picked up Cowboys For Christ brochures, bumper stickers and copies of the Christian Ranchman from the display table. Several Bibles were requested and prayed over before being placed in the hands of those having

need of a Bible for a lost friend or relative. “I was so blessed to be able to visit Glory Reins Ranch, to meet Kevin and Robin, and to share the message from our Holy God with those gathered”. “My wife, daughter and sister also attended and talked about the hospitality shown us by Kevin, Robin and their family most of the way back to our ranch in the Northern Neck of Virginia. We are praying for the continued success of the Kingdom building work being accomplished at Glory Reins Ranch. You can learn more about the efforts of Glory Reins Ranch by visiting [GloryReins.com](http://GloryReins.com). Left to right Jesse & Mary Bowman, Kevin & Robin Warren, Delaney Bowman & Sandy Kohut.

**Ordination Service of Tommy  
Hutchins and Tony Ramsey**  
by Chaplain Tommy Tutt

The Cowboys For Christ chapter Cowboy Bible Fellowship was very honored and humbled to be a part of the Ordination Ceremony conducted at the Robertson unit of the TDCJ Sunday November 6,2022. It is truly awesome to see what God is doing there. He certainly has strong followers of Jesus Christ in place in that unit in all parts of the administration, personnel, and population. Cowboys For Christ now has two new Chaplains in place in the Robertson unit. They are Tommy Hutchins and Tony Ramsey. Truth to be known these two are satan’s worst headaches. Tommy and Tony both have put the growth of God’s Kingdom foremost in their daily lives, which is certainly making a big difference in the Robertson Unit.

It was a letter from Tony to our leader Dave Harvey that was forwarded to me that got me started in ministry at the Robertson unit. Both Tommy and Tony have been part of the leadership of the Body Of Christ on the unit. The fact that God has good obedient folks in the right places is quite evident in the leadership of the Robertson unit. Chaplain Miguel Ramos is very much all about the Spiritual Growth of the men on the unit. And my feelings about Warden Cosby is that she truly feels only Jesus Christ is able to rehabilitate anyone. Her attendance to the Ordination service and support for the Lord’s work on the Robertson Unit certainly means a bunch to us and to the inmates. Present at the Ordination Ceremony was Warden Cosby, Cowboys For Christ Chaplain Tina Perkins, and ten of the leaders of the Body of Christ on the unit who all laid hands on the two and prayed over Tony and Tommy. We all certainly praised God for the desire He has placed in both men’s hearts to be obedient to Him and dedicated to the growth of God’s Kingdom. I do thank Tina for her participation and presence in the ceremony and for the donuts that she was allowed to bring in for all to enjoy. Christian Soldiers are truly marching on and the Kingdom Of God continues to grow Praise be to God. Thank you, Dave for all you do and God Bless you and Cowboys For Christ. Chaplain Tommy Tutt

Warden Jennifer Cozby, Anthony Ramsey, Tommy Hutchins, & Chaplain Tommy Tutt



## *The Muck Bucket*

by Karen Meisner

What? The “muck bucket” what a title for a testimony, but it’s for the Christian Ranchman and they understand a muck bucket is a necessary item on a rancher’s inventory. With only one horse I have one on a cart with wheels and I go back and forth from the faucet with fresh water to the corral. Yesterday when I went to fill it in the morning, I saw something in the bottom and when I turned it over, it was a moth motionless on the bottom side wall. I picked it up gently and it flew out of my hand and into the woods. As I walked back into the barn I thought, “this was your best day little one” because I was thinking that the moth had zero chances of getting out of the bucket without someone saving it. And I had zero chances of getting out of eternal damnation in hell without being saved, but “Praise Jesus” the gift of eternal life was offered and explained to me. I accepted and admitted my hopelessness without Jesus as my Savior. It may sound corny, but think about what I said, what the difference between a muck bucket and a Rolls Royce without Jesus. Hebrews 9:27 Happy Trails, Karen

## *Testimony*

by Donald Pruitt

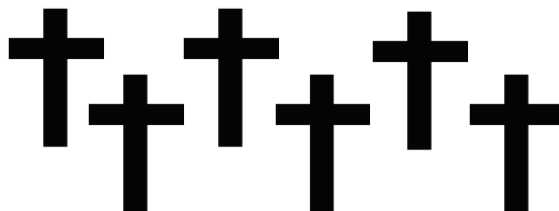
Greetings, I just read your “Christian Ranchman” front to back. I’ve got to say, I enjoyed it a lot. Let me give you a short version of my testimony. I came from a broken home. My father was murdered when I was 7 years old, a drug deal gone wrong. My mother was an alcoholic/drug addict and my step-father was an abusive workaholic. My uncle was a biker like my dad and he was a meth dealer, so following their lead, a young boy as I was, I just got hooked. I followed my uncle around, wanted to be like him, because he was like my real dad. I hated my step-dad and mom.

After I turned 13, I ran away for the first time, to my uncle’s house in Banning California. I began stealing cars and

helping cook meth. I met a girl older than me by 12 years when I turned 17, we had kids and married. Back to Texas, selling meth for my uncle here in Burger Texas. At 20 I robbed a store and a preacher was beaten and left for dead. I got busted for this and got 7 years’ probation. It lasted one year and I got busted for manufacturing, delivering and possession, which revoked my probation and I got sentenced to 55 years aggravated and have to serve 27 1/2 years before I’m eligible for parole. I’ve done 22 1/2 of those years.

I came into prison a gang member, mad at the world and God. But, through KAIROS and Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo, and Pastor Larry Miles, I began to change and it was not an easy road. I ended up in administration segregation for gang activity. After 4 years in solitary confinement, I gave up the gang life and became a Christian. I renounced my membership and began Bible Studies, got out of seg, got baptized, went through a faith-based program and I’m working on an Associate Degree in Pastoral Ministry through ICCS.

I come up for parole in 2027 for the first time. I plan on becoming a Chaplain myself in hopes to come back in to help minister to the younger generation. The youngsters coming in are taking over the system and they seem more lost that I was. But, if no one tries to reach them, they’ll leave this place worse than what they came in as; that’s a fact. I counsel the best I can now, but they’ll listen more to someone in free-world clothes, than someone wearing white. Don’t get me wrong, I’ve helped a few and will help some more, I’m sure. But volunteers are scarce these days. So, there’s my story in a nutshell. I hope to get on your mailing list to receive the Christian Ranchman. God bless you and your ministry. Donald



## *Letter*

by Juan Navarro

Hello, my name is Juan Navarro and I am an inmate at Pekin Federal Correction Institute at Pekin Illinois and I have finished the three Bible studies. I want to thank you all for all that Cowboys For Christ does for all the men and women behind these walls. I personally like the drawing on “The Ride” that was enclosed with the Bible study booklets. For I feel that our Lord and Savior sought me and found me when I strayed and got lost. I come from Grand Prairie and worked at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth for many years. I would often pass by the Cowboys For Christ office on my way to work at JPS Hospital. I have informed my family, and they can’t believe it. I had always told them that one day I would just stop by and get more information on Cowboys For Christ but never did. Not until I came to Pekin Illinois! My Lord works wonders daily. Ranching and farming is in our family; unfortunately it ended with the death of my grandfather. But my father and I still hold dear the stories of the good ol’ days. Would it be possible for Cowboys For Christ to send a pamphlet and The Ride to my family in Grand Prairie? Even the Cowboys For Christ newspaper would be a blessing to them, as it is to me. Thank you so much once again for helping me on my walk with our Lord Jesus Christ. I am excited to receive my Certificate of Completion. A very personal accomplishment and something that my parents will be very proud of. Thanks to Jesus, I have come a long way, changed my heart and mind, and have been reborn shedding my old me, and becoming something new. **(Editor’s note: The family was sent The Ride and added to the Christian Ranchman mailing list)**

## ***Letter***

From Devion Hamilton

Dear Cowboys For Christ, Seven years ago I got my first paper from you. Inside said paper was a letter from the devil. I can't remember the issue number, but it was a very powerful letter. I would like to share it with other believers. The letter said something along the lines of "you really are the dumbest person I have met; I hate you" and I was wondering if you could send me a copy of this letter. Please respond when you can. Sincerely, Devion Hamilton

***(Editor's Note: the following is the letter that he was referring to)***

## ***Letter from Satan***

By Larry Harris

Dear Fool,

I just wanted to tell you how proud I am of you. It was this morning I saw you wake up without thanking God for another day of life. What I loved more than anything is that you did not ask God to protect, help and guide you or your family throughout the day. On top of that, you did not bless any of the meals you ate today, nor did you pray before going to bed. You really are so ungrateful and that is what shows me that you belong to me. I am so glad that you have not changed your way of living. Did you know that all the years that we have been friends that I don't even like you? To tell you the truth, I hate you, just like I hate God!

I am only using you to get even with God, because He kicked me out of heaven. I know that God loves you and He has great plans in store for you, but you have yielded your life to me and I'm going to make your life a living hell. I love that it hurts God to see me destroy your life, because it shows Him that I'm the real master over you and not Him. You and I go way back and we have had some really good times together, such as, telling dirty jokes, watching dirty movies, cussing people out, gossiping, stealing, lying, lusting, cheating, skipping Church

and even stabbing people in the back. Hasn't it been a lot of fun? You surely don't want to give all that up, now do you? I have got hot plans for your life as long as you continue to follow me. You are so gullible and easy to deceive. You make me sick!

I laugh at you when you are tempted to sin and give in to me. Sin is beginning to take a toll on your life and I love it! You are starting to fall apart and I need some new blood, so I think I will now go after your children. It makes me so happy when they see you sin, because you are leading them straight to me. By the actions that you are showing your children, I'm going to have them hooked in no time. Please don't ever tell them that you love them and don't ever tell them about God. Keep them far away from the Church as possible. Tell them they are stupid, ugly and will never amount to anything. This will make my job easier.

I want them to be just as foolish as you. Well fool, I've got to go, but I'll soon be back to tempt you again. If you had any brains you would run to God, confess your sins and live for Him. This is just a letter of appreciation from me to you, thanking you, for letting me use you, for most of your life. Don't get me wrong, because I still hate you! What I do not understand is how God could forgive and still love a stupid fool like you.

P.S. Please do not ever share this letter with any of your family or friends, because they are dumber than you and I want to keep it that way.

Love, Satan

**By Larry A. Harris  
For The Glory Of God**

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## ***A Horse with a Heart***

By Chaplain Steve Richmond

I don't know if you have ever heard a barrel racing champion, a cutting horse champion, or a reigning champion, or any other equine event champion being interviewed. After winning a championship a rider will most of the time want to give the credit to their horses. Usually they'll say something like "My horse has so much heart" or "my horse gives me all of its heart." "Without this horse giving me all that it has we wouldn't be champions." Everyone wants a horse with heart. What is the definition of a horse with heart? I think that the definition of a horse with heart is a horse that may not have the greatest confirmation, or it may not have the greatest blood-lines. However, it wins more, achieves more, and it goes beyond every one's expectations. A horse with heart does more things well, and goes above, and beyond then it should be able to. It reaches deeper, and gives more than it should have within itself to give. It has the capacity to know what you want. It loves its job and it loves to please. A horse with heart may even seem depressed or sad if it thinks that it has let you down. Horses with heart are hard to find. They don't come up for sale very often because if someone has one, they don't sale them. If they do sell them, then they don't know what they have or haven't been able to make that connection with their horse. You have to be careful with a horse with heart because sometimes it's hard to tell if they are hurt or injured. Most of the time they will go on in spite of pain or injury.

There isn't any magic wand you can wave to get a horse to give you, its heart. You just have to take the time that it takes to build that relationship with the horse. It may happen and it may not. Not every horse will be willing to give a rider or owner everything that it has. There's no button you can push. There's no trick to make a horse give you, its heart.

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## *A Horse with a Heart Continued*

The horse just has to want to have that partnership with you. If you ever find or have a horse with heart then you will be way ahead of any competitor you may face in whatever event that you are competing in. This kind of horse will help you achieve more than you ever would be able to without one. You could go to the greatest barrel racing, cutting horse, reigning horse clinics, or train with the worlds best trainers. But if our horses are not willing to make that commitment to us, we'll never be as great as we could be with one that will.

Now I'm not writing this today to help you find a horse with heart or give you clues on what to look for in a horse to know if it is a horse that has heart. Nor am I writing this to give you ideas on how to get your horse to give you it's heart, to tell you anything about training your horse, or how to work on building your relationship with your horse. I'm writing this to tell you that Jesus is wanting you to give your heart to Him. Just like we all want a horse with heart, He wants our hearts. He wants disciples with heart or disciples that will give Him all their hearts. Without us giving Him our hearts, we will never achieve all that God has planned for us. We will never reach the goals that He has for us. There are no championships in and for the kingdom of God in our future without us giving our hearts completely to Him. There has to be a giving of all that we are to Him. A willingness to trust Him and giving our all when He cues us in life and ministry. Jesus doesn't make us give Him our hearts. He doesn't have a magic wand to wave over us. He leaves it up to each of us to whether or not we will give our hearts to Him. He can't and won't make us have that partnership with him that it takes to be champions in God's kingdom. Jesus said in Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me." You may say, "I have opened the door of my heart to Jesus and let Him in." Maybe you have

invited Jesus in as Lord and Savior. If you have, then you are saved and you are going to go to heaven when your life is over or when the rapture happens and He comes for His church.

But have you giving Him ALL of your heart? Have you given Him complete control of your reins? Are you willing to let Him direct you anywhere He wants you to go? And do whatever He has called you to do? Are you giving into the call that He has put on your life? Or do you still pull the reins out of His hands sometimes like an unbroken horse? Do you give to His guiding cues that are in His word and to the voice of the Holy Spirit within you? Does your relationship with Jesus fit the description of someone who has given their whole heart to Him like the description of a horse that has given their heart to its rider?

Every horse that competes is broke, rideable, and has gone through training. Just like everyone who has opened the door of their heart, has let Jesus in is saved, and ready for heaven. A lot of horses are capable of being really good at their event, but not every horse that competes will ever become a champion in their event that they have trained for and competed in. Every rider has to cue their horse to be able to direct them in what they need them to do. Most of them will give to their rider cues, but only a horse with heart, or a horse that gives its all to its rider, are the ones that reach their highest goals and achieves more than they ever could without giving their all to their rider. Those kinds of horses become champions most often in competitions because they hold nothing back. They give all they have to give. Just like a horse needs to trust its rider before it can give its all to them.

We as Jesus disciples need to trust Him completely with our lives. We need to be willing to hold nothing back from Him. Jesus has done everything that He can do to make you trust Him, but you have to decide for yourself that you will trust Him and give Him all our heart. Let Him have the reins of your life and He will lead you in being a champion for His kingdom.

Without giving the Lord all our hearts, we will never be able to reach the heights that He wants us to reach because we can't do it without Him taking the reins of our lives and guiding us where He wants us to go. God knows what it takes to make us champions for His kingdom. He's been making them since the beginning of creation. He knows what it takes to win those gold buckles in life. He is worthy of all that we can give Him and He deserves all that we can do for Him. He gave His all for us. We should give our all to Him. Don't hold anything back just give your whole heart, and life to Him, and He will guide you in His plan for being a champion for His kingdom. II Chronicles 16:9 says "The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him." Commit your heart fully to Jesus and you will find His strength rise up in you against every and all competitors in life. His strength will be yours for every event and every challenge that we face.

If you haven't yet opened the door to your heart and invited Jesus in to be the Lord of your life then that is where you need to start. Jesus is the only one who can make us world champions in and for the Kingdom of God. It's Jesus who is the only way into a relationship with the Father God. Jesus said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Inviting Jesus into your heart is the only way to get access into the Father's training facility so to speak. Opening your heart and inviting Jesus in is the first step in getting started in fulfilling God's plan, and purpose in our lives. Us opening the door of our hearts and inviting Jesus in is what gives anyone the right to have the work of the Holy Spirit lead them into a life that is completely directed in any, and all challenges we will face in life. Once you have invited Jesus into your life through the door of your heart, make it your goal to continually allow Him to have more and more of your heart until He has it all. Once you have no hesitations when

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He cues you in the direction, He guide's you to go; make it your goal to be a disciple of His that commits their whole heart to Him. Then you will find that He will lead you and strengthen you to have victory in this arena of life. His will is for you to partner up with Him and for you to trust Him to develop that perfect relationship that will allow you to reach higher, go further, achieve more, and be more than you ever could without Him having your whole heart.

Stop running away when you hear Him calling to you. Stop being like a wild, unbroken horse, and running away when He reaches out to you. Just come to Him when you hear Him calling you. Let God have the reins and allow Him to begin His work in you today. You will never regret it if you come and allow Him to work on making you a champion for His kingdom. Then in life, or at the judgment seat of Christ at the end of life when we are asked, or interviewed like a barrel racing champion who is eager to tell of their horse's heart when interviewed; we can say to our interviewers whether on earth, or in heaven, that it's because of Jesus who gave His all for me that I could be a champion. Because He gave His all for me that I was able to trust Him with my all and give my whole heart to Him.

Because of Him, I was able to become a disciple of His with heart. Do it today! Invite Jesus into your heart. Allow Him to make you a champion in His kingdom and for His glory. Be that person who when God's eyes are looking over the earth for those whose hearts are fully committed to Him. Let Him find you being that one He is looking for to strengthen. Be a disciple with heart!

## *Letters to the Editor*

**Christian Ranchman,** I have been receiving a copy of the Christian Ranchman for some time. I am asking if I might be able to receive 25 copies per issue for the general population at FRDE. Thank you for your consideration,

Chaplain Preston Davis from Missouri  
Dept. Of Corrections

**Dear Sirs,** I officially joined your organization back in 1983. I have recently moved to Oklahoma and I have a new address now. Please mail my newspapers there. Keep up the good work! Sincerely, James in Oklahoma

**Christian Ranchman,** Hello there in our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. It is a blessing to receive the Christian Ranchman newspaper. When it comes out to me. Praise God! Could you please update my dorm and room number; I have moved. I would so much appreciate it. God bless you all! Take care. In Christ, Bro. Mark in South Carolina

**Bro. Harvey,** I want to say, thank you for the ministry and I thank God for Cowboys For Christ. I promise to serve our King with all that He has blessed me to be in Christ Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus enables us to live with hope in any circumstances. This ministry has helped me to see and have compassion for people. I hope to meet you one day on this side of heaven, but if not, I will see you in Heaven with our Lord. May our Lord keep you in your way and please keep up the good work for our King and His Kingdom. Love for life a real cowboy for Christ Jesus, Tommy in Texas

**Cowboys For Christ,** Thank you for your work with cowboys, blessings, Jim & Charlotte in Minnesota

**Cowboys For Christ,** hello, please put me on your prayer list. And I would love to receive information on Cowboys for Christ and one of your Cowboys For Christ Bibles to help me in my new life with Jesus Christ. Sincerely, Jamie in Louisiana

**To Whom It May Concern,** Hello and may God bless you! My name is Carl, and I am a relatively new Christian. I am in the pursuit of trying to be closer to God, and broadening my knowledge of Him. Another young man had told me that

Cowboys For Christ offers Bible studies and occasional newsletters. I fortunately have a Bible, and do read as much as possible. I don't know what the end goal is past reading the Bible through & through. I know, it's supposed to be understood, and a guide for our lives. Perhaps your program can help me? I've ridden a horse once and was lucky I wasn't bucked off, and I had a "killer cow" experience when I was young (no, the cow didn't try to kill me...I was just terrified because it snuck up on me.) I can't say I am a cowboy by any means. But I am strongly considering something when I am finally released. But before I can do any of that I know I need a firm foundation to build on. Can/will ya'll help me? Respectfully Carl in Oklahoma

**Cowboys For Christ,** I prayed over the Christian Ranchman papers as I left them in the horse barn at the MN State Fair-thank you for sending them to me. Rene in Minnesota

**Dear Cowboys For Christ,** Praise the Lord! I found your newspaper and was truly blessed when I read it. I am currently in prison in Gatesville Texas and I must admit I'm here because God saved my life and I praise Him for that each day. Drugs had overtaken my life and I was headed for death. But by the grace and mercy of my Lord and Savior I am saved. I'm so glad I found your newspaper and would really appreciate being added to your mailing list, if at all possible. And I would love the chance to share my story with your readers. The very grace of God just amazes me to the core and leaves my soul in utter awe. I so look forward to hearing from ya'll. I'm fixing to have some surgery done on my legs so please put me on your prayer list; I need all I can get. I hope to hear from you soon. Until then happy trails in Jesus' name. Thank you for the blessings we get from ya'll. Love through Jesus. Jeana in Texas





# Riding Point With Dave Harvey...

## FIRST LOVE



**Rev 2:4** Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

They had forsaken, left, abandoned or cast aside their FIRST LOVE! As we search this word in the Greek aphimi (af-ee'-ay-mee); (to send; or to send forth, and in various applications (as follow): KJV-hast left, CSB-abandoned, NIV-forsaken (which I am using) because it fits the narrative much better and give us a better picture of the TRUTH which we need to understand) NAS-have left, but I think you get the picture. It seems odd

that the KJV gives a number of meanings for this Greek word (cry, forgive, forsake, lay aside, leave, let (alone, be, go, have), omit, put (send) away, remit, suffer, yield up) but they did not use any of those words in this verse. It is so interesting to seek out the words that are the point word or words to a verse and research the meanings and the uses in the different translations. This study will bring a much clearer understanding to the verse, as well as the teaching that is so very important to our daily walk in the sinful world as children of the HOLY GOD. The deeper we dig, the more nuggets of pure TRUTH we will receive from our LORD and the HOLY SPIRIT through HIS HOLY WORD.

The next word or in this case words, that sure stands out and needs further research is "first love" and first is protos (pro'-tos); which means foremost (in time, place, order or importance): and is usually translated before, beginning, best, chief (est), first (of all), and for love it is agape (ag-ah'-pay); love, affection or benevolence; a love-feast: charity, dear, love. So, "their first love" had been forsaken, left on the trail of life, or abandoned and this sure confirms the teaching of JESUS as HE tells us in "Matt 24:12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold," and the same Greek word for love is used in both verses.

So, we now know that the "first love" of the church, the body of believers at Ephesus had not only grown cold, but had actually been forsaken, left behind, discarded or thrown away. This body of believers had forgotten why they were where they were as children of GOD. They had forgotten the LOVE of GOD THE FATHER, they have forgotten the LOVE of the SON, and in doing so they had lost the loving power of the HOLY SPIRIT. They had forsaken the TRUTH of the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST and were working on religion instead of SPIRITUAL growth. They had lost the strength of the POWER OF GOD'S LOVE and most importantly they had forsaken their love for their LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

But let's back up a little and get an understanding of the setting of this wonderful Book of Revelation and focus on the TRUTH from our LORD as the Apostle John witnessed this powerful message from JESUS CHRIST on the Island of Patmos. John describes in detail his vision and the WORDS spoken for him to record so that we could study them and live by them from that day forth in Biblical history. The entire Book of Revelation is an up-to-date description of the events and happenings of the "last days" of life as we know it on this earth. And our LORD has a message for the world, HIS believers, and especially the Body of believers known as the seven New Testament Churches, which in turn would be all believers. The TRUTHS are there for us to understand and know and live by.

JESUS CHRIST started off with the strongest and most active group; the church at Ephesus. In fact, this group of believers was known as the greatest New Testament church of that era. As well as, a model group of believers and it should have been, because the Apostle Paul started this church and spent almost three years there during his ministry. And he then instilled his understudy, the young Timothy to be the pastor in his later years of ministry. And the Apostle John himself, also serve as the pastor of this flock for a time in his life, which was before he was exiled to Patmos. We are introduced to this church and the details of this church by the LORD in "Rev 2:1-3 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: 2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary." The LORD starts off by commending this group of believers and telling them that HE knows of their "deeds, your hard work and your perseverance" and that they were strong in their stand against wickedness and false teachers. HE also commends them for enduring hardships, percussion and remaining faithful to HIS NAME.

But all of these good points seem to fade in the background as the LORD exposes their inward weakness and indifference. They had put on a good show to the locals, but they had certainly not fooled THE MASTER of their souls. HE came right out and declared them guilty of forgetting why they were even there as a part of the BODY of believers of JESUS CHRIST. They had forgotten the TRUTHS of the very things that the Apostle Paul had commended another Body of believers of which I have added my emphasized on the focus that he addressed in "1 Thess 1:3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith (in our LORD JESUS CHRIST), your labor prompted by love (in our LORD JESUS CHRIST), and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. But the church at Ephesus was doing the work, the religious acts, but they had forgotten the LORD JESUS CHRIST, because HE is the reason for it all, and should have been foremost in their hearts, minds and souls.

It seems that many religious groups today have "forsaken their first love" too. You may have seen this posted around "I love my church" and I have seen this sign in yards and on car window or bumper sticker a number of times and I feel that they have missed the main point, too. The proper wording should be; "I LOVE MY LORD" and I enjoy being in the body of believers that HE has blessed me to be a part of. Cowboys and cowgirls, we need to get serious about our walk with the LORD JESUS CHRIST and especially about our love for the HIM. We need to be more like the great king David, as he states in "Ps 18:1 I love you, O Lord, my strength." And we need to seek

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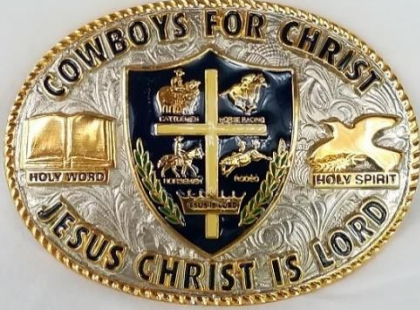


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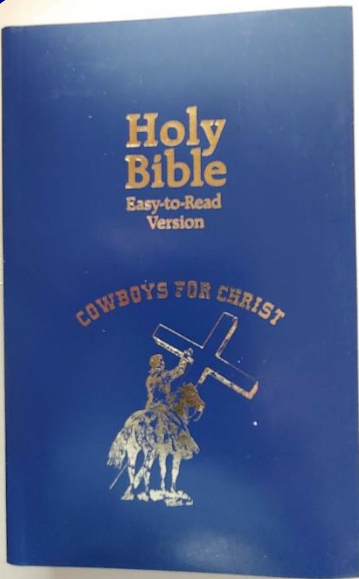
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## ***FIRST LOVE Continued***

HIM daily and declare our love for HIM, for HE is our LORD, HE is our SAVIOR and HE IS THE SON OF GOD, and HE is KING OF KINGS and HE is LORD OF LORDS, and we need to love HIM as HE tells us in "Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." That's the "first love" which JESUS CHRIST has declared that the believers in Ephesus had forsaken, but what about you today?

What is "first love?" What are the elements, the traits, the attitudes, the feelings, the focus of "first love?" I like to call it the "JOY OF JESUS" as it is the excitement, the passion, the energy to your very soul which is added to your commitment, your dedication, your awe inspired worship and adoration to your SAVIOR, your LORD and your KING. That is about as good of a definition of "first love" that I can express and you should feel that love as you mount up and ride for HIM, because HE is worthy. HE is so very worthy, and beyond worthy. Our cry should be like the Psalmist in "Ps 116:1 I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy."

The believers of Ephesus were going through the motions and they were setting in their special places every Sunday morning, and maybe other functions during the week, but they had forgotten the ONE WHO had made it all possible. They were serious about their serving, but they had let their love for the ONE WHO had stirred them to serve grow cold. The great Bible scholar Warren Wiersbe made the profound statement that we all should take to heart; "It is only as we love Christ fervently that we can serve Him faithfully." It appears that the fervent love of the Ephesus church had grown cold and they had lost their zeal and the JOY OF JESUS had been set aside and replaced with religious traditions.

I don't know about you, but I don't want my SAVIOR and my LORD to have to ask me three times "do you love ME" as HE did Peter in "John 21:17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Our love for JESUS CHRIST should be the major influence in every decision that we make in our lives. Our love for our LORD should be the motivating factor in all of our ministry works to HIM. Our love for our KING should set the standard of every personal commitment and every public declaration in all that we say, do or plan in our lives. Our "first love" should be easily seen and easily recognized to those around us as we live and work in this world and we should set a pattern with the motto; "JESUS FIRST because I love HIM" in everything we say and do for HIS Honor, Glory and Gainful service.

Again, I ask "what about you?" Is your love for your SAVIOR and LORD foremost in your life? Do you express your love for HIM in your words and action to others and especially to HIM? You can renew your "first love" to your LORD today! You can declare your love to HIM as you bow before the KING OF KINGS and the LORD OF LORDS. You can recommit your joy to HIM; you can rekindle your "first love" to JESUS CHRIST becoming alive and well, with the focus of your first love to HIM. HE told the Ephesus church how and it will sure work for us today in "Rev 2:5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first." Would you like to rededicate your "first love" to HIM today and make the commitment to keep that love first and foremost in your life in this new year of 2023? GOD bless you as you proclaim your "first love" to your LORD, In JESUS' NAME, Amen.

In Christ,



*Dave*



Prison Ministry

by Chaplain Susie Thompson

Sometimes I catch a glimpse of life and wish I could photograph it, so I could share it with the world. Unfortunately, behind prison walls, there are no cameras or phones allowed, so the treasured images get tucked away in my mind, and also in my heart. So, I will do my best, to describe to you, just one of these many precious moments that I have as a prison Chaplain.

Every Tuesday night I enter a world of regrets and sadness, a world where you are no longer in charge of your life, a world where only God sends hope. I hold a church service for the women, where we worship, pray and learn about the Lord. I love seeing the raw emotions these inmates display and the surprising honesty, considering they are in jail. The experiences that God has shared with me are numerous, but one night in particular stands apart from the rest. It was a CFC Bible Study Graduation Night. Numerous girls had completed their books, so I had brought in cupcakes, cookies and lemonade to celebrate.

MY ETERNAL DECISION

There is one important decision that each and every person must make some time in their life. The decision to accept JESUS CHRIST as your LORD and SAVIOR guarantees eternal life. No one knows when their life will end, so it is very important to make that decision before it is too late.

The Bible very plainly tells us in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned". Also, in Romans 6:23 we are told, "For the wages of sin is death". This death actually is referring to eternal death. But the last part of Romans 6:23 reads, "But the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. And in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 & 10 explains how, that if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" sure includes you.

This very minute you can make the decision for eternal life and by praying this prayer and truly believing you can accept the LORD JESUS CHRIST as your LORD and SAVIOR. The late great D.L. Moody once said, "GOD has put salvation within the reach of everyone, because all you have to do is believe".

Please pray this prayer, Dear HEAVENLY FATHER, I come to you a sinner and I am sorry for those sins, please forgive me. I know that your SON, JESUS CHRIST died on the cross and rose from the dead to save me from eternal death and I believe that in my heart. Please, Dear JESUS, come into my heart as SAVIOR and LORD. And FATHER please help me to be your child. In JESUS' NAME, Amen.

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Chaplain Susie Thompson

These nights are a blessing and the ladies love them. We were singing 'Thy Will Be Done' and one particular lady started worshiping with all she had within her. The Holy Spirit was leading this night and all of a sudden Rochelle, (not her real name) moved to the center of our group. She went from crying, to laughing, to yelling, to jumping, to dancing.... all the time declaring to the Lord, 'Thy will be done.' Meanwhile I was quietly worshiping but also checking that the other ladies were coping with this uninhibited display of worship. Someone mentioned the presence of the Holy Spirit and tears started to fall. After the song had finished and we all sat down, I thought it best that we eat our cupcakes and start the graduation ceremony. We would sing the other songs, Fear Is A Liar, at the end of the service.

Without me noticing, a guard had entered the room and announced that Rochelle, needed to go back to her cell. Now keep in mind, being alone with 12 prisoners and no guards, I am aware that we are closely watched on camera, so my first reaction was that they didn't like her worship.

Well this is what the guard said... "Rochelle, you need to go back to your cell..... to pack your bags.... you're going home!"

To say we were shocked at first was an understatement.... then the tears fell. Rochelle was yelling once again, thanking God for His faithfulness. Women were declaring a miracle, an answer to prayer, hope lit up their eyes. I asked the guard if they really sent them home at

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### Prison Ministry Continued

9:30 at night. His response was, when the word comes through of their release, they go home.

I told Rochelle that God had blessed her for her honest and stunningly reckless worship, the pouring out of her heart to her Lord and Savior. She took a minute to stop crying, said her goodbyes and left. I stood there wondering if ever in Prison Ministry history, had an inmate got set free during the service.... physically set free!!

The icing on the cake was when I read the title of that night's sermon. TRUE FREEDOM! What a mighty God we serve!

### Chaplain Rick Martin Memorial

by Dave Harvey

It is with a sad and at the same time a joyous heart that I must announce that Chaplain Rick Martin has gone to be with the LORD. Rick and his wife, Cherri have been greatly involved in a great work for those that are recovering from addiction, and I spoke with Cherri and she is continuing this wonderful and much needed work. Please be in prayer for her and the work that they started years ago and especially now that Cherri is carrying the workload and making the decisions. I sure know that the LORD has put her there because HE knows that she is up to the task and much more, and let's be faithful to lift her up in prayer that the works will continue and be great and touching many lives for JESUS CHRIST.

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### *Professional Mini Bull Riders Finals*

From Chaplain Casey McGehee

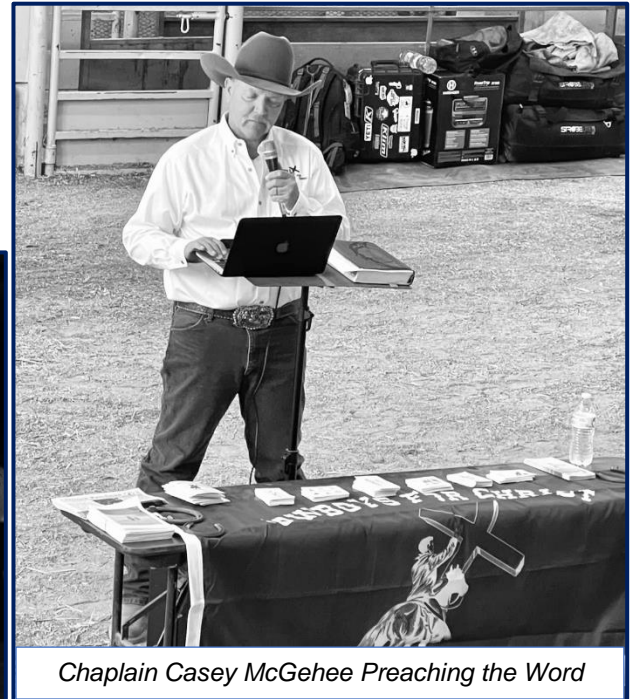
Here are a few pictures from the PMBR Finals where I was their photographer, Rodeo Chaplain and delivered the sermon for their 1st Cowboy Church.

PMBR stands for Professional Mini Bull Riders. We had 46 riders, both boys and girls, ages from 6 to 14. The little cowboys and cowgirls were from Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, California and Alaska. Years past we've had them from Florida and Louisiana. This is a 501 c3 organization. All monies go to pay for the finals which are held at the Golden Spike in Tremonton Utah and any left-over money goes back to support the kids. The Executive producer is Sandi Landon and Chad Casperson of Casperson Mini Bulls. Being the first year that they did church, attendance was a little low but

those who chose to invite Jesus into their hearts and become their Lord and Savior were many. I sent you my Sermon that I delivered a month ago or so. I can resend it if you'd like. It revolved around the rodeo day sheet and told the story of the Jesus and Satan calling the cowboys to join them and explaining that there's no sitting on the fence, for Satan owns the fence. Chaplain Casey



Praying at the PMBR



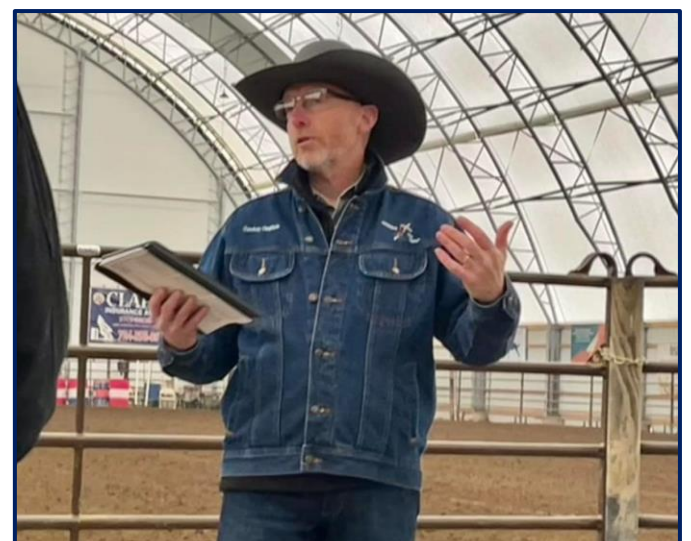
Chaplain Casey McGehee Preaching the Word



### *Rewards Card*

From Chaplain Steve Richmond

I was given the opportunity to give a message yesterday to [Penland Farms](#). They hosted a Paul Humphrey Breaking the mold barrel racing clinic. I spoke on "Our Rewards Card" God told Abram in Genesis 15 that He would be his "exceedingly great reward." Abram was rewarded for his faith. We also can and will be rewarded for our faith the same way as he was if we believe God's word like Abram. Hebrews 11:6 says that "he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarded of those who diligently seek Him." Faith is our rewards card that we have and can use to receive all of God's promises. So, use it! Put your faith in Him and be rewarded for it!



Chaplain Steve Richmond Sharing the Word



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