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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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Following the Scout

by Chaplain Judd Treat

On January 6,2024, 8 Seconds to Glory Bull Riding Ministry hosted a bull riding event at the Wise County Cowboy Church, in Decatur, Texas pastored by Jeff Tackett. After an enjoyable day of bull riding competition, preaching and fellowship, followed by an evening bonfire with praise music and more preaching from guest Pastor Ritchie Johnson and Evangelist Cody Wilkins, from the Open Range Kingdom Church, and our own Pastor Jeff Tackett. The Holy Spirit moved with great power among those in attendance. On this night two young men were to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit moved in others for a deeper relationship in the Trinity.

The following morning, Sunday January 7,2024, Pastor Jeff Tackett continued to preach more in depth on the Holy Spirit and how He comes into, and works in our lives, bringing us to a closer more intimate relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. As Jeff preached people were clearly moved by his words into a spirit filled time with the Holy Spirit, so much so that two more people accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior and received salvation. At the end

of this days service not two, but four new believers were baptized into the kingdom. Blessings were being poured out to all in attendance that morning. On Sunday afternoon, at the regular 8 Seconds to Glory bull riding practice the riders were getting prepared, following a time of prayer with Pastor Jeff, to ride their chosen bulls. On this cold Sunday afternoon, a young bull rider named Tyler Caster, was the second rider out of the gate on a bull named Borrato. The arena conditions on this Sunday were damp with loose dirt. Tyler came out of the gate on Borrato who was turning and bucking to the left, at the same time Tyler was sliding off on the right side of Borrato to the ground. As soon as Tyler hit the ground Borrato lost his footing and fell on top of Tyler. When Borrato was getting his footing under him and trying to get up, he kicked Tyler in the back of his head sending his helmet flying across the arena. Bull fighters Jaxon Tune and Dakota Gates moved in immediately, with Jaxon moving over Tyler while Dakota drew Borrato away. Dakota and gate man Shane Moss were quick to get the bull from the arena so personnel could come to the aid of Tyler. Spectators, riders, bullfighters, and arena staff knew Tyler was in trouble. Tyler was lying face down in the wet arena



Chaplain Judd Treat, Tyler Caster, Pastor Jeff and Quinda Tackette

unconscious.

Former Army medic Matt Joseph responded with Pastor Jeff and immediately, rolled Tyler over on his side, cleared his mouth, and got him breathing. Tyler remained unconscious and labored to breathe. Pastor Jeff immediately called out for someone to call paramedics. Upon arrival, paramedics began treating Tyler for a skull fracture and other possible injuries. After placing a collar on his neck and placing him on a gurney, they determined that Tyler was in eminent danger of losing his life, so an air ambulance was summoned to the arena. While waiting for the helicopter to arrive, the paramedics continued to work on Tyler in the ambulance, inserting a breathing tube and bagging him as they prepped him for the helicopter. When the helicopter arrived, they immediately transferred him from the ambulance to the helicopter. Tyler did not look good, and paramedics told us that he was in bad condition, and that we should get ahold of his family right away to go to the hospital. The helicopter took off and headed to a trauma 1 Hospital in Fort Worth, Tx. While all this transpired, Quinda Tackett,

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wife of Pastor Jeff, was crying out to the Holy Spirit to intervene on Tyler's behalf. Meanwhile in the arena, everyone in attendance was on their knees praying and crying out to the Holy Spirit on behalf of Tyler. Non- stop prayers were going up until the helicopter flew away with Tyler. While I

Tyler. Non- stop prayers were going up until the helicopter flew away with Tyler. While I was enroute to the hospital in Fort Worth, I made a call to Chaplain Dave Harvey, told him what had happened and requested immediate prayer for Tyler. I knew that Dave would get the word out to all the Cowboys for Christ Chaplains across the country and they would also be praying as well. I also reached out to my wife Cindy Treat and told

her about Tyler, she immediately began

reaching out to all the contacts she has on

Facebook to start praying.

I reached out on Facebook to the PBR community I am a member of and asked them to begin praying also. The message of Tyler's injury was spreading across Facebook to people all over the world. People at Wise County Cowboy Church, Cowboys for Christ, PBR and countless others on Facebook were all lifting Tyler up for healing. Many believers, and nonbelievers, saw firsthand the healing power of the Holy Spirit when we call upon Him. What could have been a loss of life incident. or permanent disability for Tyler, became a small brain bleed and injuries to his left knee. A great thank you to all the prayer warriors across this country who responded to a call for prayer on behalf of another. I know that Pastor Jeff's message on Sunday morning, about responding to the Holy Spirit had a direct impact on the events of this day in saving the life of Tyler Caster. On Saturday and Sunday, we witnessed and felt the power of the Holy Spirit at work in many lives, showing us that He, not us, is in control. Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; all we glorified this day and Tyler will make a full recovery in time.

Finally, in the book of Acts 2:38 it reads "And Peter said to them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." In my

younger days in ranching, we would drive cattle from one pasture to another for better grazing. When driving cattle you will have a lead, flankers on each side and a few riding drag at the rear of the herd. Riding drag meant you were eating dust and smelling cattle waste all day long; it was a really bad place to be, especially in the summertime. At the end of the day no one wants to be around you. When we are sending prayers up to the Holy Spirit and it feels that He is not responding to our prayer requests, we are riding drag. Many times, there is a reason a cowboy or cowgirl is riding drag and not flank or point. Maybe you have been drinking too much redeye, or holding 5 aces instead of 4, perhaps the sheriff caught you cutting another man's fence. Maybe you have a problem with spending too much time in the hothouse with the Sear's catalogue looking at women, with and without their garters on, or perhaps you are a cowboy or cowgirl with too many fillies or colts you're riding that your wife doesn't know about. Maybe you're just not tending to your business at home and neglecting your family. Is your language too salty? Whatever it is that hinders the line of communication between you and the Holy Ghost, clear it up, confess it, seek forgiveness and you will start to hear back from the Holy Ghost.

In the old west days of cattle drives there would be a scout. He would be out in front of the herd looking and directing the herd away from any dangers along the trail. He would be the first to spot rustlers intent on stealing or scattering the herd(flock) and destroy anyone that got in their way. The scout would lead the herd(flock) to the best grass and sweetest water, He had the herd's best interests at heart and mind and would protect them at all costs. I see the Holy Spirit in that role as a scout, leading believers, and Christ's church in the right direction, moving us away from rustlers that want to steal, kill, and lead us astray into all kinds of sinful activity. When we listen to the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit, He will lead us to green pasture and the sweet life-giving waters of Jesus Christ. We will as believers in Christ have moments when we have, are,

or will be pulling drag behind sin of some kind. Take heart, you don't have to remain there, repent and restore your relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have never given your life, or maybe you have fallen away and doubt your salvation, it is not too late to take a leap of faith and accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. We are never promised another tomorrow. Believe in Jesus, Believe in His death and resurrection. Accept His promise of salvation, receive the Holy Spirit into your life and let Him scout your trail to eternal peace, joy, and happiness until one day your trail ends in Heaven. Amen



Life's Final Trail Ride
by Tim Bell

To a group of horse riders from West Virginia trail riding at Elkins Creek Horse Camp will never be the same because we lost one of our riders. He rode a big black horse named, Ace. On January 22, 2024 Hugh Alltop traded in his black horse for a white one. Hugh can never be replaced. I can see him in his camping chair after a ride,

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listening to his Mountaineer football team, only to be disappointed so many times. Hugh enjoyed riding and having his wife and grandkids with him. Hugh was 70, but his life was cut short and it most certainly doesn't seem fair.

I am certain that he will have the trails lined out for us in heaven someday. Hugh was bringing up the dray on one particular ride, when our posse stirred up the yellowjackets, and Hugh and Ace faced their wrath. Ace was jumping and bucking and Hugh only lost his hat in the ordeal. "What's my score? "9's, 9.5's and 10's across the board." So, Hugh it's been our pleasure to saddle up with you and all I can say until we meet again; "Ride on with Jesus!"

Hugh would want me to mention this; "That you never know when your last trail ride could be, so, accept Christ as your personal Savior, invite him into your heart." Love you buddy, your West Virginia Horse Friends; Tim & Miss, Joe & Tammy, Jonny & Ronni and Beth and Grandkids

Keep Climbing That Mountain

by Trevor Lamar Norris

This past Fall I had the great opportunity of spending some time in Walden, Colorado working for the Medicine Bow Outfitters owned by the Florell family. My main job was to help Mr. Jarred Florell and Paul Clancy escort hunters and their gear from the Ranch to the Base Camp and then on to a Drop Camp. Each leg of the trip was 3-8 miles. Horse drawn wagons and a string of riding horses would meet the hunters at the ranch and we would begin the trip back to Base Camp. This was a good time to get a feel of the guests riding experience and to get to know them one on one.

Once at Base Camp, gear was loaded onto pack horses, and we started our trip up the mountain to the drop camps. Now you must remember that I'm new to this country and unfamiliar with the trails. So, when we struck out with Mr. Jarred and three pack horses in tow. five hunters

who had not ridden since they were young boys, and myself, leading another three pack horses into thick Aspen woods, you wouldn't have been wrong to say I was awful curious how this was all going to turn out. Thankfully I had Mr. Jarred leading the way and my main task was make sure no hunters fell off or pack horses ran away. We rode for what seemed like hours through these woods, gaining elevation regularly all the while still only being able to see maybe fifteen feet in any direction I would look. We went up and down, through creeks and mud bogs crossed downed logs. Then seemingly all at once, the woods gave way to this enormous bald face of the mountain and as the thirteen head of horses stepped their way across, I was able to see just how far we had come. I could see Base Camp, and the Ranch, and the town of Walden.

Each trip I took up that mountain I always looked forward to that moment when the trees opened, and we rode across the face of the mountain. It took me a few trips before it hit me, but this is so very similar to how God works in our life. We don't know His plan and may feel like we are lost in the Aspens of life. But if we stick to His Path and look towards his guidance, we eventually make our way out of the Aspens and come out onto that mountain face where everything is revealed. We see just how amazing He is. We see how far he has brought us, through our own doubts, our struggles through the creeks and the bogs of life, the tiring climb that seems to never end. His timing is perfect and while it is hard or sometimes impossible for us to see in the moment, there is a purpose for everything. "For I know the Plans I have for you, declares The Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11 ESV)

I would like to encourage you to not wait until the mountain to praise Him, but to be thankful in the bogs and the creeks knowing that He is guiding you through these hurdles and it is all meant to build a stronger relationship with Him. I know life can get stressful. Bills add up, cars break down, that

guy at work is just an extra bit of a jerk, but if we know God has a plan for us and ultimately for everyone, we can start to be a light for Christ in every aspect of our life. You never know who you are going to impact with your actions throughout your day, shouldn't we do our best to make sure those actions point as many people to Christ as we possibly can?

Letter

from James Boyd

Peace and blessings to you and Cowboys For Christ. How are you this blessed day and my prayer for you is that you are in the greatest of Spirit, defeating the enemy and his workers and more so; hard at work branding some mavericks for the Kingdom of God. My reason for wanting to be a Cowboys For Christ Chaplain is I know that it's going to take a team of like-minded soldiers for the Lord to assist in filling the Kingdom of God. I know times are short and necks are still stiff and people are ignorant to the importance of God and how vital knowing and living surrender lives to HIM is for securing your Heavenly resting place. I'm like Jesus when He looked down and said "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." And I'm one of the few that's willing to work because I see the need and I'm in love with Jesus.

I'm an Apostle Paul type and I preach in G-4 as the head pastor, but my little Brother Rambo left, so now it's one more that God is asked to replace because the mavericks over there are plenty! Chaplain Tommy Tutt will tell you! But I love them and this great calling to fulfill the great commission as a Christian. And I told Chaplain Tommy that I want to be a Chaplain, because your mission is the same as my mission, and our mission is the same as God's mission! We desire that no man to perish, but to turn from their wicked ways and live.

The last thing to mention is that when I was younger and we would play cops and robbers (cowboys and Indians) I would always be the cop (cowboy) and I used to shoot at the robbers (Indians), but I was shooting bullets then, and now I am shooting Scriptures. God bless, James

Letter

from Phillip Schwartz

It's been a long time, almost twenty years, since I gave my salvation testimony in the Christian Ranchman. (Phillip Schwartz, Every Christian a Minister) somewhere around 2006. I got saved and sober in 2002. I owned a horse operation named Style & Motion Arabians and spent almost 20 years breeding, training and showing Arabian horses. But I was an alcoholic and divorced three times. Then one night God turned my life around! Saved and sober!

I started the Lighthouse Chapter of CFC with some church friends and we grew. We did rodeo ministry, horse fair and horse show ministry and had some awesome camp out retreats at Ukarydee Campgrounds. Then God put a call on my life to do more. I sold everything, and committed to His plan. I moved to Tulsa and went to Rhema Bible college. (Side note: while I was there, I was blessed to visit Ted Pressley in Ft Worth and actually applied for the job that Dave Harvey ended up getting. He was and is definitely more qualified than I ever was!)

I thought I was going back to Wisconsin to pursue cowboy ministry. I wanted to be a circuit riding preacher, attending and preaching at as many equine events as possible in the Midwest. God had other plans for me. He said Missionary, loud and clear. My first mission trip was to the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico and Arizona, with a student team of 16 traveling in two vans.

After graduating from Bible College in 2010, and Mission School in 2012, I did my internship in Hong Kong and mainland COMMUNIST China in 2012 for 6 weeks. We smuggled Bibles into a Communist country, that'll make you sweat going through customs! Later that same year I spent 6 weeks in Kathmandu, Nepal (94% Hindu!) I fell in love with Nepal, the people, the Christian church there and the country itself. I went back to Nepal for 6 weeks in 2014 and 4 weeks in 2016. But at age 65 my legs were giving me trouble and no match for the mountainous terrain and walking required of a missionary.

I started volunteering at John 3:16 Mission, a shelter for homeless men in Tulsa. The director offered me a part time position and I accepted it. It was mostly administrative work, but It's all ministry, as not all ministry is from the pulpit. Last year we moved our men's recovery program, a one-year program, to our new facilities and he asked me to join them as an associate Pastor. Now I get to teach 5 days a week and preach once a month.

Almost 25 years ago, in 2002, when I was contemplating suicide in my barn and God stopped me, I made the decision to serve Him the rest of the days of my life. I had no idea what He had in mind, I could never have imagined flying around the world 4 times, preaching in half a dozen foreign countries, and then coming home to serve the homeless men that are exactly where I would have been if I hadn't chosen to accept His offer of salvation. By the way, I have not touched one single drop of alcohol since He came into my life. This all goes to show that God is faithful when He had Paul tell us in Romans 11:29 "God's gifts and call are irrevocable." I still read the Christian Ranchman every issue and I miss the cowboy lifestyle, but God has been so very good to me I don't have time to miss it.

A Written Word: Part #1 by Chaplain/Pastor J.C. Shook

As a fellow Cowboy Chaplain I wanted to share some thoughts with you and how we may better one another in this pilgrimage. I will tell you this I'm in the trenches of the battle, Ephesian's 6:10-20 and in particular verse 12 of this passage. I currently work as a Chaplain Assistant in Eyman South Unit Florence Arizona. Since my time here I have been able to attain a A.S. in Pastoral Ministry, B.A. in Biblical Theology and a Masters in Grant writing. Next year (2024) I will be enrolling in a Doctorate of Philosophy in Christian Counseling, all on scholarships' and past V.A. benefits. The Lord has blessed me greatly in this wilderness walk, for I have been able to oversee many ministries in the church here, for example, Communion,

music ministry, Baptism classes, teaching and preaching to name some. But, before all this, I had ran from my effectual calling for many years but the Lord's will has brought me to a complete surrender and I can say I've accepted my call to His Kingdom works for over 10 years now. I share such things because I want you to know a few things in this. One, I was a two time senior in high school and barely graduated, with a 1.9 GPA. I have asked the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5-6), and I'm amazed at what He has done for me and through me. I currently hold a 4.0 GPA in completing my master's degree, all by the grace of God. So, I'm reminded of that we can do all things in Christ Jesus who strengthens us, Philippians 4:13. I have done all this while in prison, praise God. Second, even though I have these credentials, I have a lot to learn. However, I wanted you to possibly see that my words are true and my actions are guided by Him whom I serve. I'm currently teaching our Disciples Course here and some things came up that I would like to share.....

Five words have come to the forefront for us 1. Relationship 2. Love 3. Time 4. Encouragement 5. Obedience

Now if you noticed I mentioned Disciples Course and how many of us have a good concept of what a true disciple should be? To put it simply, a disciple of Jesus is someone who has chosen to follow Jesus. On a bit more of a deeper level, a disciple of Jesus are those learning to base their identities on Jesus Himself. All of us use different labels to describe who we are at the core levels of our hearts. It can be at a basic level like athlete, parent, class clown, and leader or to the level a bit more in-depth of Doctor, and President of a certain field, for example.

Disciples of Jesus generally try to set aside such labels and base their identities on Him. For example:

A disciple of Jesus is one that bears fruit in His name and is a child of God, (Jn.15:4-8 and 1 Jn.3:1). If you are not familiar with the Spirit of the Fruit see. Galatians 5:22-23. Since the majority of the New Testament was translated from the Greek, I will give the

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Greek word for disciple, which is "Mathetes", which means one who learns instruction from another.

You may be wondering why I'm going into this reference of a disciple, for I fill it helps with us getting back to 'Relationship'. How are we growing in that relationship with our Lord and Savior? How much time are you giving to the world compared to the Heavenly Father and His Kingdom works? We need to daily reflect on this and find a good balance. All too often I hear many tell me, "I can't forget about my past digression's J.C.". I usually ask them where are they at in their relationship with the Lord? They usually look at me strangely and I ask what do you know about His promises to us in the Scriptures? I tell them if the "New Self" is put on, than the old corrupted self must be laid aside, and can only be done in Christ Jesus. If we are plowing a field and continue to look back will our path be strait? We have to trust in His promises through His Word to us. In our faith of Christ Jesus and our repentance we are forgiven and He remembers it no more, (see. Isa.43.25; Jer.31:34; Ac:3:19 and 1Jn 1:9).

As I was teaching our Disciples Course I was telling the guys that we must daily build our relationship with our Lord Savior through prayer, the study of His word and living it. We covered Ephesians 4:17 through 5:20 (titled Instruction for Christian Living). I was explaining to them how important it is to know the word and to understand how to apply it in our lives daily. I wrote a statement taken from the Moody Commentary, "But ignorance of God can lead to various sorts of immoral acts and or practices".

So, how's your relationship with the Lord? Is He at the forefront of your life or on the back burner of your stove (Lukewarm)? Don't be lukewarm in your relationship sister's and brother's. Let the Spirit and His love lead you in your relationship. Seek to grow in your prayer life, worship and study in His word, (see. Mt.7:7-8). Relationship requires a good balance, love, and your time, undistracted by the world. I guarantee His blessings. God Bless

2024 Cowboys For Christ Heartland Conference by Dave Harvey

The 2024 Cowboys For Christ Heartland Conference is history, and it was certainly a bright spot in our Cowboys For Christ history of conferences. A big Cowboys For Christ "thank you" to Chaplains Matt and Melissa Wagner for hosting the conference and for the hard work and dedication in putting it all together. We were blessed with great attendance and great participation, and especially great fellowship. I was greatly blessed to share GOD'S WORD in the morning session and I spoke on Confidence and Boldness, which is so important for us as servants of our LORD to be confident in our faith and walk with our LORD. We must mount up with boldness and confidence and go to share the Gospel in this troubled and sinful world. We must not throw away, or cast aside our confidence as we ride out in faith to touch lives for JESUS CHRIST. The enemy will certainly try to trip us up, or lay stumbling blocks in our way, but that is when the confidence (not our, but HIS-the HOLY SPIRIT) will move us through those traps and blocks to victory and reward us with opportunities to share the good news of JESUS CHRIST.

After that the Chaplains were invited to share their ministry works and how the HOLY SPIRIT is working in their area and in their lives to reach out to those that are searching for TRUTH in this world of such false and evil works of the devil. Also, many shared their plans for the coming new year and how they had been laying the ground work for good works. Then after a lunch break, I was again blessed to give an in-depth teaching on how important it is to maintain our CHRIST-like witness, wherever and whenever. as the enemy will lay stumbling blocks to keep us from ministering, he will also try to entice us to act or respond unCHRSITlike. These unCHRIST-like actions could certainly destroy a great work for the LORD,

if you make the effort, you will see more of as there is always someone watching to see if you are living your commitment and your message.

> We were then blessed with a great teaching by Chaplain Matt Wagner on one of the episodes of the series "Chosen" when JESUS sent out the disciples "two by two" and their reactions to this mission without their great SHEPHARD. It was a great study and a great teaching and it gave each one of us a very real time of reflecting on our own ministries and how we must go in the strength of our LORD and dedication and commitment to HIM, with the leading and quidance of the HOLY SPIRIT. It definitely was a great way to start the new year of ministry. And as I said before, it was certainly a "bright spot" in our conferences and a great time of fellowship, teaching, preaching and especially renew commitment to go and to go and share JESUS CHRIST to the lost and hurting of this evil world. I am sure that GOD blessed each one that attended and Matt has already scheduled the conference for 2025 on the first Saturday of February at the same location and same times. So, be ready and GOD mightily bless your great service to the LORD until we meet on the trail or again at next years Heartland Conference.

Middle Georgia Chapter Report

by Tom Kerlin, President

Just a note to let you know how our meeting went last Thursday. Our guest speaker was Dale Sandlin, Executive Vice President of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association. Dale is a native of Texas, who grew up on a cow/ calf operation in west Texas. He shared some insights into the GCA, as well as his work with the Georgia Legislature on behalf of the GCA. He delivered a powerful message about our relationship with God as Christians and disciples of Christ. Despite the absence of a number of our regular attendees, we had a good crowd, including the immediate past president of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association.

Chaplin Roslyn Boren recently opened a (Continued on Page 6)

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prayer room at the Shadow Rock Arena in Hollonville. More than 50 people attended the dedication service of the prayer room on January 8. The room was completed with volunteer help and is open to any and all who feel the need to commune with God in quiet, peaceful setting. The presence of God was very evident at the dedication service.

As I was driving down the road the other day a church sign caught my attention. The notice on the sign read, "God made you on purpose for a purpose." Think about that. As Christians we understand that God made us. In Jeremiah 1:5 God says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I sanctified you; and I ordained you a prophet to the nations." Certainly, this verse would anger many of the unsaved because it clearly brings to attention the sovereignty and control of God. But it clearly exemplifies the all-knowing God that we serve. But understanding that God made you on purpose for a purpose should cause each and every one of us to stop and think about what our PURPOSE is. Is it being called to preach. Maybe it is utilizing those Godgiven talents to further the Kingdom of God. Maybe it is using your musical talent to sing or play in a way to witness to others. Maybe it is using your influence to influence others to seek God. Maybe it is only to be present at the services where God is being honored and praised, and in so doing it serves as a witness to others that God is central in your lives and you are taking time out of your schedule to show that by gathering with fellow believers. But ultimately it is up to you as an individual to find the PURPOSE that God intends for you. No one can tell you that. Only God can lead you to the place in your life where you understand that God made you on purpose for a purpose.



Letters to the Editor

(Editor's note: Bibles, Bible Studies, and Christian Ranchman are sent Free to all who request them)

Cowboys For Christ, I just wanted to let you know that my husband passed away at the age of 85 on Nov. 29. We have been getting your newspaper and enjoy reading every issue. We both have lifetime membership cards. Bless you all, Vera in New Hampshire

Cowboys For Christ, hi, I am a believer in Christ and am seeking any free reading material, Bible and if you can also send me your newspaper, please and thank you. I'm a new member to Christ's Kingdom and need all the help to stay on track and keeping my eyes on the Lord. I'm a country boy; born and raised. I'll be waiting for your response back. Thank you, Sincerely, Timothy in California

Cowboys For Christ, would like material about Jesus. Thanks, Robert in Kentucky

Hello Cowboys For Christ, My name is Brent and I am an inmate here at SCI-Phoenix. I am writing you because I would like to start getting your publication of the "Christian Ranchman" and a Bible. Ever since I came to this prison I have been going to church and attending Bible studies, and as a result I have accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. So, I am writing you to ask if you would be so kind and put my name and address on your mailing list and send me every new issue of the Christian Ranchman. I truly thank you for your kindness. May God bless you. Sincerely, Brent in Arizonia

Cowboys For Christ, hello, my name is Randall and I am an inmate at Pekin FCI in Illinois. I would like to request a Bible, if possible and the opportunity to participate in the Cowboys For Christ Bible study. My GED instructor here at Pekin is an active participant of your Bible Study program. It was by him that I heard about the program. I, too, would like to come and know Jesus as he has. Thank you for your help with this request. Randall in Illinois

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The message of The Christian Ranchman is the saving grace of Jesus Christ. These messages come to us in a variety of expressions, including testimonies and Letters to the Editor, and each is meaningful in its own way. We pray that the Holy Spirit will minister to each of you that bit of reassurance and comfort your need today.

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Riding Point With Dave Harvey...

PROPITIATION

Rom 3:25-26 God presented Him as a propitiation through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. He presented Him to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be righteous and declare righteous the one who has faith in Jesus.

Propitiation or sacrifice of atonement as some translation has it; and both are big words that means a bunch to the lost sinners of this world through the mercy of a loving GOD and HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,

JESUS CHRIST. How does it all work? How and why would the HOLY GOD restrain HIS wrath from completely destroying a rebellious sinner? HIS creation that HE made in love and to love; murders, lies, hates, cheats, steals, envies, and kill in thoughts, in actions and in their heart! They are wicked and evil! How can a guilty sinner go free? How do I live and not die? What power, what strength, what might could cause this to happen? And why?

We must realize and never forget that the HOLY GOD is not only loving, kind and pure, but HE is also righteous and just. HE will up hold HIS laws and HE will punish the sinner, who disobeys; each and every one. Which actually means every one, because we have all sinned and we are all living in this sinful world. And, cowboys and cowgirls, we hate, we murder, we lie, we cheat, we steal, we are evil and we are killers, not only in actions, but in thoughts and in our hearts. And as such we are doomed to eternity in hell, and there is absolutely nothing we can do on our own about it. The penalty for sin is death and there is no posting bond or paying a fine and going free. There is no jail time to pay your sin debt and, in this case, there are no crooked or unrighteous judges that will wave you penalty and set you free. You are guilty and you will pay the full sinner's price, which is eternal death. And folks that is fact and real life or should I say real death.

Now we are told in our text that GOD has presented HIM, JESUS CHRIST, as a propitiation or sacrifice of atonement, and like I said they are big words, but what does it mean and what does it tell us. Well, first, it does not mean that our sin debt is forgiven and we are free to go. In fact, it tells us that our sin debt must be paid in full, and the penalty is still death. Propitiation and sacrifice of atonement carries the meaning of staying the penalty required or covering the transgressions. In other words, the penalty due the sinner, which is GOD'S wrath that is being withheld, justifiably. But folks it is just not that easy, it is not that simple. FATHER GOD made mankind in HIS own image for fellowship, and to be the recipient of HIS LOVE and as we know we have all rebelled and are continuing to rebel and getting worse by the hour. So, what does it really mean and how?

The Greek word which is translated "propitiation" is "hilasterion' and has the same meaning as the Hebrew word "kapporeth" which is translated in the Old Testament as "mercy seat" or covering. Now that sheds some light on propitiation and give us a clue to the proper use in **Rom. 3:25** as is stated that "through" faith in HIS BLOOD" which is the BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONE AND ONLY SON. So, now we can come to a clearer understand of the meaning; as the BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST has covered our sins and the HOLY FATHER GOD will look over them, or "pass over them" justifiably in HIS righteousness.

Cowboys and cowgirls, as we dig deeper into this wonderful TRUTH, we can see that it is getting exciting and the 'why" is shouting out to us of GOD'S LOVE and MERCY. The righteous and HOLY GOD could justify the eternal destruction of all sinners, period. HIS laws were broken and broken and broken and HIS LOVE in the person of JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONE AND ONLY SON was crucified on the cross. So, HIS wrath was double justified, if HE chose to exercise HIS right as the RIGHTEOUS HOLY GOD. But HE has chosen to exercise HIS MERCY and accepted the COVERING of the BLOOD of HIS ONE AND ONLY SON to cover the dirt and filth of sinful mankind. But, wait just a minute, there is more; much more, and you need to pay real close attention to this very important detail. What does **Rom. 3:25** and **26** make very clear about the BLOOD covering our sins. We have the propitiation or the covering "through faith in HIS BLOOD" and in verse **26** it is confirmed "that HE would be righteous and declare righteous the one who has faith in Jesus." There we have the "faith" mentioned in both verses for a reason and that is for us to have faith in our LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. Do you believe? Do you have faith?

Therefore, we must have "faith in HIS BLOOD" as the covering or propitiation of our sins and we are then declared righteous through that faith. Praise the HOLY GOD our HEAVENLY FATHER, HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, JESUS CHRIST, our SAVIOR and LORD and the HOLY SPIRIT, WHO fills and direct our lives in this troubled and sinful world. Cowboys and cowgirls, hang onto that faith, never doubt and never waver; and GOD bless you as you stand before the HOLY GOD in HIS righteousness.

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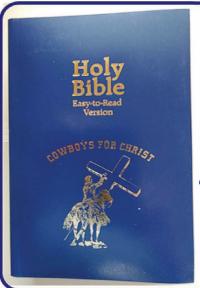
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Lessons From Our Horses on The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy by Barb McMillan

Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, selfcontrol; against such things there is no law. As I continue meditating on Phillip Keller's book, A Gardener Looks at the Fruits of the Spirit, I have come to realize that while the Fruit of the Spirit results from the overflowing of the Spirit of God working within a humble heart, I do have a responsibility to work on spiritual disciplines such as prayer and Bible study which enable me to know God better, and which soften my stubborn heart to let His grace flow through me to others. James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the Word . . . Do what it says!"

In a previous article, I shared some of the ways that working with my horses at Liberty illustrates how God works in my own life to bring my stubborn, willful heart into submission to Him so I can enjoy being in that safe spot of His love, resting in Him, free from fear and completely trusting Him. Matthew 3:2 "Turn away from your sins! The kingdom of heaven has come near." In a similar way, when working at Liberty, I ask my horse to yield his hindquarters 180 degrees and turn to face me with two eyes,

and he must give up his innate fight and flight responses and submit his will to me.

Then when I call my horse to me, and ask him to gently put the front of his face - his forehead with nose pointed toward the ground - against the front of my jacket, I am asking for a huge level of trust since my horse is in a very vulnerable position – he can't see what's going on around him and he can't run away to safety. I want to develop such a bond of love and trust with my horse that I become my horse's safe spot - the place he feels free from fear, all his needs met, and content to just be with me. Isn't this what our Lord wants of us? To love and trust Him so much that we find our sense of contentment in just being with Him? Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

When my horse can do a variety of tasks well on the 12-foot line, I remove the rope and walk side-by-side with him through all the same tasks – he is free to leave me at any time. This is the first test of the strength of the bond of trust and love between us.

As our bond of love and trust strengthens, I stay farther and farther away, and direct my horse through various tasks with voice commands and body language at increasing speeds. The big test was when all the horses were at the far end of our biggest pasture (about 1/5 of a mile away!) and I called our off-the-track Thoroughbred mare, Stella (shown in the photo) to come to me at a canter when I rang a bell (to get her attention from so far away) then called her name.

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I didn't want Stella to feel coerced into coming to me at Liberty, dragging her hooves and shuffling over half-heartedly. No! I wanted Stella to come to me with enthusiasm at a canter or gallop, with her ears pointed toward me, her eyes eager to see what great adventures I had in mind for her. In horses we called this enthusiasm "exuberance." What a joy for me to see that the bond of my relationship with Stella was so strong that she chose to leave the herd and the piles of hay and come galloping to me when I called.

In terms of the Fruit of the Spirit, we might call this enthusiasm "JOY!" Unlike happiness, JOY isn't dependent on what's going on around us, whether good or bad. JOY arises from the confidence in the goodness and love of the one who is calling us. Just as God desires for us to respond with JOY to the tasks He give us to do, working at what He has called us to do with enthusiasm, not half-hearted or dragging our feet, I want my horses to respond with exuberance to my requests, moving with purposeful energy at my direction, whether under saddle or at Liberty. I want to see my horses transitioning from walk to trot to canter with energy and focus! When I ask for a change direction, I want them to be snappy about it – not debate whether going the other way is in their best interests or not!

Oh, how our loving God wants us to respond with enthusiasm and joy to His invitation to come to Him and find our Safe Spot with Him! Philippians 4:4-7 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

And what a difference we could make in this sorry world if we allowed the Holy Spirit to empower us to reach out to meet the needs of hurting people with JOY!



Testimony by Anthony Morgan

My name is Anthony Morgan and I was born into a very dysfunctional family. I lost my father at the age of 12. My mother was so overwhelmed by life as a single mother, she got lost to an addiction. So, it's safe to say I raised myself. Unfortunately, without guidance and discipline or any real moral fiber, by the time I was 13, it was easy to make bad decisions and not be too concerned about the consequences. Because at the time it didn't seem to matter that much, so, thirteen was when I was introduced to marijuana. With no real identity and low self-esteem, the experience of being high filled a huge void in me that at the time seemed like the answer. Little did I know this would be the beginning of a nightmare that lasted for more than 18 years. I could spend the next year writing about the details of my addiction and the pain I caused myself and countless others, but I won't. I will say, marijuana led me to using every other drug imaginable. None of which was more devastating than methamphetamine. Somehow all the jails, broken relationships, lost jobs and countless other problems never seemed important to me. does matter is how much all of that stuff has changed since I came to the Lord, and truly, fully, sincerely surrendered my life to Him. My prayer is these words might break through the pain and suffering and (Continued on Page 11)



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injustice of your life and bring hope, peace and joy beyond belief, as it has in mine. I never understood how after everything I did in life; as, I was so sinful, so rebellious against the Lord. Why He would just pour out His grace upon me; heal me, and allow me to experience victory, freedom and peace that surpassed my understanding. The more I continue reading His Word and walking with God, the more joy of living and inexplicable hope and peace fill my life. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying my life is easy and all my problems have been solved. That would be a lie, but I am going to say what use to confuse, anger and bewilder me in life, isn't as difficult or discouraging as it was when I use to try it on my own. There are many struggles and trials in my life as a Christian, but I can't imagine facing them without Jesus. 1 Peter 5:6-7 "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you." I continue to tell myself daily, it's not about me, it's about Jesus. His promises are true and I pray daily for more faith to trust Him and walk in His ways. I know He will never leave me or forsake me, as He promised in Hebrews 13:5. I don't know what my future hold, but I do know it is in God's hands and there I rest and find peace. In closing, I would like to thank the Lord for this opportunity to share my testimony and you for taking the time you spent reading it.

My Testimony by Titus Sloan

I was raised in the small town of Lenoir, NC. I was raised up in a Christian home and have a Jesus loving family. When I was really little, I would always have encounters with the Lord whether it be just hearing a praise song in my head and singing it or seeing visions as a youngster and telling my parents what I saw. I would just bring so much joy into the world and to my family. As time went on and as I was getting older, I started having a passion to help people whether it be with a

word of encouragement or giving something to someone, when they didn't have much. All the time my relationship with the Lord was getting stronger, and life was going great. I would attend church with my family and go through the acts you could say, but I really didn't know what a true relationship with the Lord was. Of course, my family was praying for me and leading me in the right way, but there was just something in my personal relationship with the Lord that wasn't right. Once I got into my last days of middle school it was just a normal day at this little small town Christian school, we would always have devotions in the morning but this morning for me was different.

Once the Lord entered the place and our song leader was singing and something in my heart was just tugging and tugging on my heart and I was like what in the world is this. But I just was looking at the kids at the altar and it was like something was telling me to go to the altar and i was like ok, Lord. So, I took the first step and as soon as I knelt down to start praying the Lord just came in my heart and one of the girls on leadership, ask me if I wanted to have a relationship with the Lord; a real relationship with the lord and I said yes. So, that day the Lord entered my heart and it was like someone started a fire in my heart and soul which the Lord did and that day I was saved and I thank the lord every day for that day of new life. The Lord did an awesome work that day and little did I know the enemy was going to be chasing after me in any way he could to get into my life just through the slightest of crack. But the Lord gave me awesome parents to be there for me and lead me down the right path. So, once I was in high School, I was faced with the drama and you are either with the crowd or you're not. You either fit in, or you don't. Seclusion is a plan of the enemy to make me think I didn't belong at this Christian high school. We would have devotions just like in middle school but the atmosphere was so different. No body would lift their hands; no one would even sing, let alone go up front. and it made me sad and the enemy was telling me stuff that I know wasn't from the Lord. A little time goes on and I met a couple

of people that had gone through some stuff and as soon as I would mention the name of God they would change the subject, or either laugh. So, I was like ok, God, I know I'm here for a reason and I know the enemy is right on my tail wanting me to believe all of his lies and schemes. Just like most of these high schoolers have believed over there self that they are not good enough or they are a mistake. But I know you are a God of second chances and you do love them and they all have a purpose and a destiny Lord. So, I just started praying, because prayer works even though it may not seem like it right at that moment. Prayer does work. So, a little time goes on and I find myself getting to like this girl which is normal, we are human and we have that desire that God has given us. But at that moment I didn't know what laid ahead, of course my parents warned me so I knew what was right and what was wrong but little did I know that satan was going to try and use her to get me to stop spending time with the Lord. Focusing more on her than the Lord. As time goes on, we become closer and my parents didn't like the idea of holding hands or anything like that which I am so thankful for, now looking back. But you know I had to find a way to hold hands but not disobey my parents, so we held pinkies. The enemy is so sneaky, he just prows and waits for a door to be opened up. I'm really liking this girl; we would go places together with her family but not alone, that's a disaster waiting to happen. As we got closer, I started spending less and less time with the Lord. And at the time I thought everything was going well but more and more I was letting myself get distracted away from God. One day I heard the Lord say, "son it's time to let it go" and I knew exactly what the problem was. I had to let go and let God. So, I had to let go and let God have all the space in my heart. And since then, I have had so many opportunities; the Lord has let me find

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a new passion in mission work. And the Lord always gives me opportunities to share Him and I tell my story. And to let people know just because you let the enemy come in doesn't mean God has left you; He is always by your side and He is with you every step off the way, we just have to "let go and let God."

One Little Lamb

by Chaplain Joel Nupp

We were all packed and headed to the west over the mountains to Slippery Rock to Sheryl's side of the blended families of ours. My granddaughter Kimora was with us. All 4 dogs. The back of the truck carefully loaded with Christmas gifts. My eyes fixed on the road. We go past these big fields. Often. To the feed store. Usually there are hundreds and hundreds of sheep in these fields as they feed on the sagebrush and rocky ground only fit for these biblical little sheep.

Years ago we spoke of a sheep that we found out here standing on a rock. It was Christmas time. We had gone back to tell the farmer. He later came and got it.

My wife yells out. There's a baby sheep. Behind the sagebrush. Hidden.. I never saw it

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It's happening again. Years later. Right at Christmas time. A lost sheep. I asked my wife, should we turn around? We were already past the fields. I never saw it. ...as I carefully pulled the truck off the road, these cars and tractor trailers fly up this road to get up enough momentum to climb the steep mountain. Ahead of us.

I turned around putting on the truck's flashers. There it was. One tiny little sheep. Lost. Alone. It's little back hunched over. Probably to protect from the cold, lost, cold, confused. It just stood there. Actually, like it was waiting. Praying. For someone to come get him. Or. Was the little lamb thinking this is the end. Nobody will see me. All the others are only thinking of themselves, they have

forgotten me. I'm just a little lamb. Brand new. Lost.

We went back to the farm. The owners. He's seldom home. But we'll try. Maybe his wife is home. We really don't have time to look for the owner of one little lamb, but that indwelling spirit within us. Within all of us. Takes over. "We love. Because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

As we drive past the quarry on that old dusty road. There stands the farmer, and his helper, the shepherd of the herd, on a 4-wheeler, just a young kid. I slowly pulled up to the farmer looking quizzically at us. "Do you remember me?" I asked. We stopped years ago about that little lost sheep. I remember he said. We found that sheep. Like you said, I watched as the young shepherd boy had gone the other way to tend to the hundreds of sheep. All of them busily eating. Hundreds of them. The farmer called him back, as we left, we could see the young boy on his way to retrieve the lost sheep. I told my granddaughter as she smiled.

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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.

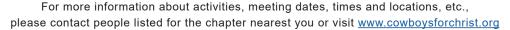
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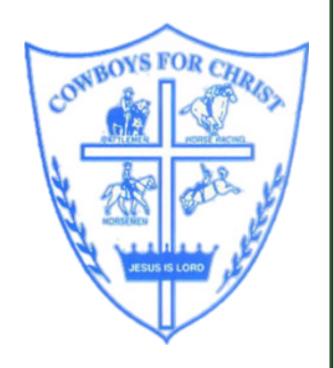
You always make time for the least of these. When we do for others expecting nothing in return. Is when we are most like Christ.

Matthew 18:12-14" What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you he is happier about that one sheep, than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in Heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. "

Why again at Christmas time do we see a lost sheep? We don't see it the rest of the year. Is it a message? From God? A lesson for all of us. At one time I was that lost sheep. I'm guessing you were too.

But we have a savior. That searches, nonstop. Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere. Happy Christmas 2023. Happy New Year. Our prayer for you. Stop striving and

searching for something else to fill your heart. He's searching for you.



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