

Breaking chains of addiction through our Lord Jesus Christ for 50 years

*He is
Risen!*

*He is not here;
for He is risen,
as He said.
Come, see the
place where the
Lord lay. '*
Matthew 28:6

A GOOD PICTURE OF BROKENNESS & REPENTANCE!

Devotional by Bro. Stan Givens

What does it take for any of us to be truly in a right relationship with God? The answer is the same whether we are at the Mission of Hope rehabilitating or sitting at church every Sunday seeking to follow God.

Consider Ezra 10:1-2. Now while Ezra was praying and making confession, weeping and prostrating himself before the house of God, a very large assembly, men, women and children, gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept bitterly. When is the last time you wept as you made confession to God for your sins? Have you let sin become so common and grace become casual that your sins are not grievous? The ministering leader, Ezra was grieved and then it says a very large assembly of men, women and children gathered and wept bitterly. What was happening just before this moment is the priest was sacrificing a lamb for the sins of the nation.

I wonder at times if we saw an innocent lamb dragged down the aisles of our nice clean churches and a knife put to his throat to drain his blood for our sins into a bowl to offer at the Mercy Seat, if our hearts would soften a bit. Would we actually care about the innocent animal that had to die for us? Jesus is the LAMB of GOD and while 100% man he was also 100% God. He, Jesus, your Savior, holy and innocent and pure was paraded down the streets of Jerusalem, mocked, humiliated and hung naked on a cross to die for your sins. Does it move you to confess known sin to a HOLY, INNOCENT GOD who gave His son for your sins? Have we lost the ability to hurt for Christ? Can you weep over the depth and depravity you have in your own heart? I believe many of us need to ask God to soften the callouses that are on our hearts and allow us to connect again with the pain we should feel for our sins. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit and a contrite heart. (Psalm 51:7) Do you have a broken spirit regarding your sins?

MISSION STORIES

The Testimony of Angela Fraser

My name is Angela Fraser. July of 2020 I came to Mission of Hope. Through the lifestyle I was living, I felt as though a very deep dark grave was continually calling out for me.



In 2019 I had my son, Andrew and relapsed, but then after 6 months into it, I found myself back at Vicksburg, MS with a bunch of my ministry sisters and in my eyes they could see how lost I was. They knew my soul was screaming for help and were instrumental in getting me to Mission of Hope.

---FAST FORWARD---

While here at Mission of Hope I encountered the love and compassion that the Lord asks others to give. I learned the meaning of the cross and who I am IN CHRIST. The wisdom and knowledge that the leaders have here from the Lord is amazing. The Lord put it in their hearts to spread His Word to all that come in and are lost. At the end of my program, I wanted to become who Christ has called me to be. So here I am. I have been in Phase 2 for 5 months now. I have witnessed so many people come to Christ and have seen miracles in their lives. I am one of those miracles. I can truly say, what the devil meant for evil, God turns it into good! BUT GOD! To show my light and continually be obedient to His Word and serve others unto Him is a great way to show how thankful I am to the Lord. I look forward to seeing many more souls sealed in Heaven while being here. It is such a beautiful moment. I have vowed to serve God here in this ministry for as long as He calls me to. And it continues...

'for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light'

Ephesians 5:8

MISSION INITIATIVES



Mission of Hope has a new line of candles and wax melts through our Redeemed Gifts initiative. Our soy candles and melts are handcrafted by the women of Mission of Hope and come in a variety of scents. They make great gifts for yourself or someone special. The candles are priced at \$8.00 and the melts are priced at \$6.00. You can find them at Mission of Hope Furniture & Thrift.

'In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

Matthew 5:16



Spring is upon us and we are excited to help you get ready for this summer! If you have lawn maintenance or landscaping needs, we would love to help!!

Please call 251-649-0830 to schedule a visit. To find out more about some of our initiatives, we invite you to visit <https://www.missionofhopeministries.net/missionworks>. All monies donated through our mission initiatives are used to support the men and women of Mission of Hope.

SPONSOR A LIFE

Men and women come to Mission of Hope in search of freedom from addiction. We know God not only gives us freedom he gives us HOPE! These faces of Hope are beautiful and precious pictures of lives restored and made NEW through the Love and transforming power of Jesus Christ! At Mission of Hope we do not charge the men and women for the help they receive. It is an honor for us to help them, to lift them up and most importantly teach them about the redeeming, love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Mission of Hope's "Sponsor a Life" Program is a wonderful way you can show someone they are loved and created in the image of God. Your recurring monthly donation can help us bring those drowning in addiction to Christ Jesus. Signing up is simple! On your cellphone text the word "Give 25" or any other denomination to 251-589-6706 and follow the prompts. You can also call 251-649-0830 and request a Sponsor a Life packet to be mailed to you. God

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