

The Messenger

LIFE CHALLENGE SPRING NEWSLETTER 2023

DO YOU SEE YOUR CALLING?

...separated to the gospel of God...(Romans 1:1)

Our calling is not primarily to be holy men and women, but to be proclaimers of the gospel of God. The one all-important thing is that the gospel of God should be recognized as the abiding reality. Reality is not human goodness or holiness, or heaven, or hell- it is redemption. The need to perceive this is the most vital need of the Christian worker today. As workers, we have to get used to the revelation that redemption is the only reality. Personal holiness is an effect of redemption, not the cause of it. If we place our faith in human goodness we will go under when testing comes.

Paul did not say that he separated himself, but “when it pleased God, who separated me...” (Gal. 1:15). Paul was not overly interested in his own character. And as long as our eyes are focused on our own personal holiness, we will never even get close to the full reality of redemption. Christian workers fail because they place their desire for their own holiness above their desire to know God. “Don’t ask me to be confronted with the strong reality of redemption on behalf of the filth of human life surrounding me today; what I want is anything God can do for me to make me more desirable in my own eyes.” To talk that way is a sign that the reality of the gospel of God has not begun to touch me. There is no reckless abandon in that. God cannot deliver me while my interest is in my own character. Paul was not conscious of himself. He was recklessly abandoned, totally surrendered, and separated by God for one purpose- to proclaim the gospel of God (Romans 9:3).

-Oswald Chambers (Utmost for His Highest)



KRISTI'S STORY

I'm 37 years old and have been battling addiction and running from God all of my adult life and the majority of my teen years as well. My whole world was in chaos and I'd lost everything; my home, my children, my family, my freedom and myself. After being in and out of jail and overdosing this last time, I knew something had to change.

Coming to Life Challenge has been truly the biggest blessing I've ever had in my life. I now know what it is to actually have a relationship with Jesus Christ and to have peace that no one can take from you. I'm currently 14 months sober and I graduate the program in March. Because of this ministry and Jesus, the relationships with my children are being restored and I'm becoming the woman and mother that God made me to be.

I now have a wonderful relationship with my mother and have reconciled with my father after over a decade.

I have my family back, which I consider a miracle. I'm excited to graduate and actually live life, to have a job and be going back to school and most importantly to be a mother to my children. I'm so thankful for all the amazing staff and volunteers that have taught me so much about Jesus and how to have a relationship with Him; as well as for the amazing women I was privileged to go through the program with, who are now my sisters for life. Getting to come back and volunteer here is one of the things I'm looking most forward to honestly, and I'm blessed to get that opportunity. I'm excited to see what God has planned for my future!

Psalm 103:11-12, "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

ADVOCATE

We are requesting for more people who are invested in the Life Challenge program in some way to help advocate for our program. There are too many people suffering from addiction who we could possibly help either through our referral or residential program.

We are dedicated to continue our work regardless of numbers, but we also want to help as many people as possible. Therefore, we are asking you to tell people about the program. We have brochures you can give out in your church, business, or individually. Our goal this year is to reach more women and see their lives changed through the healing power of a relationship with Christ.



UPDATES & NEEDS

- White Twin Sheets
- White Wash Cloths
- Laundry Detergent/ Cleaning Supplies
- Feminine Products
- There have been several home improvements made to the house thanks to the generous support of several foundations (Cannon Foundation, Evergreen Foundation, Percy Ferebee Endowment and Wade Hampton). We have replaced our roof, installed new counters and kitchen appliances, and will have new septic system soon!