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“Therefore, come out from them and be separate,” says the Lord.”

-II Corinthians 6:17

Sanctification is the act of being separated from the world and dedicated to God. Gateway to Glory allows men to put this Biblical concept into practice. Only God can sanctify, but there are things that a man must do in order to allow God to work.

When a man enters the Gateway program, he makes a commitment to leave behind his old style of living. New friends, new activities, and a dedication to a new way of connecting to the world are encouraged. However, most importantly, a personal relationship with Jesus is developed.

Structure, accountability, and obedience to the will of God are practiced in all aspects of everyday living. Separation is encouraged. Separation from old friends,

old places, and old, destructive lifestyles. These are some of things that are demanded of the men who choose Gateway as a means of saving their lives.

Separation from the life we knew can be painful. But the pain can be softened. Replacement of old destructive relationships and activities are the remedy. God's grace moving through the people of the church fills the voids left by separation.

The men of Gateway are encouraged to make new Christian friends. They are exposed to opportunities for recreation that develop new behaviors.

Making friends in the neighborhood, working at the church, serving as volunteers. All these things help to get these men on the right track for changing their lives.



I must work ... while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

In John 9:4, the Savior knew that He would have only about three years to minister to His people. He looked to His crucifixion. Every moment was important and must be spent working for the Father.

One morning, as I was preparing for a Bible study at the Macomb County Jail, the words from John 9:4 leaped off the page at me. They stirred my heart and I wept. The written Word became more alive to me than ever before. It was different this time. The Holy Spirit said that the time was coming when no one would be able to work.

The Word tells us that the closer we get to the birth of the kingdom of God, the more intense will be the labor pains of creation.

Earthquakes are more intense than ever. Hurricanes have become so frequent that male and female names are not enough. Today even the Greek alphabet expands the list. The plague of drugs and sexually transmitted disease threaten everyone, especially young people. All this tells me that the devil is working overtime because he knows the time is short.

This should be a solemn reminder to all Christians that the day is getting short, and the night is coming. Soon our time to serve the Lord on this earth will be over forever. Let us come together to serve our Lord effectively, acceptably, and intensely.

~Because of Him and For Him~Steve

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Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. – Matthew 7:14

Testimony

My name is Joseph. I am a twenty-seven year old Christian and recovering addict. I have struggled with my addiction for over three years. During the last part of that time, I realized that I was caught in a downward spiral. I lost everything important to me; my house, my job, my truck, and my girl friend. I lost my self-respect.

I hated the person I had become. Drugs were my first priority. They were everything. Chasing my next high was the focus of my life.

One night, I had enough. I got on my knees and poured out my heart to God. I confessed that I was afraid and powerless without His help. I begged Him to take away my habit. Two days later, I was in Macomb County Jail. He heard my prayers! He took me away from the drugs!

At first, I was depressed. Being in jail is **not** fun. But deep down inside, I knew it was a blessing in disguise. God saved my life. He had plans for me! I started studying the Bible. After fifty days, I was released to a Christian-based home called *Gateway to Glory*.

I have been at *Gateway* for just over a month, now. I believe it is God's will for me to stay here. It is a home with good structure; good support, and with close ties to Bethesda Christian Church.

I am the youngest man in the house which is a good thing. I have older brothers here that I can turn to for advice and fellowship. Their pasts are similar to mine and I can see the leaps and bounds that they have made in the right direction.

Gateway to Glory provides men like me with a second chance, a new start. I am truly blessed to have wound up here, in the arms of the Lord. I thank God for giving Steve and Robin Malek the means to provide such a stable environment. I thank Him too for Mike Miller to lead and manage the house.

Gateway to Glory gives hope and a new life to anyone who chooses the Lord.

Joe.



Another way to give

Remember, when you use Goodsearch to do your searches instead of Google, you are helping our cause. At no cost to you, a penny a search is donated to Gateway if you put "Gateway To Glory" in the "Who do you search for?" box and click "verify". Also, if you shop online for anything, GoodShop allows you to donate to us as well. A small percentage of your purchase goes directly to help out the men at Gateway to Glory when you put "Gateway to Glory Ministries" in the "Who do you search for" box and click verify. Thank you for supporting us!



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cause...tell your friends!*



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and my girlfriend.*

From the House Manager

When I meet someone for the first time, the same scenario seems to play repeatedly. The men I meet really want to overcome their circumstances. They just do not know how to begin. Just wanting to change is not enough.

The purpose of Gateway is to show them how to achieve their goal. They need to turn their desire into passion. When this happens, they can start to do the things that God requires of them. Things that give God the soil necessary to plant the seeds of salvation and success.

On the Inside, Lookin' Out

I think that the hardest part for anyone in anything is the beginning. In my case, in anything I have ever begun, there was the uncertainty. The uncertainty of exactly what to say or do. So, here I sit at Jackson Correctional Facility (Jackson Cooper Street), in Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT), with uncertainty on just what to say to you. So let me first turn this over and put it in God's hands.

First, I think God would want me to tell you about how I see the men in here making life saving changes in their lives and helping others to do the same. In essence, learning to love themselves by helping others, by giving back. A kind of "self-help rehabilitation". I believe that God leads us through this life and puts us in situations that encourage us to help others even if we really do not want to.

The RSAT program is composed of six months of intense recovery treatment. A man does not just sign up for the program and coast along in it. There are criteria that must be met even before being admitted to the program. At first I was turned down for the program. But I turned to God in prayer and asked His help. With His help I was admitted to the program! I will finish it in May and qualify for release!

I learned a lot in the RSAT program, but I learned a lot more by coming to the Lord. I learned that it is all right to be afraid, as long as we can face our fears with faith in God's will for us and His love for us. When we can do this we start to understand that His ways are not always our ways.

I would like to share a poem with you that means a lot to me. The author is unknown.

Jesus was passionate. That is the reason He shed His blood on the cross for our salvation. This is the kind of passion needed to deliver men from the bondage of addiction. We want to help these men develop the passion necessary to focus on striving to attain their goals. In order to accomplish this, the first passion must be a passion for Jesus Christ and an understanding of what He accomplished at the cross.

Please pray for our men to develop the passion they need.

Let them someday be able to say, regarding their salvation, "It is finished."



I Asked God

I asked God to take away my habit,
God said, "No it's not for Me take away
but for you to give away."

I asked God to grant me patience,
God said, "No,
Patience is a product of tribulation
It isn't granted,
It is learned."

I asked God to spare me pain.
God said "No,

Suffering draws you away from worldly cares
And brings you close to Me."

I asked God to help me love others
As much as He loves me.

God said "Ah, you're finally getting the idea!"



"I see the men in here...learning to love themselves by helping others, by giving back."

God is really working miracles in my life. I could have missed out on them if the Holy Spirit had not been leading me.

I think that the point I am trying to make is that in this world, full of uncertainty, you can count on only one thing. It is your walk with God. If you let the Spirit guide you, the fear and uncertainty disappear. If we let Him have His way with us, we can have a new life in Christ and a new wonderful life it is!

Today, through this RSAT program, I am finally putting aside my fears and insecurity. I am learning how to rely on God to change me and direct my life.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you who have prayed for me. Until then I pray that God blesses all of you and that His grace will be with you and yours.

Yours in Christ ~John K.



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Immediate need

Gateway To Glory is in need of a 7 passenger van to transport the men to church and back home. The current van is running only by the grace of God. The men are in need of hygiene supplies, especially razors and toothbrushes. Pillows and bedding for twin beds would also be appreciated. Please remember, all donations made to this ministry (including vehicles) are tax deductible as Gateway is a 501(c)3 non-profit ministry.

We're on the Web!

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