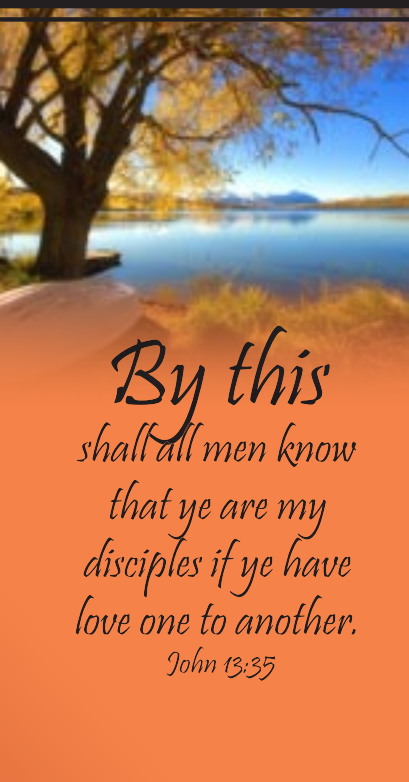




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*By this
shall all men know
that ye are my
disciples if ye have
love one to another.
John 13:35*

Testimony of Jesus' Healing Power and Tender Mercy

As a young child, I experienced much rejection and loneliness. I believed the Enemy's lie that nobody wanted me on this earth, and that my life was worthless. Through my negative thoughts, I became deeply depressed. At a young age, I withdrew into a shell and did not talk to anyone. I was driven by fear and felt confused and bewildered. Most of my relationships were strained, and I did not enjoy them. My prayer life with Jesus was my only comfort, yet even that was disappointing to me. I did not even trust Him completely. Through the following years, God allowed me to experience much pain, but instead of giving it to Jesus, I bottled it all up inside the wall around my heart. Through my teen years, kind friends helped me as much as they could, and when Grace Haven opened its doors, they set up an appointment for me. I was filled with fear of being disappointed, but through my deep longings for freedom and an intimate relationship with Jesus, I did want to go.

My week at Grace Haven

has become a very precious memory to me. The prayers that the counselor led me through were so precious. By the third day, I was still struggling to let go of the wall around my heart. In prayer, Jesus revealed to me that if I let go of the wall, He will put His hands around me, His little girl, and my heart will be even safer than it was behind the wall. Only then was I able to let go. Through the prayers that the counselor led me through, I connected intimately with Jesus.

The counselor led me to bring to Jesus each issue that was causing me pain, forgive and release the offender, and find healing and restitution. As I began praying through it all and giving Jesus my pain, I became aware of strongholds in my life, especially bitterness, anger, and fear. I needed to confess and repent of those sins. I feel so free since I have given Jesus control of my whole heart.

My life is a journey. Every day, as I bring to Jesus each struggle, fear, or issue

that is causing me pain, He helps me pray through it all, and He helps me gain victory after victory. Through Jesus, I can live a joyful victorious life. Forgiveness to others has been a vital part in my healing. My relationships feel so free since I have forgiven others for the pain they have caused me. The joy of creating precious and meaningful relationships is becoming a part of my life.

*"How excellent
is Thy loving-
kindness, O God!
Therefore the
children of men put
their trust under
the shadow of Thy
wings." Psalm 36:7*

My confusions have left. Jesus' answers, truths, and promises, through His Word have become so precious to me. My favorite parts of the day are the moments spent with Jesus in prayer and meditation. Jesus has become intimately real to me.

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ONE BANQUET

From the Pen of our Board Chairman

I Samuel 30:6 says, "And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God". As is shown in this verse, the people closest to David, his "friends", those who should have been his closest allies, wanted to bring him harm because of great pain in their own lives. Where did David turn for help in this time of great distress, but to the Lord his God!

As we see many of you at the banquets, giving of your time and money to help turn valuable people who are in great pain to the Lord our God who can help us, our prayer is that you may be richly blessed and that you will find fulfillment.

Thank you for the many ways that you stand with Grace Haven. We need your continued prayers, counsel and financial support. May God's kingdom be furthered through this work.

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