

## Shiloh Messenger

## The Way Home

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Jesus answered, "I am the way the Truth & the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

Along the Southwest direction of Shiloh's property is a very large antiquated satellite dish firmly grounded in cement that has been here for many years, and it is certainly a significant part of this Ministry. In 1999 before the doors were open to actually receive students, and upon renovating the buildings and grounds in that initial process, The Holy Spirit impressed upon our heart to keep that old Satellite dish as it could be a tool that The Master could and would use. This massive satellite dish would indeed become a white canvas backdrop for a picture of Jesus Christ, and we have now witnessed over the course of fourteen years people who literally stop their vehicles and get out as their interest is piqued, pausing to take pictures, and we believe fully that they cannot help but to experience HIS presence.

A friend, neighbor, and supporter of Shiloh Ministries testifies that her great granddaughters regularly looked for that old dish because they knew when they saw it, that was their landmark and they were close to HOME. They did not have to repeatedly ask their Parents "are we almost there?" they always had a knowing when they saw JESUS. The Satellite Billboard if you will, actually was a noticeable display to them that they recognized readily as their map and their sure compass. Those young girls were always looking for JESUS, for they knew when they saw JESUS that HE was the way home.

Chris Harwell a graduate of this ministry and currently the office manager at Shiloh tells of his experience before he surrendered to The Lord. He says, "I was struggling in my addictions and I lived just a few miles from Shiloh in a neighboring small town. I would drive by Shiloh Ministries daily for many years, and I was always drawn to the large satellite dish with the picture of Jesus, and I even used HIS picture for directions for others. On my daily commute after work from Baytown to Daisetta, I knew when reaching The JESUS Satellite I was only 15 minutes to my destination. I drove by Shiloh many years intoxicated, asking God and pleading for help. I even spoke to God about how nice the land was around Shiloh and it would be nice to live there. Little did I know HE already had a plan for me. God answered me and I lived on the premises for eighteen months. I am very grateful for where my life is today. Serving at Shiloh and helping men get delivered from drugs and alcohol, because God delivered me from the same addictions."

We witnessed one visitor in particular, a middle aged woman, who had pulled her vehicle over in the parking lot, get out and walk around the massive old receiver of a Satellite Dish and praise God with a loud voice. And we also remember a couple of Mormons who were riding by on their bikes who had stopped at the dish taking pictures of Jesus. As we saw them, we kindly invited them inside, offered them cool water, witnessed to them (the Truth about Jesus) and showed them The Love of God with prayers for them before their departure. We actually got to witness to them before they even got to knock on our door with their zealous ambition and theirintent to witness to us!

These are precious illustrations in the natural, but so much more so in the Spiritual realm for Jesus Christ is our way HOME, THE ONLY WAY HOME, HE is THE LANDMARK upon our hearts, HE is our steady and accurate compass, HE IS THE ONE AND ONLY ONE THAT GETS US HOME, HE is our GATE WAY, as HE is THE SHEEP GATE, HE is the PASSOVER LAMB. IT IS BY HIS BLOOD ALONE THAT WE ARE SAVED. HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, and no one comes to The Father except by Jesus Christ HIS SON.

How acquainted are you with HIM, IS HE a picture painted somewhere that you recognize readily that can give you a sense of peace and or is HE much more, and can you describe who HE is in your life with vivid Technicolor that is contagious to others?

Unlike the Massive Satellite Dish, HE has not become antiquated although HE truly is THE Ancient of Days and has always been before the foundation of the world and HE most assuredly is a receiver, but HE is completely transmitting without difficulty and never not once has lost his signal nor been replaced by another that is more efficient nor will HE ever be. HE is THE ALPHA and OMEGA, the beginning and the end, THE ALMIGHTY SOVEREIGN KING OF THE UNIVERSE, JESUS CHRIST IS HE. HE is not a message, HE IS THE MESSAGE! HE IS THE BILLBOARD!

HE is the first gate we enter through into our Relationship with THE FATHER in HEAVEN, and the very last gate we enter through as we shall see JESUS, for HE will be the one that welcomes us HOME, and we shall stand before HIM at that Judgment Seat to receive the rewards to lay at HIS WORTHY Feet, For most assuredly there is absolutely a co-laboring with HIM after we say yes to HIM, and We are accountable in how we did steward this life and the talents in which were given to us by a merciful, Holy, Just, Righteous, Faithful, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent Redeemer (Romans 12:1,2).

This month many will celebrate HIS Death, Burial, and Resurrection, however for those truly living lives that are set apart to HIM, the celebration is ongoing every day with thankfulness to this ONE called JESUS for HE is THE EXACT Representation of The Father and is the Lamb of God who is PURE LOVE that has come and is coming again real soon! HE IS JESUS, The Sacrificial offering that is HOLY and undefiled for our sin penalty. For those that have a relationship In Christ, this earthly dwelling is no longer our citizenship, we are but passing through becoming more like HIM as we follow HIM, and getting closer and closer as HE is showing us THE WAY HOME.

## Student Testimony

Hello, my name is Doug Roberts. I am 58 years from Rockdale Texas. I had what most people would consider to be the perfect childhood growing up. Both my parents were Christians and Church was an everyday part of our lives. At the age of 13 I became curious of the things of this world and began experimenting with drugs and alcohol. Little did I know for the next 38 years I would be fighting a losing battle to my addiction? Over the next 30 years I was admitted to 10 different secular drug treatment centers. Never being able to achieve more than 6-12 months of sobriety. Slowly losing control of my life was causing me to slip further and further away from God. I began reaping the consequences of my sins, I.E. Felony criminal convictions, 2 failed marriages, lost jobs, and most of all the respect of my children. At age 52 my marriage failed for the second time. All alone for the first time in my adult life I returned to my addiction with a vengeance. Never before have I experienced such a loneliness and darkness. In the early morning on that March day I cried out to God and he not only heard my cry, but answered my prayer. Within moments I was on the phone with Shiloh Ministries. Immediately a feeling of peace and assurance came over me. My Dad once told me, "You can't fix something if it's not broke."



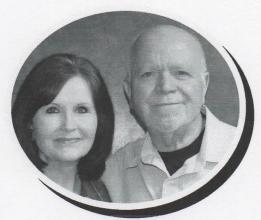
I had to be brought to a complete state of brokenness in order for me to surrender completely. God has renewed my mind and transformed me. He has fixed me from my fallen nature. This has been an incredible year for me. Never a day goes by that I don't thank God for healing me. In proverbs 22:6 it is written that if you teach a youth the way that he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Thank you Mom for planting seed in me at such an early age. A very special thanks to Pastor Rocky, Sister Debbie, and the rest of the staff for all you do for this Ministry and advancing the Kingdom of God. Thank you Lord Jesus for saving me and setting me free!

We want to thank everyone who financially partners with us in this Supernatural Ministry. It is because of special people like you, men have the opportunity to encounter the "Presence of God." Since the year 2000, we have been participating with the Lord in seeing men restored back to Him, so their destiny can be fulfilled. We are thrilled to hear from our graduates testifying about their experiences of advancing the Kingdom of God in their families, the market places and foreign countries where many are serving as missionaries. We would also like to invite others to help us financially in this ministry of reconciliation for restoration. Please consider Shiloh Ministries as good ground for your financial seed. We would also like to ask Pastor's for the opportunity for the students to come & share with their congregation. We invite everyone to come and take a tour of the Shiloh Campus, if you are in the Liberty area (located 45 miles east of downtown Houston). We would be glad to meet you and show you what extraordinary things the Lord is doing at Shiloh. Thanks again, for co-laboring with us and prayerfully considering financially supporting The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

(Shiloh Ministries is recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 charitable organization. All financial gifts are tax deductible at the end of the year.)

**Prayer Needs:** Please pray for the provisions for a covered cement walkway. Currently there is no protection from the rain for the students who walk about 150 yards from their Dormitory to the Chapel, dinning hall and office. Please pray for the finances that are needed to construct a walkway. Thank you!

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