



Shiloh Messenger

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Impact Destiny

“But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted” (1 Peter 2:9 MSG).

For we are saved by hope (Romans 8:24a)

10 years ago on October 25th, 2000 I was a 20 year old young man, distraught and confused. I had one bag of clothes and many bags filled with guilt, shame, and consequence. By the grace of God the doors were opened for me at Shiloh Ministries. Pastor Rocky and Sister Debbie lovingly and sternly took me in as one of their sons. They showed me what it meant to believe and become apart of something greater than myself and my personal circumstances. They taught me through hope and trusting in the Limitless, All Loving, All Powerful; Lord Jesus was willing and able to set me free from my drug, alcohol and self addiction. Through the many gracious partners of Shiloh, my life has been changed forever. They introduced me to a concept that I hold on tightly to this day, Destiny. Before I walked the steps of the facility I had never heard the word destiny or at least I had never heard it the way they said it. Jeremiah 29:11 God has a plan; it's a good plan, filled with a bright future and a hope. “You have a destiny; Sister Debbie would often tell me; God has a plan.” You are more than a conqueror, you are an over comer.” “Greater is He that is within you, than he that is in the world,” they'd say. Pastor Rocky would stand up in the class and tell us how he became “Faith Man!” and believed God for a godly wife for seven years. He told us stories of God refining his character in the engine room of Mercy Ships Ministries. Great hope and courage along with a strong work ethic, faithfulness and servant hood were pillars taught to me in that year at Shiloh. Today, I have enjoyed a wonderful and beautiful marriage for six years, 2 amazing sons and have had the opportunity to meet hundreds of incredible people. We are currently living in the hill country of Texas, serving our local Church and launching our ministry Impact Destiny (www.impactministry.org). Today Shiloh is not only helping men get off of life controlling addictions; it is also restoring those men to become assets in the kingdom of God. Men of God, Fathers, 5 –fold ministers, missionaries, business owners, coaches, teachers, and the like; this program is a proven vehicle to implement real tangible change in the lives of others. Thank you so much, Shiloh, for all you have given!



Jason & Lauren Cowan with two sons, Joey & Jonah.

Jason Cowan

The Product of Prayer

My name is Bo Roberts. I am 28 years old. For months now the words "Product of Prayer" has resounded over and over in my heart. I suppose the reason for that is because I really believe it! I know that I am a product of prayer! Before I came to Shiloh I could not understand why God answered some prayers, or why some remained unanswered. For 13 years my life has been full of one hardship after another. Trial after trial broke me down and depression over took me. I became involved in addictions and criminal behavior. Within the last eight years, I spent 6 of those years transitioning between prisons, institutions, and even more destitute situations. I had experienced the move of God in many of those circumstances, due to God's Grace and His Mercy upon my life and for my crying out in simple prayer. But more often than not the pursuit of seeing a promise fulfilled was all I had. I knew that I was not predestined to be like that forever and I was right. I did not see this coming, but Jesus was leading me by the hand to Shiloh all along. It was prayer that enabled the restoration process to begin in me. He has healed my broken life and has even revealed to me how prayers are most effective when they are not hindered by corrupted character. I am still learning that (just like before) petitions are sometimes denied in light of a greater good; God's power is displayed in our humility and that sometimes living your life by faith means being willing to live with only a promise. This promise is what I stand on every day now. God predestined me out of His Love to adoption in Christ before the world was made. He did so that I might become Holy and blameless, conformed to the image of Christ. Yes, He has redeemed me. I now am about the privilege of praising Him for His Grace and serving Him out of Gratitude. This is enough to keep me going. My one year at Shiloh is quick to be over and I will graduate June 17th 2010. I am presently seeking to serve with Friendships Ministries out of Lake Charles Louisiana. They are an ocean going ministry that brings in aide to those in other Nations who are destitute.



More Land To House More Men

(Update!! Current balance needed, \$50,000)

Everyday we receive e-mails & phone calls from men & families requesting help in getting set free from addictions. Our heart response is heavy in telling them we have no room. We as Staff have been praying for God to give us more land so we can build to disciple more men. Now we are at a place where we have the opportunity to purchase land adjacent to our existing property. It is 4 acres with a business building on it. The man that is selling the property is asking \$100,000 for it. We know this man & he is honorable. We have believed for this land & have participated in prayer walks over it for years. We know it is God giving it to us. Our Heavenly Father has spoken to us. He has said, "believe & trust Me that I will speak to people & they will give". Therefore we have opened a separate Bank account to receive the money that will come in before January 2011. This is our time frame of receiving the full amount of the \$100,000 that is being asked. We ask that everyone consider sowing a generous financial gift into this much needed addition. So other men that are still in bondage be brought into their "glorious inheritance". Thank you, for your generosity in giving & co-laboring with us in the Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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