

Shiloh Messenger

Tragedy To Triumph

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"I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown," Revelation 3:11.

Recently we attended the Home Going Celebration of one of our faithful Volunteers of Shiloh Ministries. Ruby Horn and her husband N.L. invested much into our lives at Shiloh, with Ms. Ruby gifted in the area of teaching in the classroom and N.L. and Daughter Sandra Davis serving with meal preparation in the Kitchen.

Ms. Ruby taught on many topics that Holy Spirit gave her from The Word of God, as she faithfully and skillfully constructed 150 Banners that served to illustrate each Topic teaching in vivid Technicolor, and usher in the presence of God. These Banners have served in Church's, Christian Conference settings, as well as here at Shiloh. One Son in law stated, he would find himself given to prayer when he entered the building that housed all those banners, as they did indeed usher in the presence of God.

A favorite teaching of Ms. Ruby's was on the Crown's that are recorded in The Bible and will be rewarded to those who have been faithful in specific areas. This is very significant as Ms. Ruby took hold of something, she knew that she did not want to stand before The Lord Jesus empty handed, she desired to have gained "Crowns" for the sole purpose to lay them at Jesus' feet at the Judgement Seat of Christ, for she was truly thankful unto HIM.

The "Crowns" mentioned in God's Word that those IN Christ may receive are, "The Incorruptible Crown" given for diligently dying to self, and self-control with mastery over sin, 1 Corinthians 9:23-27. The "Crown of Rejoicing" given for those who win lost souls to Christ. 1 Thessalonians 2:19, "The Crown of Righteousness" given to those waiting and watching, and anticipating Christ's soon return, 2 Timothy 4: 8. "The Crown of Glory" given for those Shepherds who faithfully Preach, and teach the Word of God and Shepherd God's People, 1 Peter 5:4. The "Crown of Life" given to those who are persecuted unto death whom refused to deny Christ, Revelation 2:10, James 1:12. These "Crowns" will signify one's position and or rank in Eternity as we come back with Jesus to set up HIS Kingdom upon this earth.

Ms. Ruby & N.L. lived as salt and light before us as their testimony of love and forgiveness manifested over and over. One striking testimony of their overcoming after a very deep tragedy was the forgiveness they gave to a Drunk Driver that hit their 15 year old daughter who was killed upon impact in 1973. Ruby and N.L. were given God's Gift of Grace to go the Prison and visit with this man face to face, delivering a Bible to him and telling him that they forgave him and God would too if he would ask Him. This Man wrote Ruby and N.L. later and the last they heard he was out of Prison and preaching The Gospel. No little wonder that Ruby and N.L. Horn would come to Shiloh faithfully, weekly to volunteer and impart God's love to these men who come in and are addicted to drugs and or alcohol. They could have very easily chosen a path of unforgiveness, bitterness, and hatred which would have resulted in their own inner prison, but yet they called out to God and HE delivered them and turned their test into a mighty testimony. Ruby and N.L. Horn invested their time, talents, and finance into the advancement of God's Kingdom for many years, and they taught us much about servanthood, forgiveness, and love. N.L. Horn went home to be with The Lord several years ago and Ruby his beloved wife last month.

The questions in closing are for personal reflection. Will you spend Eternity with Jesus and will you have any Crowns to lay at HIS Feet? What are you doing with your time, talents, and treasures that HE has given to you to steward for HIM, Are you investing into His Kingdom purposes or sowing into temporal things that are fleeting and will pass away? HE has given this exhortation HIMSELF, "Behold I am coming quickly, let no one steal your Crown" (Revelation 3:11).

Graduates Testimony

Hello, my name is Richard Currie III. I am 21 years old and I am from Palestine, TX. I grew up in a loving Christian home, but at the age of 7 years old tragedy struck our family when my father committed suicide. It was a moment in my life I will never forget because it opened doors in my life that brought misery to me and especially my mom. At the age of 9, I was put into a Children Mental Hospital in Dallas, TX. From a very young age, I felt like an outcast and failure. I became full of hate. After leaving the Mental Hospital, I started back in school, but because of the darkness that had come into my heart; I didn't stay in school long. My life continued to spiral out of control and at the age of 15, I was in a car accident and was prescribed pain killers. These not only numbed physical pain but also numbed the pain I had in my heart. It was a temporary escape from reality and this is where my addiction began. I continued taking and abusing meds over the next couple of years. At the age of 17, I attended a Bible School, and this helped open my spiritual eyes but my addiction still had control over me.



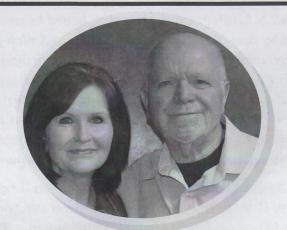
After many times of trying to stop on my own, I fell into a deep depression. The devil tried to use this mental torment to take my life (John 10:10). This depression continued until February 2, 2014, the day I entered Shiloh Ministries. During my year at Shiloh, I had many challenges to overcome; most of it was demonic strongholds in my mind. Through the relentless pursuit of desiring to know my Heavenly Father, I got set free. It was the curriculum in place at Shiloh were I encountered a Loving Savior, who set me free (John 8:36). God has taken a lost and broken man and given me a purpose.

I want to thank God for sending me to His Ministry (Shiloh), and everyone who supports this great ministry. God truly used this ministry to save my life, for His Glory. I want to thank Pastor Rocky and Sister Debbie for being obedient to God and starting a place for men like me to come and rest at the Fathers feet for a year. I want to thank all my Shiloh family, and my family back home for their support while I was here. Jesus is Lord!

We want to thank everyone who financially partner with us. 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.

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