

## Shiloh Messenger

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## The Place Of The Righteous

"He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous;
But they are on the throne with kings,
For He has seated them forever,
And they are exalted" (Job 36:7)

Let me first start by saying Shiloh Ministries is such an anointed place. The presence of God is so tangible . I was able to learn so much of the Word of God there. I even learned how to wait patiently for a godly wife. I learned how important prayer, praise and worship is to keeping you close to God. I learned great work eth-

ics and the importance of a mans word. If you say you will do something then make sure you keep your word. I became well rooted in the things of God. Having said that a lot has happened since graduation.

One of my life long desires has been to be a police officer. I was able to start in obtaining this goal by enrolling at the University of Houston downtown police academy. I graduated at the top of my class because of hard work, diligence and the favor of God. I also had the loving support of my wife who loves and fears the Lord. As of now I am still looking to be placed at the right department so I can fulfill my desire of being a police officer. The Lord has shown me time and time again of the importance of waiting on Him. Until then I will continue to be a faithful employee at my present place of employment. When the time is right I know I will be placed where He wants me to be. I want to use being a peace officer as a ministry tool to reach out to hurting people. It will give me an opportunity to minister to people that normally would not be reached by God's love.

As for my wife and I, we are blessed! We are both faithful to tithe and give offerings. The result of our faithfulness has produced financial blessings. Both of us continue to get raises at our jobs and be promoted. As we prove our faithfulness, God rewards us with more to steward. I get so excited, in that I have the opportunity to experience Divine favor to those who believe. I know that the favor of the Lord is not for us to keep but to teach and to share with others to do the same. We are now in the process of buying our first home and it has been a great experience. We have had favor from the Lord and could not be happier! God has brought us closer together as husband and wife. We have learned why God sets up a marriage, for two to become one. Some of the things we do to strengthen our marriage is to pray together. There is so much that happens when you pray with your wife. Our faith grows not only in God but in each other as husband and wife . In praying together my wife experiences the love I have for God and it carries over to her trusting me in decisions that are made. It all translates into inquiring of the Lord before decisions are made . If prayer with your spouse is not something that you do on a continual basis, I recommend that you begin today. It will strengthen your marriage and will bring intimacy with God.

There has been struggles since graduating from Shiloh, but His grace and mercy continues to amaze me. We are humbled every day by the goodness of our God. Every day is a new challenge and I am excited to experience what He leads us through by the Holy Spirit. It is because of His direction we know that no matter what comes our way, Jesus Christ the "Good Shepherd" (Jn. 10:10-11) will lead us. One of the major things that all of us deal with is finances. Some of what I have experienced in my short marriage life is that I must communicate with my spouse about spending. I cannot just purchase things like I did when I was single. I must include my wife in discussing financial matters. Then after we have prayed about the necessity of it, we then decide its priority. I have received much revelation of these matters because of meditation on God's Word. I have seen the desires of my heart manifest because of intimacy with God and praying His Word back to Him. These are just some of the seeds that were sown in my life while at Shiloh Ministries. I am now seeing the manifestation of fruit in my life because of a grateful heart. I am very honored for the opportunity that God gave me for the year that I spent at Shiloh. I wish that everyone could have the gift that was given to me.

God bless you Shiloh Ministries you are an amazing place! Joe Burgess

## **Graduates Testimony**

Hi, my name is Shane Adkins. I am 38 years old from Rock Hill, S.C.

The journey of life which led me to Shiloh began some 25 years ago. Mine is not a story of abuse or dysfunction in the family but rather rebellion and disobedience on my part. When the tragedies of death and divorce struck around age 14, I cast aside all trust and belief in anyone or anything other than myself. Unable to cope with the loss of my Grandfather and my blaming God for taking him away, I set out on a trail of death and destruction. I got involved in the occult and was completely preoccupied in experimenting with every drug imaginable. By early 20's

the marriage to my high school sweetheart had ended in Divorce due to adultery, yet not before the birth of my son, Dylan. It was in him that I first saw hope in the future. My drug use by this point had escalated in frequency and severity. I involved myself in another long term relationship which was plagued by addictions and deceit. Out of this however, my daughter, Zada was born. It was through my children that God began to speak to me about a Fathers Heart. In 2005 I received Jesus into my heart and embarked on the path to freedom and sobriety. The Father's hand slowly but surely led me to Shiloh Ministries in March 2010. The obedience of Pastor Rocky and Sister Debbie in providing an environment for The Holy Spirit to move has been a blessing an inspiration to my life. The past year has been miraculous healings in my mind and body as well as total dismissal of legal



charges against me. I owe all praise and honor to my Friend and Savior Jesus Christ. To HIM BE THE GLORY FOREVER.

Shiloh Ministries gives the LORD honor and praise for lives that have been delivered from a life of drug addiction. We celebrate Kingdom Life here at Shiloh. All of our supporters make a tremendous contribution towards lives that forever are destined for eternity with God. We ask and encourage everyone to give financially to help with the cost of restoring lives. The LORDS Ministry at Shiloh is free to the men who seek restoration. It is a walk of faith for our financial needs to be met every month. Would you please consider being a monthly supporter? God always speaks to those He has asked to give. We believe that His people will respond out of a heart of gratitude for what He has done & continues to do for them. Thank you, for your generosity in giving & co-laboring with us in the LORDS Ministry at Shiloh.

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