



*My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? John 14:2*

# There Is A Place For Me In God's House



*Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. Isaiah 30:18*

Even when you cannot sense God's nearness, reach for Him. He has created a place for His children and He desires to share with us His personal touch. All He asks of His children is to surrender their ways and live in such a way that brings attention to Him.



This is the heart of the new Dawn Curtis...the desire to bring attention to God rather than herself. Dawn graduated from our program in February 2017. The celebration of raising the sword high in the air, rejoicing in all she had accomplished thus far, was only the beginning of blessings that God wanted to shower upon her.

Dawn is discovering what God desires for her life. She has been busy learning how to be a *giver* versus a *taker*. She is learning how to *give* at work and in the relationships with her husband and children. She is learning how to be the child of God she was designed to be. Dawn loves her journey with God these days!

***God's plans for us are found in His House***

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Dawn has continued to better herself by getting certifications in crisis intervention, drug rehab counseling and CPR training. She just completed her first year at Grand Canyon University where she is studying Sociology. She hopes God will allow her the training she needs to give hope to those who need it. She is now a case manager at Community Bridges where she is giving hope on a daily basis. She stated she is practicing what she has learned and observed as a recipient during her time with Along Side Ministries.



Dawn working at Community Bridges



Dawn with new granddaughter

Dawn is discovering different ways to love her children. She is restoring these relationships from years of neglect. She has been given another chance to build into her children's lives. She is being intentional about how she lives out her relationship with Jesus in front of her children. Wanting to model a faithful consistent walk with Jesus is her highest priority these days. God has touched this family to change hearts in order to be reconciled and healed from the past hurts caused by Dawn.

## *Gods' grace is found in His House*

What has been an amazing part of her journey is the reunification with Tim, her husband. He is currently incarcerated in one of our institutions, but being incarcerated hasn't stopped this marriage from starting over. They are building trust and communication with one another that wasn't there before. She is discovering how to love her husband in real and authentic ways. Dawn looks forward to the time he is released so they can continue to rebuild their family together. She knows she has been given a second chance at family and desires to see what God is going to do.

Please pray for Dawn and this season of building a foundation that God can use for the future. Jesus is her comforter and hope for the present and future.

### **God is good...Amen!**



Dawn, Tim, her mom, Anita and daughter Ashley

What if we all prayed this prayer? **“Lord I want to trust you completely. I want all of me to exalt You above all things. I want to be aware of Your overwhelming presence and to hear only Your voice. I want my life to be a sweet aroma to all that come in contact with me.”**

## ***We Could Change the World!***

John Schnaitman spent the first year of his six years in prison engulfed in misery, engaged in a pity party, bitterly wondering why he had received such a long sentence for his third DUI. He believed in God and His Son Jesus Christ, but wasn't living out those beliefs. But God had a plan for John and began to reveal it to him while incarcerated. John needed to learn how to pray that prayer.

On October 27, 2013, he woke up in the middle of the night for no apparent reason and randomly opened his Bible to 2 Peter 2:21-22 and read: *"For it is better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them."* Proverb 26:1 says: *"the dog returns to his own vomit, and the sow after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."* This was John's life in a nutshell. In that moment John dropped to his knees and surrendered to Jesus Christ and said: *"I'm Yours. Please show me the way, because I can't live like this anymore."* It was the first time he felt the Holy Spirit's presence.

He was transferred to Florence North where one evening he heard over the PA "Alongside Ministries church services starts in 15 minutes." It was perfect timing and he decided to attend. God put John and Along Side Ministries (ASM) together. He connected well with ASM leadership and eventually applied for and was accepted into the program. He was assigned a mentor, Bob Corelli and they got to work developing a transition plan for his eventual release.

Having been a successful businessman most of his adult life, John knew he needed a God inspired plan. He knew he couldn't go back to his old lifestyle and way of doing business. John focused on becoming God's servant. He felt led by God to open up a comprehensive Christian sober living environment. His new heart wanted to help others make a successful transition from prison to society.

John's new way of doing life has put Jesus in control. He is allowing God to direct him in all phases of this adventure. Upon Graduating from ASM, he started flipping luxury sedans to increase his capital to build God's ministry. With the money he earned, John was able to make an offer on an apartment complex to start this ministry. "Everything and anything is possible through our savior, Jesus Christ" says John's mentor. Today, the AO Foundations is open and operational.



John and his mentor Bob



**Before  
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**After  
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Another blessing in John's life came after graduation when he began to date a woman who, at that time, was the night manager for the ASM women's ministry. He describes Tina as a relentless believer, the most selfless person he has ever known, and stunningly beautiful. John has been given an amazing partner who will assist in helping others walk with Jesus. They are now married learning to live this journey together.

**God is at work and He is awesome!**

### *Update on Mid-Year matching Challenge*

I want to thank all of you for your support of this ministry. If you give faithfully each month or if you give to the matching challenges, YOU are an inspiration and encouragement to all of us at Along Side Ministries.

We did fall a little short on our mid-year match, we were \$7,000.00 short of our goal. We are excited as we watch God provide for all our needs in these months prior to the end of the year. Your continued support is what God uses to impact lives for His Glory.

We are grateful to have you as a partner with us in this work that God has richly blessed. I am thankful that God has given YOU the heart to see the "least of these" and their needs. **Your partnership in this work is so valued and needed, we couldn't do it without you!**



### **Along Side Ministries are in need of the following items for our men and women who are coming out of prison:**

- Duffle Bags for the welcome home Grace Bags
- Backpacks for those who ride a bike to work
- Bikes for both men and women
- Twin size comforters for both men and women



#### September

<b>Beyond the Bars</b>
September 15, 2018
Men's DTC
2601 W. Belmont Ave.
To Register call
Sandie at 602-995-9484

#### October

<b>Family Gathering Night</b>
October 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Located at First Christian Church
6750 N 7th Ave,
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Call 602-995-9484 for more details

#### December

<b>Beyond the Bars</b>
December 1, 2018
<b>Graduation</b>
December 9, 2018
at First Christian Church at
5:00pm

***Come and join us and bring a friend with you for these wonderful events!***



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