

Mighty to Save ministries

Offering hope and new beginnings to young adults who want to be free from addictions by providing mentoring, discipling and transition assistance.

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Making a Choice

I am sitting here in my office knowing I need to write something for the Newsletter, but not feeling inspired. In all honesty, it's been a rough week. There are so many people I love who are really hurting right now. There are people I love who are making really bad choices right now, choices that are not only having a negative impact on them, but also on everyone who loves them.

Why? Why do we make choices we know are bad for us? I remember hearing someone say once, "If we would stop for a moment to consider the cost of the choice we are about to make, and how it will affect those we love, we would probably make better choices." There is so much truth in that.

If the man or woman who is about to be unfaithful, stopped and thought about their spouse and children, and feel the hurt they were about to cause, would they stop?

For the person about to put that needle in their arm, if they stopped and thought about what that would do to them and their loved ones, would they go through with it?

I would like to think that they would make a different choice; but I know in my heart that most often it's not that easy. What drives our bad behavior? It's almost always our beliefs about ourselves, and about God. It is also fear. I have been told that we are either operating out of fear or love. That makes sense to me.

Sadly, I think most of us operate out of fear. We are so insecure in who we are. The enemy is such a big, fat liar, why are we so quick to believe his lies? I think he starts early in our lives, whispering we are not good enough, we don't deserve it, we are only going to fail, no one loves us, no one understands us... and dozens of other lies.

This is so opposite of what Jesus says to us. Jesus says His love is unconditional, it is unearned, and undeserved. He is full of love, grace and mercy. Jesus went to the cross for us, to carry our burdens and our shame. Why do we then try to carry it all ourselves? Why do we do that?

We have to learn to live our lives partnering with Jesus in every single circumstance. The Word says we will have trials. We will go through the floods and the fires, BUT HE goes with us. I know I am preaching to the choir right

now, but I really need this... We have to keep our eyes on Jesus. We have to see our circumstances through Jesus, and not Jesus through our circumstances--Jesus first. I know for me sometimes it is difficult because there have been times where I have trusted and believed for something but it didn't happen. Then I become hesitant to want to believe again. I am falling right into the scheme of the enemy. I don't want to do that anymore. I am tired of him messing with my family and messing with people I love.

Today, I am making the choice to believe what God says about me. I am HIS child. I do not have to fear. I am loved. His spirit is alive in me. I can do all things... the list goes on.

The other big promise I am hanging onto is the one "that all things work together for good for those who love Him." Yes! He can use the sorrow, He can use the pain, He can use it all for His purpose. He can use the physical pain, the emotional pain, the relapse, the grief and the sorrow in all of our lives when we say "yes" to Him and hand it over to Him, instead of trying to do it by ourselves. I am reminded of the verse He

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gave us almost eight years ago when we started on this Mighty to Save Journey, “Do not be afraid or dismayed, the battle is not yours, but God’s”. Amen!

Thanks for letting me share my heart. I hope that it in some way it has encouraged you in whatever battle you may be fighting.

~ Christina

Participant’s Note

This month, I would like to send congratulations to our friend, Peter. Peter has recently graduated from Grays Harbor College with his degree in Welding. We recently found out that Peter was “given back some time” that had been taken away, meaning that he is about 90 days away from release.

We are so excited for Peter, and for the future that awaits him and his fiancé, April.

It was in August of 2016, when I first received a letter from Peter. I had never been in contact with him before, but his friend told him to write me so, “we could maybe fellowship honestly about Jesus Christ”. I wrote Peter back, and we’ve been writing since.

Last June, Peter connected with a MtSM pen-pal, Susan. Susan has been a prayer support for Mighty to Save for many years, and writes to many of our inmates. She has such a wonderful heart and loves to “mother” these young men. They had an instant connection.

In September of 2017, I received a letter from Peter. He was preparing to graduate in December and his teacher had offered him a position as a Teacher’s Assistant for the welding class. “The welding instructor likes me and believes I will be a credit to his class as well as a valuable asset to the students learning how to weld, because of my passion for book work and my technical interest in welding. There is a fascinating science to melting metal using electric heat of over 3000 degrees. All in all, with the time taken to finish the class, as well as the time I have left, the amount of time will give me thirty months of welding credited to my welding experience. With a letter of competency from my welding

instructor, and with my Certificate of Completion, it will qualify me to take the WABA test as soon as I am released, free of charge. What that means is that I will be able to step right out of prison into an employment opportunity.”

In this letter, Peter also asked us, MtSM, to help him join the American

and is considering taking up teaching as a profession.

In December, Peter graduated and his faithful pen-pal, Susan, was there to help him celebrate!



Susan and Peter

Congratulations Peter!!! We know God has great things planned for you. Stay connected to His heart, seek Him in all things and you will do wonderfully. It is a pleasure to have been and to be a part of your life, and we hope you will continue to stay in touch upon your release.

MtSM Awarded Grant

We are excited to report MtSM received a Community Service Grant in the amount of \$1000 from the Rotary Club of Oak Harbor. Grant funds are designated to be used for Transitional Housing Assistance.



Club President Steve Pawers and Christina



Welding Society, “which would open up a whole world of opportunity to me that I don’t plan to waste anyway.” This membership would provide education advancements and job opportunities.



Our board was pleased and honored to help Peter in joining the AWS and Peter was very grateful for this chance. After Peter is released he will be qualified to test for the WABO welding certification





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WA state prison inmates

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staying clean

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