



**U-TURN  
FOR CHRIST**

**LIVES CHANGED  
FAMILIES RESTORED  
COMMUNITIES STRENGTHENED**

EDITION

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***PASTOR'S NOTES***

*"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love." (2 Peter 1:5-7)*

We know that "salvation" is a "gift from God". That is what "grace" is all about, but here Peter tells us that we need to be growing in our faith or it will become stagnant, or we could even be back-slidden. Notice we need to add "virtue" or "moral character" and then be better educated in the scripture as we add "knowledge" to know what God has to say about every situation that we find ourselves in. And then add "self-control" which is "restraint" from the things we know do not please God.

We move from there to "perseverance" which is the call to press on even in difficult times as we keep our eyes on Jesus, then the call to grow in our "Godliness" or having the "heart of God" even in forgiving those that have hurt us or come against us, and then add to that a growth in "brotherly kindness" which is an attitude of blessing toward those in the "Family of God". And finally "Love" which is the word "Agape"- a deep concern that reaches those outside the "Body of Christ" and does everything we can to lead them to Jesus!

Let us "Grow in our Faith" as we allow these characteristics evident in our lives as we work out our own salvation.



***Pastor Gerry Brown***

***TESTIMONY FOR JESUS***



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I grew up in a Christian home, enjoying all aspects of my life, never drinking or using drugs. In college, though, I started to party. Slowly friends started dropping from my life as I continued to drink. Fired from every job and moving back home, I tried to hide the smell of alcohol by ingesting Dust Off cans of spray. I isolated myself from everything, while each can emptied into my brain, depriving it of oxygen. I begged God to take my life if I ever put another can to my mouth. He spared me, yet I went right back to drinking. Years passed, I married my wife, started a family of 4, yet still drank. Covid hit, and I found myself daily picking up liquor, hiding it from everyone. As the years went on, my life was centered around my next drink. My wife and family watched me crumble, yet didn't lose hope although I was hopeless. After countless relapses, my wife packed my bags. On Dec. 5th, arriving at U-Turn with a hardened heart, God met me exactly where He wanted. He laid His hand of grace and mercy on me, forgiving my sins. I spent my time letting God take over, surrendering my entire life to Him. How true does He hold to His promises, as He has restored my marriage, my family, and has broken the chains I was held captive by. I praise Him daily and strive to be an example to others. JESUS CHRIST!



## 18TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

We would like to invite you to join us for a great day of ministry, as we hold our 18th Annual Missions Golf Tournament on May 15th, being held at Dos Lagos Golf Course. The tournament begins at 1:30 pm so whether you golf, sponsor, partake in the auction and raffles, or all of the above, your investment allows us to continue expanding the Kingdom of God throughout the world. To see how you can get involved, please contact Pastor Erin at 951-943-7097.



## THANK YOU

We would like to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers who worked at U-Turn For Christ Thrift Store Yard Sale March 9-11. Your willingness to give so freely of your time and service is greatly appreciated. Your support of U-Turn For Christ Thrift Store Yard Sale allows us to support the mission field and help spread the gospel. To see how you can get involved, please call 951-928-0700.



## Opportunities to help us keep the ministry in motion...

- Our greatest need is prayer warriors. Men and women who dilligently lift this ministry to the Lord.
- We are in constant need of hygiene products, tooth-paste, soap and toilet paper.
- Finances for fuel costs to serve our community.
- New vehicles to transport the men and women.
- Video cameras, cameras, audio equip.

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