



**U-TURN
FOR CHRIST**

**LIVES CHANGED
FAMILIES RESTORED
COMMUNITIES STRENGTHENED**

EDITION

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“Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ So I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’ And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me.” (Acts 22:6-9)

PASTOR’S NOTES

Saul was so far away from being a **“Believer”** that a **“Radical Encounter”** had to take place and it did, as this is one of the greatest conversions to ever take place...or is it? I think my conversion was one of the greatest conversions, and I hope you all think the same of yours. I was so far away from knowing “Jesus as Lord” that it really took a “Radical Encounter” to change my life as well! Notice that the sin Saul was involved in was against “Jesus” Himself- “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” We need to realize that all sin is against the Lord! You remember when Potiphar’s wife was after Joseph to lie with her, and Joseph’s response was, **“There is no one greater in the house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9)** The Lord makes it very clear that though Paul’s hatred was against “Christians” his sin was against the Lord! We need to remember that every kind of sin is against the Lord.

“So I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.’ And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.” (Acts 22:10-11)

Notice the **“Fruit of Repentance”** shown right away in this radical supernatural encounter with Jesus that took place in Paul’s life. This is the response that all of us should have daily with the Lord. We should be asking ourselves, “what can I do for the Lord?”, because true Lordship is submitting to whatever He wants. Let us be obedient to the Lord and be about His business!



Pastor Gerry Brown

TESTIMONY FOR JESUS



CARMELA

My name is Carmela Marie Berumen. I am 52 years old. I grew up in a dysfunctional family and felt lost after high school not knowing the truth about God due to the confusion of religion. At one point I started drinking, thinking I could handle it and that I was strong enough. Despite holding a good job all my life I felt lost trying to figure out who I was as a woman. Then I met my husband and he brought me back to my walk with God and helped me stop drinking. I started going to church but was still searching for my true identity. My husband came home from prison and things were good for a little bit, but then we hit a rocky road of separation and brokenness in our marriage. Despite these challenges, I continued to pray and believe that God would fulfill His promises for our lives. This August will be 2 years since God brought my husband to the Ranch and began to restore his life and our marriage. Since then we have moved to Perris. God has blessed me with a new job closer to home. I can now be a blessing to those at the Women’s Ranch, serve with Mrs. Peggy putting up “Prayer Changes” signs when I can with my husband, and being able to serve where God calls me in the ministry. Today I thank God for the power of prayer and how it changes lives and for believing in the verse I had spoken over my life as God began to change it 8 years ago- **Hebrews 11:6** says, **“But without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”**

SOCAL HARVEST 2024

Yet another year at Socal Harvest has come and passed. Still, this year was something special from the beginning, with the men from U-Turn For Christ taking part in the building up and the breaking down of the stage, to the miracles and blessings that took place as God answered prayers of restoration and deliverance amongst the Men and Women's Ranches. We give all glory to God and a special thank you to Greg Laurie for allowing God to use him in such a mighty way.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us on August 10-11 as we travel across the border to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of Mexico and offer assistance to those in need.

For more information or to arrange carpooling, please call (951) 943-7097.



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

- Our greatest need is prayer warriors. Men and women who diligently lift this ministry to the Lord.
- We are in constant need of hygiene products, toothpaste, soap and toilet paper.
- Shovels, rakes, tables, chairs, etc.
- Video cameras, cameras, audio equip.
- We are in need of new vehicles to transport the men and women.



Join us at the Oceanside Harbor on August 18th for another beach baptism. A BBQ and Potluck will begin around 1:00 pm, so we encourage you to bring a dish that will feed 15 people. Baptism class will start at 3:00 pm, and baptisms will begin around 3:30 pm. Bring your whole family and enjoy this time of fellowship.

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