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"Help for the desperate, those willing to seek Jesus Christ for the answers in their lives"

"Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The Lord Almighty is the One you are to regard as holy, He is the One you are to fear, He is the One you are to dread. "Isaiah 8:12-13

If you watch the news or do the "doom scrolling" (the obsessive urge to scroll through negative news) on social media, you can develop opinions that are contrary to God's Word. We are living in a time that is unlike any we have seen. It doesn't "get better". We can listen to the World and begin to stockpile items that may be in short demand, wear a mask and get vaccine after vaccine, rally for "our rights", choose sides, lose friendships over what doesn't even matter or...WE CAN TRUST GOD. The Lord is the only one we are to fear. He loves us and will protect us. The enemy is trying harder and harder to instill fear and get us to take our eyes off of the only one who matters. I find comfort in knowing that the Lord is in control of EVERYTHING and nothing happens unless He allows it. *"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." Isaiah 26:3-4* 

Trusting in the Lord is a basic principle in discipleship. We begin to learn to trust in the Lord and He moves for us. In the program, we tell the people who come in and are so worried about a things like a court case, their children, money, clothes and whatever else the enemy can drudge up to simply *trust the Lord*. He begins to show them ...that court case is gone, their family is restored, they get better clothes than they came in with and on and on. It seems so easy in the small things, but when we hear that we may run out of eggs, we panic. Gary's favorite scripture is found *in Philippians 4:6 "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."* In these trying times, let us not forget that God bends down to listen to our prayers and He has everything under control.



If you are ready to be delivered from your life-controlling problems, if you are ready for JESUS, then we believe that our program is for YOU. If you are looking for help for yourself or for a loved one, please pick up the phone and call us today... 573-371-2020. We will be happy to help or direct you to one of our other 20 Mission Teen centers. 8

My name is **Matthew Montgomery**. I am from Springfield, Missouri. I was raised by my father and stepmother in a healthy, supportive home. In my early teenage years, I was always seeking attention and looking for acceptance from others. I started experimenting with drugs and alcohol. In the party crowd, I finally felt like I was accepted. I went to college, but eventually got kicked out. Then I had to move back to my parents. I felt very lost, rejected, and confused about my future. I continued to look to the things of this world to fill the void I felt inside. I started working at bars and got introduced to methamphetamine. Meth helped me to escape all the things I didn't want to deal with. We all know that doesn't work. When

the drugs go away, the problems are still there and worse. I sold and used drugs most of my adult life. My life was filled with chaos, loneliness, and sadness. I knew there was a better plan for my life, but I could never figure it out on my own. In 2018, after my life had spiraled completely out of control- I lost my job, my home and was using daily to try to numb the pain. I finally hit what I thought was rock bottom and thought there was no hope. But God had a different plan for my life! I came to Freedom House, and my life was changed forever. Jesus began to work on my heart and give me a new life in Him. I found the acceptance I was always looking for. I graduated the program and went home. God had a plan for me. I was able to get a job as a leader in a local ministry, helping others the way Jesus helped me. However, I slowly stopped applying the things that I learned at Freedom House. He forgave me and showed His grace by allowing me to come back to continue the good work He started in me. I've been here for a few months now and I am so grateful. God's grace has given me another chance to live my life for Him and I'm excited to see what He is going to do. My favorite scripture is Matthew 6:34 *"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* 

Because He bends down to listen I will pray as long as I have breath -Psalm 116:2 NLT

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## September NEEDS...

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Thank, you

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