

Well, today is the last day of February, the month that the world celebrates love. We give roses or chocolates or diamonds to the ones that we love to show them that we love them. When I sit here and

consider this, I realize how ridiculous our silly traditions really are. You see, true love isn't traditional or conditional. True love doesn't grow or shrink based on feelings or performance. True love is willing to go to any lengths for the object of its affection and when it doesn't work it goes again and sometimes again and again until it finally breaks through.

The songwriter Cory Asbury describes it as a "reckless love". And though I don't believe anything that God does is reckless, I do believe that the way He chases some of us down seems reckless.

This past month we've ministered in several chapels in different places and had great moves of God's Spirit. But we have also been tried and tested to our natural limits with some individuals whom God has put in our path. We've come close to the point of giving up only to be spurred on and encouraged by the Spirit of God





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inside of us to "go again" and love again. The truth, is in our natural self we don't have the ability to love like Jesus and tolerate some of the things that come our way from folks we are simply trying to love. That's why we need to tap into the power of the Holy Ghost! For He is able to help us to go beyond our natural ability and love with the compassion of the One who "so loved the world that He gave His only Son."





Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas-Deport, TX

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Church With No Walls-Noble, OK



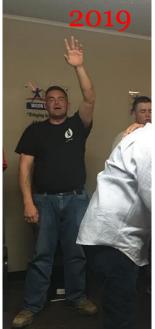
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It's been over 4 years since I made the decision to get clean. At the time, that's all it was. I just wanted to get clean. I took a bus to Tulsa to Adult & Teen Challenge of Oklahoma to get sober, with no idea that God was about to make me His.



When I got to Teen Challenge I was immersed in the Word of God. It wasn't long before I was saved and filled with the Spirit. I knew God had called me back to life for a reason, but I didn't know what that reason was.

In His Grip Ministries came. Brother Jeff Johnson and his wife Miss Connie spoke to our program. He shared his testimony and an awesome message. I knew exactly what the Lord wanted from me. To share what I had been given so freely with those who need it. A passion was ignited in me to help people stuck where I once was. At the end of service Brother Jeff prayed for folks and some he gave a word from the Lord. Grateful. Mine was grateful. I thought to myself, I am grateful and as soon as I completed that thought the Lord broke



me. That's what you see in the first picture. A man broken before the Lord and other men of God interceding for him.

Almost a year later they came back. I never forgot Jeff but figured he seen so many guys he probably didn't re-



member me. He walked in, smiled, pointed right at me and said "You're still here." Miss Connie was quickly able to produce the pictures on her phone. I felt known, like I wasn't just a random face. I was captured in another picture that night, praising God as Jeff prayed for my brothers. Moments later I would witness him praying for and the miraculous healing of Brother Glen.

Now I am on the road to fulfilling that call. Through Freedom for the Basin I am able to reach those trapped in bondage to life-controlling issues. I get the opportunity to speak at our church and at the local

TC. In His Grip and Jeff's obedience to the call God put on his life was in no small way a part of it. Few have heard my story and not heard me speak of the moment pictured above. A memory I will cherish forever.

Thank you both so much.

~Tony Surles~



As we venture into March, I feel challenged by God to love more, and to love harder, and to push through the natural limits of our mortality into the realm of the spiritual, where God's limitless love resides. Maybe as you read this God is bringing this challenge to your heart too. Step out in faith and let your love go again and then again and maybe even a few more times. It may look and feel reckless to you and to others, but to the one you are loving it will look like Jesus.

We remain in His grip,

Jeff & Connie Johnson

Please keep our schedule, our car, and our finances and most importantly our anointing in your prayers. As you can see below, we are on the road most of this month. We love you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7, 2022 March 10 & 11, 2022 March 14, 2022 March 15, 2022 March 16, 2022 March 16, 2022 March 17, 2022 March 18, 2022 March 21, 2022 March 21, 2022 March 23, 2022 March 23, 2022 March 24, 2022 March 25 & 26, 2022 March 27, 2022 am	Harvest House-Rusk, TX Central Oklahoma TC -Stillwater, OK Redemption House-Winnsboro, LA Shreveport TC- Shreveport, LA Mount Grace TC -Dodson, LA Ruston TC -Ruston, LA Ruston TC -Ruston, LA Minden TC -Minden, LA The Bridge TC -Charenton, LA Lafayette TC- Lafayette, LA One Accord Church- Avondale, LA Greater New Orleans TC- New Orleans, LA The Cave 217 Campus- Wilmer, AL The Cave Church Mobile, AL



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