

Gospel Gazette

Salt Lake City Mission

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My story is not unlike many people who became trapped in the hopelessness of addiction.

I started using drugs at a very young age, not to fit in but to fill a hole within me. I am not going to tell you that I had a bad childhood. I had a lot of good times but constant use of drugs made life into a living hell.



My parents divorced when I was young, but I still felt loved by my family but I felt like an outsider. When I put drugs and alcohol into my system I felt like I was a part of something, I felt whole inside, temporarily. I realize now that the drugs and alcohol were a counterfeit for a spiritual experience. An experience I spent 20 years trying to find!

Eventually I found that the spiritual experience I was having was the wrong spirit. I tried everything to escape the addiction, jail, psych wards, and rehabs. Nothing worked! I remember, since I was young, praying, "*God, get me out of this and I promise...*" It seems He always answered my prayer's. But I lacked faith and the will to see it through.

I came to Salt Lake City in 1999, seeking heroin. I figured it would take away my pain. For a while, it did. I had lost friends, family members, all my possessions time and again. At this point, I was willing to do whatever it took to continue to block all of the pain. Drugs didn't work any more. Then I finally decided to give God a chance in my life.

A friend introduced me to the Mission and told me that they had a program to help me. I decided to give it a shot. I gave my life completely to Jesus believing He knew what was best for me. I became obedient to God. I attended

Bible Studies and learned how having God in my life would complete me. I learned to move on and help others into God's light. I have no trouble resisting the temptation to use drugs and alcohol again, simply because Jesus has taken that temptation away.

I still fall short in many other ways but I seek God on a daily basis. I am truly blessed. Today, I have a lovely wife, a nice home, and my own construction business. I consider every day I wake up, clean and sober a miracle from Jesus Himself!

I continue to try and help others who struggle with the same issues and share my testimony, once a week at the local jail. I know that God wants me to share my experience with others so that He may continue to share His light and love with others who struggle with addiction. Without the help from Jesus and the Salt Lake City Mission, my life would not be what it is today, a life filled with **Hope, Faith, and Courage!**

KIDS WERE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ABOUT THE BIBLE WERE WRITTEN BY CHILDREN. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN RETOUCHEO OR CORRECTED. INCORRECT SPELLING HAS BEEN LEFT IN.

1. IN THE FIRST! BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINNESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREATING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SABBATH OFF.

2. ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARS.

3. LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.

4. THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYMPATHETIC GENITALS.

5. SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZEBEL LIKE DELILAH.

Outreach:
Breakfast and
coffee behind
Road Home
Shelter
everyday at
8:00am to
9:00am.
(except
Sundays)



UP COMING EVENTS

4th of July Celebration and Dinner at Pioneer Park.
8:00am to 5:00pm

Volunteer Opportunities and Service Projects

Food drives

The Mission feeds over 40,000 meals through out the year with our outreach and holiday dinners. It takes hundreds of people to make this happen. Your help, no matter how big or small, may just be what helps someone get back on their feet.

Fund raisers

We can always use monetary donations. Get creative and raise some funds for those who need help getting back up. Other needs are clothing drives, hygiene kits and much more. Just get creative and have fun!

Straight Talk ...About Wills

If you die without a will or other such document, the state will decide how to disburse your estate. And if you have minor children, the state will decide who will raise them. If you want to leave certain assets to specific persons or make charitable gifts to various causes, without a will, the state will follow its own agenda and disregard yours.

Most states have their own written policies for distributing estates. So much will go here and so much there – persons and places you may not want to provide for. The state will assign someone to oversee the probating of your estate. It will all be done “by the book.” No special gifts to the Salt Lake City Mission or other causes you would want to honor. No special gifts to people outside your family. No concern for your thoughts and desires.


In effect, the state say, “You did not create a will while you were living and now it’s too late. We will take over and make our own fair and just decisions.”

Just imagine the difficulties this may cause for your family or friends. Imagine this added expense for an additional layer of oversight. Imagine people you never knew making decisions about your most personal items.

There are many reasons people never create a will: fear of death; uncertainty about estate distribution; family conflicts; difficulty doing an estate inventory; inconvenience; expense; procrastination; no lawyer; etc. However, the plain fact is, no excuse is justified if it allows you to die without a will.

You don’t need all the answers to get a will started. You can start with what you know and make changes and/or additions as you progress. Better to have something workable in place than nothing at all.

The Salt Lake City feels so strongly about this that we want to you with creating or updating your will. To learn more about this service, please visit our website at www.saltlakecitymission.org. We do hope that you will find our offer of this service a help and a blessing to you and your family



Please Help Us !

\$1.83 will provide one meal, aid, and assistance to the hungry and needy in our community!

- \$18.30 for 10 hungry and homeless people
- \$36.60 for 20 hurting and hopeless people
- \$54.90 for 30 forgotten and discouraged people
- \$73.20 for 40 despondent and lonely people
- \$183.00 for 100 needy people
- Other \$ _____

Costs are approximate, include operation expenses and may be used for programs to help the homeless throughout the year. Not affiliated with the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake.

Name: _____
Address: _____ Apt. _____
City/State/Zip: _____

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