



TITUS HOUSE MINISTRIES
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From Don: Alice and I often attend a wonderful music ministry put on by St. Stephen's Methodist Church on Juan Tabo, north of Montgomery in the Lower Worship Center. They have a nice stage. It is a coffeehouse atmosphere with great live music groups, local, regional and national singer/songwriters. I have done my magic for the 150 in attendance during their "Open Mic". The atmosphere is relaxed and casual, family-friendly. They have gourmet coffee, tea, Italian soda or other beverages to enjoy with a homemade cookie or snack and best of all, it's all FREE! Doors open each Saturdays at 6:30pm. Music starts at 7:00pm.

The reason I mention this is to encourage those on the outside to attend for some good spiritual inspiration, fun and fellowship. Also I was listening to the Christian message (given at the break) and it made me think of a message of hope for my brothers in prison and those on the outside.

It was the story of Joseph found in the book of Genesis. We see how Joseph's life was full of ups and downs. First, being blessed by his father with a coat of many colors, then what we see as a blessing becomes an item of jealousy between his brothers. Because of this they sold their brother into captivity as a slave and he ended up in charge of Potiphar's house. Then again from a blessing comes a false charge of sexual sin against Potiphar's wife. Joseph is thrown into prison and meets the baker and cupbearer of the Pharaoh and interprets their dreams. The baker was beheaded and the cupbearer was returned to his former position. Joseph asked the cupbearer not to forget him. When Pharaoh has a dream (two years later) the cupbearer remembered Joseph and his gift of interpretation of dreams.

As you know, the story goes on that Joseph was lifted up again to 2nd in charge of the Pharaoh's kingdom and in the end he is able to save many from a famine along with his brothers, father and family.

I could see a lot of what happened to Joseph's life was something I could relate to and believe that you too can. I have wondered why I was always involved in volunteering. I wondered why I started drugs. I wondered why I learned plumbing, guitar and sleight of hand. Why was I accused by my kids for sexually molesting them and sent to prison for 14 years. Why did I run to God for help? Why was I in "God's Pod"? Why did I (and still do) fall and get up as a Christian? Why did God have me meet this person or that person? Why did I marry Alice (besides the fact I love her very much)? Why Titus House?

Can it be that even through my own faults, God can use me and mold me to help others who have gone through similar problems? I ask myself why didn't God just zap me to heaven once I accepted Him? Could it be that you and I are left here as part of His plan to do something? Could it be to tell others about the Good News of a loving and merciful God?

ALICE'S THOUGHTS: Many thanks for all the wonderful Mother's Day cards. It was also my birthday so I really got blessed! A few odds and ends need to get mentioned right here. If you have finished your mentoring sheets (ask for them if you never got any) you may call us. If you are not in New Mexico we

will limit your calls to once a month, even after mentoring sheets. Calls from some states have been over \$4.00 each. Please don't call us from bus stations either (\$28.00)! Try to borrow a phone from a fellow traveler. Speaking of money, we want to promote our fellow group – RSOL NM. Many of us send them \$5 a month and we urge you to support our legal group who will be going to Santa Fe again this year. We are one of a few states who have beaten down local restrictions as to where SOs can go or live when off supervision. Help us keep up the pressure! RSOL NM is at PO Box 36123, Albuquerque, NM 87176. You won't miss \$5 a month and it may increase what freedom you have. Yes, Titus House needs your donations too. We are in a sense all in the same boat!

BLESSINGS FROM BILL – It's easy to get the impression that God would be unemployed were it not for us! Actually life and existence is all about God, not us. Christ is our all and only. We gain our true self which is Christ in us and us in Christ. Knowing Christ is the only life worth living.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – If you missed the meeting on May 4th you missed a challenging talk from Tom Taylor! He basically told us to get up and accomplish God's will for our lives instead of focusing on our scars. Mephibosheth in II Samuel 4 was scarred for life but he ended up eating at the king's table. Also from Jeremiah 18 Tom told us when the potter making a clay pot found a crack he didn't discard the clay but he remade it into something beautiful. There is a purpose for all of our lives! On June 1st, at 6:00 PM at Foothills Church, corner of Tramway and Candelaria, we have as our guest speaker Irene Whitehead of Alamogordo. Her subject is: "The Invisible Church." She is the mother of Monte Whitehead, who is both inmate and pastor of a church at Chaparral Prison. Snacks are welcome and we will provide some drinks.

THE GOOD STUFF – God is answering lots of prayers for us. But that is giving us many more challenges. We are answering letters from about 12 states. We are mailing or emailing over 350 folks a month. We want to do more. The long range goal of both Titus House and RSOL NM is to permanently kill the public registry. That is a huge goal, but "nothing ventured, nothing gained!" In the meantime RSOL is aiming at killing the required registration of those who offended before 1995. Finally, if you need mentoring sheets, 4 Spiritual Laws or other help please write us.

Our love, Don and Alice