

We are born in relationship, we are wounded in relationship, and we are healed in relationship. The truth is we cannot be truly healed outside of relationship. And that healing cannot reach fullness when the one who created us is excluded. We need God and we need each other... **This is what makes His Place so unique and appealing to many is that very thing**
We are a healing a healing community... – we walk in truth of who we are, who God is, and how He can restore and heal us.

This is the blessing that awaits those who get involved**those starting the healing process...body soul and spirit, those well on the healing journey , those who have done much healing...and all along the way we help one one-another as we become wounded healers....always in inviting others to join us...as we have joined Jesus**

NLT LK 19: 10 ¹⁰ For the Son of Man^[a] came to seek and save those who are lost. ”

and we have joined the burden and mission of Jesus to help seek and save (sozo/heal) the lost...to bring them out of hiding and to bring them in from the darkness...into the wonderful light of Jesus...

We must be ready to take action on the opportunities that we are trusting God to provide

Our mission is to broaden the ability to work in the harvest field God has given us....it is the same idea Paul had with the Corinthians...

Niv 2CO 10: 13 We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you.

NLT 1 Cor 9: 22 When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. 23 I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

It is interesting Jesus started his ministry in Capernaum with the addicted the afflicted and the outcast.....Jesus admonition is what you have done for the least you have done to me.

I am asking you to join this a particular mission...of our church which has already been in effect for ten years...I am speaking of Gabe's homes....Gabe's homes started in March of 2013...a little over one ad a half years after our son's Passing from an heroin overdose.

Gabe's Homes has helped countless men and women In the restoring of lives devastated by addiction into lives of health and success...spiritually emotionally, relationally.

NLT 2 Cor 1: 3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. 4 He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

We currently have two men's sober living and a coed home for those in the next phase of restoration a transitional home. Gabe's home provides shelter food group and individual counsel, and Bible studies. A shout out to Connie Hynes, Dr. Bob Noonan, Jay Roberts, Armen Guleserian, Pastor Daniel Lynem, and a number of House managers...who have countless hours being the hands and feet of Jesus for those in the homes. While our church has provided the safe place for these men and women a place to call home and a community to belong too...

As a church we have been Stretcher bearers, and a community where they can grow in every area of health, providing every other component needed to belong and grow, groups, Including place to bring their families providing the help and community age appropriate classes groups. etc. .

Please watch the video of Kate and Sebastian...two members of our church and former Gabe's homes clients.

After video...as we know it costs to run these homes...though the residents pay monthlywe are continually running short on funds ...as the drug epidemic has exploded with the unlimited supply of fentanyl...many people cannot stay current in their rent...or have money to come into our homes...as we do this as a ministry...we help many for free...we are currently running deficits which are not sustainable..

I believe it is time for our church to take on Gabe's homes a a home mission project....and I am asking you to participate with us in

providing help...I have never done this before...it is time that we all become investors in this worthwhile mission...

In the pews are pledge cards...please take one and pray about if this is something you would partner with us in a very practical and proven way to help people. People Who really want help but often need some help to get started....

In God's kingdom, AS We invest, we believe God for the return.

And you can be assured that no financial statement on earth will ever reflect a greater return on investment than what we will receive from our Heavenly Father.

Our returns will not always be given in dollars. There are more important things than monetary reward: peace, love, joy, purpose, family, talents. The list of benefits is nearly endless--but it all starts with our personal investment.

Know this We Reap More Than We Invest... **Jesus illustrated this principle in one of his parables.**

NLT Matt 13:8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! ⁹ Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

- **God doesn't reward us with just what we deserve or even just enough. He always provides more.**
- **When you invest with the Savior, your resources are secure. The Law of the Harvest is still in effect, and there will be a reward.**
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We Reap What We Invest in

In nature, the harvest comes only after sowing. In football, the touchdown comes after the run or the pass. In science, the discovery comes after the experiment. **The effort produces the effect. It's the same in the spiritual realm.**

The Bible says, "The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward" (Prov. 11:18).

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we need *community*. This is the blessing that awaits those who get involved through *commitments*. Being a part of a *community* is essential for every human being and will be what keeps us plugged in and coming back for more.

It is what we all long for. It is the "white picket fence" that provides support during times of despair. It encircles us in love, protection, prayer, friendship, and compassion. That fence of *community* also protects us from drifting off on icebergs of isolation where we are easily singled-out by the enemy.

One of the ways we do this is through Gabe's home.... A little bit about Gabe...as addiction has impacted almost every family it has ours too... ...everybody knows someone who has died from an overdose...we have kept it at arms

length ...now it is up close and personal...we have been in the fight for a long time...now we see, it in a different light...we need to help...

The restoration process of Gabe's homes has helped build lives that were devastated into lives of success...

^{2 Cor 1:3} Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

We have seen that replicated though Gabe's home.

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