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FOREVER FAMILIA CONNECT

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Sandra Doyle's Story

I never grew up in a church family. My mom was brought up in a Protestant house, my Grandad was high up in the Orange Lodge, and my dad grew up in a strict Catholic household. My parents got married against everyone's disapproval so they went the opposite way. I got married in a Catholic Church so I promised God that I would raise my children as a Catholic. It was while I was doing that, I found God!



Over the years, I would attend Church on Sundays. During Covid, when I found our Lord and Savior, I started reading more scriptures daily. As I am of seven children, I am the only one who found God out of my whole family, except my Grandparents, who also found God. I never got to meet my Grandparents because they both passed away before I was even born. I would have found God way earlier if I had met them before they passed.

I prayed every day that my family members would find God as well. I was one of those churchgoers that went to church on a Sunday, on holy days, and maybe prayed every now and then. I would also turn to my bible in times of trouble. When I started to join the TGC Familia, my love of God grew stronger than before! My faith has grown, and I started to pray daily; I thank God for all the good things He has done in my life. I never question why I speak to people about my faith daily.

Pastor Tito, would explain things in depth it makes me see things I thought I would never have seen before. The lesson I learn is how to research scriptures, understand God's word deeper, and ask questions about things I don't understand. In the UK, my local church only sings and reads scriptures without explanation. But after coming across TGC, I discovered more and became more knowledgeable on who God is by reading and understanding the scriptures more.

I was able to have that one-on-one access to truly experience who God is in my life. I thank God every day that He led me to the TGC Familia. It is a beautiful church to be at, and the people I talk with daily from the UK are amazing. I owe a lot to you all, and I am very thankful to Mark for sharing the first service with me. It only took that moment to make me feel like I was at home!

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Jorge Camacho's Story

Having had the opportunity of being in Israel has been once in a lifetime experience for me. Being in places I had only been able to watch on tv or in movies was unbelievable and astonishing. I experienced many special moments there, but I recall two where I felt something completely different: First, Navigating on the Sea of Galilee. There was a moment when the boat stopped in the middle of the Sea, and everything was quiet; I felt completely peaceful. Second, Praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. I felt the touch of the Holy Spirit there while we were having a quiet moment by ourselves.



These two moments, in particular, were moments just between me and God. Many things came into my mind, and all I could hear was, "Do not be afraid." That was shocking. Tears came down from my eyes, and at the same time, a smile came into my face.

This experience has impacted me, but what has impacted me the most is all that happened after I got back home. Now, whenever I hear, watch, or read any of the stories found in the Bible, I see them with a new perspective.

Now I have a clearer picture of what is related there, and I got an increased "hunger" to know more about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. I'm completely grateful for the opportunity that God has given me. I hope and pray that everyone can go and have their own experience. I'm sure it will be astonishing as it was for me.

Thank you, God, and thanks to the Pastors at TGC for helping us to accomplish this experience.

NEXT STEPS: If you want to find our about our next Small Group or any Connection Points, make sure to visit our website and select the CALENDAR button. Or you can visit www.tabernacleofgod.church/calendar.



Tamara Pizo's Story

Everything I went through on my trip to Israel was extremely special, and everything I experienced was excellent. One place was the Wailing Wall in the ancient city of Jerusalem. Going in there, you can feel the overwhelming presence of the Holy Spirit in that place, and the atmosphere is very strong. And people had their hands on the wall and pieces of small paper to give out so they could write out their prayers and put them on the wall.



I learned about an interesting practice that Jews still do to this day. To enter the temple, you would have to walk inward normally. But leaving, you would have to walk backward to leave. This was done out of honor.

There was another place where we had a great time of prayer. There, Pastor Israel led us in prayer. I prayed that God would help me with my memory issues, and I can say God has done something remarkable in me! I knew at the time He was doing something, and I could not stop crying.

Going to Nazareth, where Jesus lived as a child, was another place that touched my heart completely because it was when Jesus went back and was rejected in His hometown. He couldn't make any miracle over there. And He was reading the scroll in Isaiah Prophecies, and the Prophecies were talking about the Messiah. After Jesus read the Prophecies, the Nazareth people tried killing Him on Mountain Precipice. When we visited that place, I could not help but pray and worship Jesus. It was the most amazing and beautiful place to be at. Also, I can't believe that I went on the boat of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on water. The whole experience of being in Israel was just amazing. The time we spent together, and the time just being in the Presence of the Holy Spirit. I will never forget how amazing this trip was, and I am so grateful to come back home to share the good news with everyone, and the memories that I had made. Praise Lord Jesus the Almighty!

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Juan Sebastian's Story

My favorite moments of being in Israel were when we separated into groups, my team where yellow, and on that team, there was Pastor Tito and Alisha and my Mom and Dad. And we had the best tour guy ever and his name is Alberto! The best part of the trip that I thought was amazing was visiting the Garden Tomb. Just by being there, it just felt so incredible and amazing. It could have been the place of the skull where they lay Jesus in the tomb, and He rose again after He was buried there.



There was a wine express in the Garden, and the people there showed us how to make wine from the vine of the fruit. Being on the boat in The Sea of Galilee, was incredible because it was on the water where Jesus walked on. Everyone on the boat was dancing, having fun, and enjoying themselves, but of course, I didn't dance because I could not dance. Being in Israel was an incredible once-in-a-lifetime experience and a lot of fun! I would definitely love to go back to Israel.

NEXT STEPS: If you have yet to connect in person, you can be our guest on Sundays at 9:30 am, 13302 Lynn Rd, Tampa, FL 33625. If you cannot come in person you can join Mark and others long distance Forever Familia members by connecting through Facebook or YouTube. Search @tgcfamilia in both to connect online! Also, make sure to share the sermon/services with others! Who knows if God can use you to reach the next "Mark Jones" online!

You can rewatch any sermon by visiting our MEDIA page online, our Youtube (@tgcfamilia). You can also listen to Pastor Tito Sotolongo on his person Spotify or Youtube (search his name).

To desire revival... and at the same time to neglect (personal) prayer and devotion is to wish one way and walk another. — A.W. Tozer

Theme for 2023: PRAYER

SERMON ARCHIVE

The screenshot shows the website interface for Tabernacle Church. At the top, it says 'TABERNACLE CHURCH'. Below that are navigation links: Español, Sermons / Sermones, Online / Virtual, Giving / Ofrendar, Contact Us / Contáctanos, and English. The main content area features a large graphic for 'NEW YEAR PRAYER' with the subtitle 'ORACIÓN PARA UN NUEVO AÑO'. To the right of this graphic, it says 'Overflow / Rebosar' with a date '1/1/2023' and a description 'New Year's Day Sermon - Sermones para el nuevo año.' Below this is a 'SUBSCRIBE TO PODCAST' button.

Catch up or Review - www.tabernacleofgod.church/media



Abide in God's Love

By Jamie Reed



When we learn to abide in God's love, we learn how to love others better by being patient with one another. And more importantly, when we learn to abide in God's love, we learn more about who Jesus Christ is each day, His sacrificial love for us, and the price He paid on the cross. The love of God and the love He has for us is unimaginable and unexplainable; the depth He will go through to get our focus and attention back onto Him.

Because of the craziness of life, we tend to forget that God has a love for us, and we end up taking Him for granted and pushing Him away like we don't need Him anymore. But in reality, we need God more than we will ever know because He is the only one who truly understands what we have been going through, and He is the only one that can help us and get us through our daily struggles. No matter what happens, know that God sees us and knows how we feel inside our hearts. If we truly trust God and dwell on His faithful love, we will better know who He is which helps us to understand who we are in Him. We don't have to fake it with God and pretend to have it all together when we genuinely don't. God knows, and He knows our hearts, and He does not want us to pretend and fake it with Him, He wants us to go to Him when we are going through it.

Don't be afraid of God, abide in the truth of the love of God! The love that will take away our sins when we repent of them, the love that will make us new, the love that will set us apart, the love that will heal us, the love that will keep us protected, the love that will never change. A love that only God can give, and the love He knows how to give if we let Him into our hearts and our daily lives. If you are struggling or hurting, give it to Jesus, and lay it at His feet watch Him move into your life like never before. The love He has for us is everlasting!



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