



## Open House

### An Insider's View

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Parole 101 – Part 2

#### Getting Your Mind Right

Any person leaving prison faces enormous challenges as he seeks to establish a new life and having certain crimes on your record complicates that further. It's a label we stuck on ourselves through our actions and society is slow to remove. Some subjects are going to be sensationalized because they will always sell. News organizations,

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### Please join us in welcoming our newest arrivals:

- Jerry Garcia Sep 14, 2018
- "Tone" Gonzales Sep 18, 2018
- Abel Garcia Oct 2, 2018
- Anthony Tovar Oct 4, 2018
- Rodney Wade Oct 4, 2018
- "Ram" Martinez Oct 9, 2018
- Brent Huff Oct 11, 2018
- Bruce Coffman Oct 17, 2018
- Marcelo Diaz Oct 22, 2018

### Pray that our recent graduates will walk in their God-given talents for His glory:

- Joseph Smith Oct 10, 2018
- Todd Sharp Oct 12, 2018



We've had our first official open house out at Psalm 40 ranch, but only our first. We plan for at least two more open houses as the vision is large and multi-faceted. This first open house celebrated the opening of Psalm 40 Home and Psalm 40 Lodge, two new homes in the New Name family that are being used to house men who desire

## From the Father's Heart

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro

### Carrying the Torch

As I prepare to write this article, I'm aware of the need for those who'll read it to hear from our Heavenly Father's heart, not my own. My mind and heart searches for meaningful scripture to launch this message and I remember Paul reflecting in 1 Corinthians 4:15 how there are many teachers (instructors) but few Fathers (those who love you as their own by the Spirit); personal emphasis added. The other is when Jesus is speaking to the disciples in numerous scriptures throughout the gospels of how seeing Jesus was like seeing the Father (John 14: 9-11, John 10:30, John 17:21, etc.). Then, over in John 17:11 Jesus says "And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."



Did you catch that? Jesus is no longer in the world, but we are. We've been handed the torch of righteousness to carry on the work as Son 's of the Most High God; reflections of the Father's Heart. Today we don't typically use torches, we have flash lights. Either way, neither one is worth a toot without activation. In John 14:17 -18 Jesus speaks of the Spirit of Truth that the world cannot accept because they can't see him and don't know him. Yet he tells the disciples, he's

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that their lives be transformed by a Father who loves them infinitely. Next should be our background friendly RV Community. And finally (maybe), our Last Resort Academy Event Center to host divine encounters for men who find themselves caught up in sexual bondage. Jesus died to set the captives free!

been living with you (literally, Jesus is speaking of Himself) and **will** be in you (Spiritually – Christ in us, the hope of Glory). He goes on to say he will not leave us as orphans... only a Father can say



such a thing. Jesus and the Father are one, that's how that works. But wait, there's more! Jesus goes on to say in John 14: 19-20 that the world will not see him any longer (physically, though they get a 2nd chance when He returns), but his disciples will. But how? Jesus says because he lives (ascends to his rightful place in Glory) we too shall live (receive His Glory since he is now in us Colossians 1:27\*). Jesus lays it out clean in verse 20 when he points to "that day (when we receive Jesus as Lord of our lives) you will realize that **I am** in my Father, and you are in me, and **I am** in you". This is how He can be the Father to the fatherless; always for us, with us and in us. That's genuine, unshakeable, security.

There was a song I recall with lyrics of letting my little light shine... my light was little; His light is not! As a new believer I pursued the Lord out of my desperation and had encounters with the Holy Spirit that transformed me. The light in me became brighter and brighter and continues to increase accordingly. Living

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especially local, love to grab onto sensational stories (if it bleeds, it leads). It's almost as if the news organizations are selling fear only to leave the impression that parolees are never to be trusted again even though the recidivism rate for the most sensationalized offenses is under five percent. Certain crimes will always get magnified, and the people that have the least pity or patience for those who cause this focus are those of us determined to establish an identity outside of our crime.

I do not write this with any element of self-pity or sense that I am suffering an injustice. The path I walk was determined by me, and so is how I will conduct myself. It cannot be walked in anger or resentment against a system that is falsely perceived to be stacked against me. The smallest interactions I have each day must occur with the conviction that I am still a caring human being that can be trusted with a place in society. The task is to convince the public. This will not happen overnight, but each small success I have makes it easier for the guy behind me. Every day of our lives is filled with those small decisions, our decisions, of how we will act at any moment, whether we will allow ourselves to get angry or annoyed or lash out at others. The choice is always there to remain calm, under control, and pleasant. Are we going to blame our circumstances on others or look for a solution to the immediate problem? Are we going to behave as a child or as an adult? It is the accumulated effect of those correct decisions and actions

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### **The Father's Heart continued**

a Spirit filled, Spirit lead life is an everyday manifestation that's available to every believer to show the world the Love of the Father. We no longer need to live as orphans, living off crumbs and hoping to be loved. We've been loved to death by the Father through His gift of His only begotten Son who has invited us into Kingdom living now through His Holy Spirit. Don't wait to leave this world to experience Kingdom living. The moment you said "Yes" to King Jesus you became a resident of His Kingdom on assignment in this world. Give yourself the best gift ever and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and get activated. Others need

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along with accurate information that will inject some logic into the body politic and the politicians as to the actual threat posed by paroled offenders. Even more important is the effect on us. Whatever our circumstances we gain more control over our lives, and we find out that the secret to remaining young, no matter what a calendar may say, is to turn our thoughts outward, towards others, towards ideas, instead of focusing inward on ourselves.



### **Nine Months at New Name**

I almost left before my first month was complete. If there is any doubt, please be aware that New Name Ministries is serious about the conditions and requirements of living here. They are going to be intrusive; they were to me, but I stayed. Attending lectures or watching lessons where you are told to live selflessly, serve others, serve God, and conduct your life differently will allow one to pass a written test with no problem, but a practical test might be another matter. New Name is the practical test, and perhaps that is why I stayed; to practice living differently. Despite my relative physical comfort and good job, my life was barren. I was

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what the Lord has put in you! Love On! And, Merry Christ-mas!



\*J. B. Philips translates Colossians 1:27 as "The secret is simply this: Christ in you! Yes, Christ in you bringing with him the hope (confident expectation) of all glorious things to come"

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guilty of relational and emotional crimes against others long before I went to prison; my selfishness knew no boundary, and sexual addiction ran my life. Has New Name cured me of all that? No; let's be real; a year at any place is not going to eliminate the patterns of a lifetime, but if one examines the life of service that New Name Ministries offers, commits to it and lives it diligently, an alternative becomes clear. You don't have to live selfishly; you can live in the Kingdom, and there are joys there. Selfishness and commitment are opposites, and without commitment you will eventually end up alone.

In my months at the ministry several men have left before their year was up. Some have left because of job reasons; more have left after becoming involved in a relationship. This is nothing against relationships; the ministry is all for them, just not during the year of New Name Ministries commitment. Too often a person enters into these relationships to obtain validation, and the result is two broken people seeking an easy way out of loneliness or fear. Others have left or been required to leave because they would not produce the honesty and openness that New Name requires.

The year here is not easy; it's not meant to be, but it is a path that can lead to a lasting validation through God, and any life or relationship following that has an excellent chance of success. Paths less taken are harder to follow, but the rewards are greater, and the views breathtaking.