

Paul's Ponderings

Luke 6:39-49 is a series of Jesus' proverbial sayings that come after Luke's account of the Sermon on the Mount.

In summary, the blind cannot lead the blind. While the student is not above the teacher, when fully trained will be like the teacher. Don't focus on other's flaws without noticing the glaring flaws in your own life. Trees bear the type of fruit based on the tree, and he ends with an example of where to build a house.

The point of this first and second example is that we must be careful whom we follow. If we follow the wrong leader, we will fall. This has to do with vision. Does the leader have a Godly vision for the church, business or organization, and their own life?

The third example, the speck in others eye vs. the log in your own, has to do with humility. This self-evident principle is to illustrate a parallel principle in our spiritual lives.

The fourth example about the fruit refers to our actions as an outward expression of our inward being. What we do and say make it clear what is in our hearts. This all has to do with Integrity.

The last example about building a house on a firm foundation has to do with knowing the One and following His teachings.

Your gifts to City Rescue Mission allow us to provide our students with that vision and purpose for who they are in Christ. As we work through our own humility and integrity while teaching others the same, we can help them know Jesus and follow His teachings. None of this is possible without you.

During this back-to-school season, we thank you for your support and prayers as we provide "schooling" for those who are struggling to either get on track or get back on track with their lives. You made a difference and helped Juanita make the changes mentioned in her life story.



IS IT TIME FOR A LEGACY CHECK-UP?

Did you know nearly 70 percent of Americans do not have an up-to-date will? Good estate planning may help you avoid:

- 1. Legal risks.** Your family could experience delays in receiving an inheritance.
- 2. Financial risks.** Make sure loved ones are provided for and keep your estate out of probate.
- 3. Legacy risks.** Your will can be a great place to communicate a legacy of personal faith.

Is it time to create or update your will?

To learn more, request our free bulletin "How to avoid risk and promote family peace."



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Reply with the enclosed envelope or contact Angela Washington at (904) 421-5147 or awashington@crmjax.org. To bless your family with a God-honoring Will, go to christianwill.org/crm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

City Rescue Mission is in need of the following items:

- Replacement of windows on McDuff Admin Building - \$275,000
- Homes of Hope - \$60,000
- New roof and steeple repair on chapel - \$55,000
- Fencing for McDuff Campus - \$50,000
- Red Barn renovation - \$12,000
- Mattress replacement (50) - \$8,000
- Storage building at McDuff Campus - \$2,000
- Two vacuums - \$300
- White twin sheet sets and pillows
- White towels and washcloths
- Travel size shampoo and conditioner
- Sanitizing wipes
- Rubber flip flops
- One-way bus ticket
- Bibles (NIV) - large print



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JUANITA'S STORY: THE TIME TO CHANGE

Lost and tired, Juanita knew she desperately needed a change to save her life. Juanita now has a life that she didn't think was possible before she entered City Rescue Mission's LifeBuilders program in 2007.



Nearly 15 years after entering City Rescue Mission, Juanita leads a life that is in stark contrast to the world that consumed her previously. "Before coming to CRM, I was in a whole different world. I

was doing things that I never thought I would do - living a life of drugs and alcohol, prostitution, selling drugs. One day, I just made up my mind that I was tired of this. I had lost so much...my job of 13 years, the relationship with my daughter, the relationship with my mother and my sister. I lost everything." A few days after this revelation, Juanita's cousin dropped her off at CRM's New Life Inn. She knew that there was no going back for her. Juanita knew in her heart that this was her last hope. "I knew that if I went back to the streets, I was dead."

Juanita was ready. She was ready to build a life that she and her daughter could be proud of. In 2008, Juanita successfully completed the LifeBuilders program. "Being at CRM and completing the program gave me the tools I needed for life. It taught me that when you come up against a situation, sometimes you just need to go in your corner and talk to your Father."

CRM not only gave her the tools to successfully recover from her addictions and build a sustainable life; it also gave her the time to truly get to know Christ. "I knew about the word of God. My momma made us go to church every day, but I never knew the meaning of who God was until I came to the Mission.

With the teaching of my pastor and the guidance at the Mission, I was saved."

Over the years, Juanita now feels that she has built a life that she, her family, and her Father in heaven can be proud of and she works every day to keep it. In 2009, Juanita married her husband Calvin and now works back in the healthcare field. "Since coming to the Mission, I am found. I know that each day I wake up, it is going to be a battle, but I am strong enough. I am not going to fall into the hands of the enemy after God has built me back up. He gave this opportunity."

Today, Juanita is still active at CRM and shares her testimony to help others in the LifeBuilders program. She also serves as the president of the program's Alumni Association that offers peer support to those that have completed the program. "I thank God for the Mission. This will always be first



Juanita with her daughter and two grandchildren.

home for me. Anytime they call me, I'm going to come. I haven't looked back since I left the Mission and I'm not looking back. I'm grateful and thankful for every one that participated in my healing and me being resurrected back to who I am. I must say that He worked a miracle in my life, and He's not done. I know He's not done."



Juanita and Calvin during their wedding ceremony in 2009.

RECOVERED Treasures

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Jacksonville, FL 32205

Store Hours:
Monday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Clothing, shoes,
purses and belts
August 2-14

20% OFF
Linens, kitchen,
bric-a-brac, art,
and books
August 16-28

20% OFF
ENTIRE STORE
August 30 -
September 6

THANK YOU FROM THE HEART



We are grateful to all the faithful and wonderful supporters that give their time, treasure, and talents to bless the lives of all those we serve at the City Rescue Mission.

Our transportation ministry is very vital part of the Mission and our vehicles are constantly on the road transporting students to various appointments, doctor's visits, job interviews and outings.

Some of our vans were aged and we are so excited about our two new vans as shown in the photos.

Thank you for making our need a reality!



CITY RESCUE MISSION'S 13TH ANNUAL CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

TPC SAWGRASS STADIUM COURSE

AUGUST 30, 2021 • 12:30 P.M. SHOTGUN START

PLAY GOLF FOR A CAUSE!

Enjoy a day of golf at the iconic TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL and help transform the lives of those experiencing homelessness, hardship, and addiction right here on the First Coast.

It's not too late! Sign up as a team (4 players), an individual player or become a sponsor of this event!

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