

Truth or Fiction

Truth or Fiction - Riots. Protests. Covid. Politics. As we look around the world today, what a mess. Exactly the kind of mess that our Savior was sent to be the answer for. No one but God thru the power of the Holy Spirit can tame the human condition. Electronic media gets information around in seconds. Stories can be worldwide and in the hands of millions in a matter of minutes. The other day the story was out that a major bookstore chain had pulled Bibles from their shelves because they were outdated information and not relevant. Just an hour later I learned that it was a hoax. In our world today it is hard to distinguish fact from fiction. I once heard that the way they teach people to identify counterfeit bills is by making them count real money for days on end. They become so used to the real thing that when the fake shows up it is obvious to them. This is how it is for "believers". Our minds so immersed in the truth that the fake, fiction, lie is immediately obvious to us. May we all be committed to that immersion and may God bless our efforts. ***"Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:11 "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free." John 8:32 Blessed be the name of the Lord!!!***

Covid - We are recovering from the medical interruption that caught us all off guard. We were basically on quarantine for 30 days with resident visits from family curtailed much longer than that. This meant our work program was down most of that time as well which affected our income from jobs. After the first 30 days we started doing jobs that didn't require public interaction. Some class sessions were also changed and some of our class leaders were under quarantine.

We have a number of longer term residents currently which is good because that impacts the maturity level in the program but we are lacking residents because we didn't take any in during the Covid timeframe. In addition many residents arrive as a result of legal pressure from the court system which was also under obvious shutdown for a period of time. Continue to pray with us for smooth transition of returning to a "New Normal".

Finances We probably don't need to say it again but we never stop presenting the need for finances. Things are level right now and you faithful supporters have once again been a blessing to the TLC program and program residents. **As always if you have work projects or referrals please contact Mark at 580 227-6059.** We continue to appreciate your prayers, encouragement, and material support.

Donations can be made by taking advantage of donation envelopes and mailing to PO Box 88, Fairview, OK 73737, or the "Donate Now" button on our website at **fairviewtlc.net**.

Blessing from Anthony Martin

(Following is a virtually unedited message from Anthony Martin of Oasis outreach in Enid, OK to Pastor Ricky Chance)

Hello. I know that Ricky doesn't really do Facebook and I didn't want to send him a text this late at night but Holy Spirit is moving me to just gush out love towards my brothers who serve in difficult ministries. Personally, I owe my very salvation to Ricky Chance. To those that support what his heart is and a very difficult and messy ministry that goes on behind the scenes that most people don't understand and cannot imagine. To help men be #1 humbled. This is tough love that most people are not strong enough to understand or equipped to because of their very own dark time that he's now using to bring light and glorify the Lord through. I myself needed to be humbled and isolated to be with the word of the Lord and Ricky could have shown me favor or let me slide but instead he challenged me. He and his staff sharpened me. That's the hardest kind of love there is to give. God bless Ricky Chance and his family's support and his staff's support and the Church's support. Sunday School with Lisa...Mikey saying "get in your word" over and over...donor's support to make his ministry at TLC be an instrument of light. My intent of all of this is to encourage my spiritual leaders and fellow soldiers who fight on the dirty front lines every day. Going after the forgotten and lost. Just like what Jesus told us to do. I hope that whoever Ricky would decide to share this with would be encouraged too. I hope that this testimony gives you hope in knowing that if 1 out of 100 turns out to turn into a branch of TLC or the Nazarene or the Mennonite Brethren or whoever supports TLC, it's worth it. I've been extremely blessed to be a branch from TLC. Please don't take this as a brag but I know that angels are singing when it happens and that alone bring me joy. A disciple of TLC and all of it's supporters has been blessed enough to be with men himself as they come to the Lord and I've been blessed enough to baptize and fulfill the great commission. Understand that is a branch to Ricky, TLC and all who support them. That's why you did it. I just want you to know that there is fruit exploding off of the vine that you helped and poured into. I could even speak of my own family members who have been saved due to seeing my witness and you played a MASSIVE part in that. I just cannot thank you enough for being exactly who I believe is very Spirit lead and loves Jesus and tries his very humanly best to do exactly what the Bible tells us to do. You're a true inspiration and model to me and what I do here at The Oasis and I hope that you know that sometimes on some rough nights you have that in Enid there may be someone coming to Jesus or hearing the Gospel or being loved on because you took a 12th guy that August of 2017 and poured into him and loved him and gave the toughest kind of love to also because that's how big your heart is. You'll do the tough stuff that nobody else wants to. Why? I guarantee I know what your answer will be... Love you brother. May God rain blessings upon you and all that you touch. Amen!

Blessings & Thanks

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