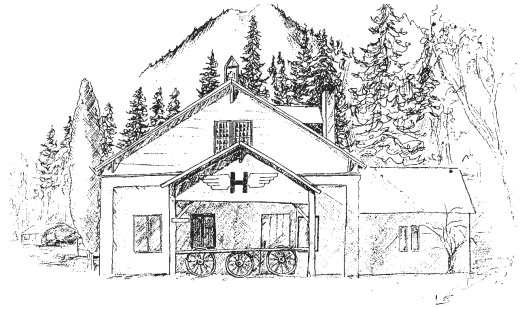


Flying H Youth Ranch

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"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962

April 25, 2008

Dear Partners,

The boys just came back from their "Home Assignments," and almost all of them did well. The exception, whom I will call "John," came back to a big pile of discipline. John treated his mom well except for one incident, and was willing to honestly and openly engage with her each evening about what had happened during the day. This was all wonderful new territory for mom, and she enjoyed it. So what about engaging honestly and openly with mom qualifies John to have a pile of discipline hours? Well, there is more to the story.

John has had little structure, and was allowed enough time on his own, away from mom, that he has become not only familiar with the street, but has become quite comfortable there. To put this Biblically, John has lived his life very much from his flesh for much of his life.

Galatians 5:19-21 CEV People's desires make them give in to immoral ways, filthy thoughts, and shameful deeds. They worship idols, practice witchcraft, hate others, and are hard to get along with. People become jealous, angry, and selfish. They not only argue and cause trouble, but they are envious. They get drunk, carry on at wild parties, and do other evil things as well. I told you before, and I am telling you again: No one who does these things will share in the blessings of God's kingdom.

We should not be surprised that John participated in what the King James calls "works of the flesh" (Listed above) while he was home last week. As John spent time on the street, he found others that are just as comfortable in their flesh as he is. They are not out there reinforcing the need to obey the authorities that God has put over them, they are finding companions in their rebellion. And they become slaves to their desires:

1 Thessalonians 4:5 CEV Don't be a slave of your desires or live like people who don't know God.

The good news is that John came back to the Ranch with a broken heart. He had made a commitment to himself, his mom, and to God that he would stay away from the works of the flesh. But he failed. John's commitments were real. Why did he fail? The answer lies in how we change, and we really need to know how to change according to the Bible.

Ephesians 4:22-24 ALT you [are] to put off [or, be done with], with respect to your former manner of life, the old [or, former] person, the one being corrupt according to the desires [or, lusts] of deception, but [you* are] to be continually renewed in the*

spirit of your mind and to put on the new person, the one having been created according to God in righteousness and holiness of [or, dedication to] the truth.*

John, a believer, was working to put off the old person. It doesn't work because of the focus. John needs to become like Christ, to allow the Holy Spirit to remake him. If John is focused on NOT being like John, his focus is John, not Christ. The way that John can change is by putting off the old BY putting on the new person; Jesus.

God bless,

Bob

Bob Hostetler
Executive Director

Our praises:

- All but three of the boys had very good home assignments. The changes they have been going through while they are here at the Ranch are being taken home.
- We held a staff training day at the end of March where we talked about how to have unity. (See Eph. 4) We ended the day by sharing how we individually have intimacy with God. It was good to spend time together.
- We are making very good progress on the school. A volunteer group from George Fox University installed the insulation, and our electrical contractor is almost finished. We get excited when we walk in there!
- Several more volunteers, Rea and John Sherrard, are helping us out in the office and with maintenance.
- We are finishing the baseball field! The grass is coming through, and the boys are already using it.
- God has provided several more vehicles for our use.

Prayer requests:

- We would like to take in several more boys in April, but the inquiries are very slow in coming.
- Some of our current boy's parents are seeing some change in their sons, and are thinking of pulling them early. This is usually a disastrous plan. Please pray that we have the opportunity to finish our work with each boy.
- The Marks are at 51% support, and the Huntings are at 51%. We, of course, would like to see both at 100% soon!

Our needs:

- Gravel for the roads and to finish the RV park roads.
- "Weed & Feed" for the new ball field.
- Scholarship money for boys from lower income families.