

ALIVE IN CHRIST



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“So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36

Jesus Sets Us Free

A couple of weeks ago, I went out fishing with my friend. It was a great three-day trip and we averaged about 5-8 fish a day. On the last day, I caught a few before lunch. After lunch, things slowed down. I was floating in a tube on the lake, kicking up and down looking for another bite. Nothing. As the trip was coming to an end, I was beginning to head to the shore. Tried and ready to throw in the towel, I said out loud to myself, “it’s a wrap” (meaning I am done). As soon as I said those words, I had a fish on the line. I began to laugh with joy reeling in this fish, as the Holy Spirit ministered to me. All my efforts are no good and should not be an option. The moment I surrendered; God provision was there. His provision is always there, I must get out of the way. That provision? God Himself (Gen. 15:1). Right after this, another fish was on the line just to cement the point. *“He who calls you is faithful and will also do it”* (1 Thess. 5:24).

The next day, I received a call from Angel, a former football player. He called because his mother was in hospital. He asked if I could go and pray for her. I went that night and upon arrival the mother was asleep and being transferred to ICU. I waited with the father, and we had a good talk. This is a relationship that God had established years before. We were called back to the room, and she was awake. We prayed together and her faith rose up. She wanted to be healed and we agreed with her. She committed her life to the Lord and her life was in God’s hands. I shared that with her. The next day

as we were heading out of town, the Holy Spirit told me to stop by the hospital. He said to tell them that the prayer last night was not a “last rites” prayer, but a “life prayer.” Abundant life...eternal life! I did that and shared John 11:25-26 as directed. The father received that. That day her children came from out of town and were able to be there with their mom. The next morning, I received a text from the son letting me know that his mom passed surrounded by peace and the love of her family.

The Lord loves us so much! He makes the most of those relationships, because His plan is for salvation. We don’t know when or how He does it, but He will do it as we trust in Him. The Lord used the fishing lesson with another fishing lesson. Fisher of men! Jesus is so good and that’s why we love Him. Free indeed! Please keep the Gloria family in your prayers.

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen” (Eph. 3:20-21).

Student Testimonies:

“Being in Key to Life club contributed to my relationship with God. Being in this club not only helped me find new friends but helped me build

better understanding of the Bible. This club helped me dedicate more time of my life to God..."
-12th grade Coachella Valley HS

"One thing I learned from Bible club that was useful ...was to not be afraid of sharing the gospel with others and it has influenced me to get people to follow Jesus." -12th grade Indio High

"I received the spiritual counseling and prayer and love that I needed. A man without love is nothing, such love I was shown here has allowed me to become something." -12th grade Indio High

"Bible Club was great! I enjoyed it, it opened my eyes to the Bible and helped me strengthen my beliefs towards God." -La Familia HS

"Bible Club helped me understand that God always loves me even in the darkest moments because He is always there." -Desert Mirage HS

Thank you, Lord for these testimonies. When we were first called, He gave us guidelines on how to do this. Those guidelines were based on Jesus, drawing all men to Himself. No food to draw in (and this was challenged this year), but we held the course that Jesus gave. As we read from the testimonies, we got His results! God gets all the glory.

Grateful Service

We are thankful for all of you. Thankful your faithfulness to God. We are in this life together to represent our Lord Jesus Christ in the earth. He is the head, and we are His body made up of many members. It's a pleasure to serve the Lord Jesus alongside of you. It has been an amazing year with many good changes. God has placed faithful people to help establish and further His Word in the East Valley. Our website is cvparsonage.org. We love you and God bless.

Alive in Christ,

Damon Juarez

Giving Information

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Mission:

A Christian based organization that teaches and shares the gospel of Jesus Christ, which promotes spiritual guidance and educational resources to community families in the East Coachella Valley.

Vision:

To be a witness of Jesus Christ on local high schools and to equip high school students to be witnesses on their campuses.

East Valley Bible Clubs During lunch*

Tuesday

Amistad HS Rm. 206 (Christ in Action)

Advisor: Mrs. Barboza

Wednesday

La Familia Rm. 15

Advisor: Mrs. Martinez

Thursday*

Coachella Valley HS (Key2Life)

Afterschool: **Rm. T7**

Advisor: Mr. Juarez

Desert Mirage HS (J316)

1st & 2nd lunch: **Library /H7-107**

Advisor: Mr. Espejo

Indio HS. Rm. 3225 (Jesus loves U)

Wed.- Leadership

Thursday- Club meeting

Advisor: Mrs. Gagnon