

We're back with a devotional and our latest news.



Not by bread alone...

I was watching one of my favorite TV shows the other night called Classic Tractor Fever. It highlights farmers from around the country and their vintage tractors. Now I've never owned a tractor or even been on one that I can recall, but I just love looking at and learning about these old iron jewels from back in the early to mid-1900s.

And I've also never had any experience on a farm, but I have a real soft spot in my heart for farmers. Getting up at 4 or 5am in the morning and working the land all day to support their family and to feed America. You got to admire that and add them to your list of heroes!

Watching the show the other night, reminded me of a story I heard many years ago about a young man who was being taught by an old farmer how to drive a tractor and how to plow a field with it. So after giving the young man instructions on how operate the tractor the old farmer gave him one more piece of advice before he attempted his maiden voyage across the field pulling the plow. He told him to make sure and aim for the fencepost across the field. "Plow with your eye on the fencepost" he told him.

So off he went. And it was so exciting experiencing the sound of the engine, the power of tractor, shifting gears, the gauges and the beautiful scenery. He then made it to the other side of field and quickly looked back to admire his work, but then just as quickly his heart sank. The line he had plowed was all over the place and not even close to straight. Sitting there discouraged and wondering what went wrong, he suddenly remembered what he had forgot to do. He had forgot to keep his eye on the fencepost. He had been distracted by all the things going on around him that he ended up completely off course. The one thing that he should have been paying attention to, was the one thing that he paid no attention to at all.

Our lives can end up that way too when we don't keep our eyes focused in the right direction. We can often feel like we're being pulled in so many different directions by the circumstances of life -- unpaid bills, an insurmountable to do list, and the hundreds of worries life can bring, not to mention our ongoing struggle with sin in our lives.

So what do you do when you don't even know where you should be looking? Well, fortunately, God has provided us with a fencepost, if you will; one that will never fail to lead our lives in the right direction. And even though the Bible never calls Him a fencepost, in the book of **Hebrews (12:1-2)** it tells us to, "...lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**"

The reality is that we all need to have something guiding our life. And it has to be trustworthy. We all allow something to guide our steps; to guide our lives.

So, what's your fencepost? Popular opinion perhaps? Whatever is easy? Whatever is fun? We're all looking at something. Jesus is saying "Look at Me. Follow Me."

That tractor can serve as a metaphor for our lives and that young man learning to drive it is in all of us. We're all trying to reach some destination. Or maybe you're like the young man on the tractor taking his first trip across the field and not really looking at any one thing in particular, but kind of caught up looking at everything and not really paying attention at all to where you're headed. Like the old saying goes — "If you aim at nothing, you're bound to hit it."

Jesus is the fencepost we all need to keep our eyes on. He is the only one who has the power to really change our lives and forgive us of our sins. He wants to lead your life and ultimately lead you to heaven.

So, in the words of a famous Christian hymn:

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.**

And each day remember, keep your eye on the fencepost!

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2021 - A Year of Firsts



As we reflect on 2021, we can't help but focus on the number of first time events. Our Mobile Training Center, a fervent dream for years, was a reality. It served the residents of the Harbor Hills Housing Project in the parking lot of our gracious hosts, Rolling Hills Covenant Church. ReIGNITE Hope Orange County opened using our Mobile Training Center instead of a fixed location. We ventured east to Montclair in San Bernadino County hosted by West Chaffey High School serving at-risk high school students. In total in just six months, the Mobile Training Center reached almost 100 more students with God's word and welding training we couldn't have reached otherwise.

First Class of 2022 Graduates

Students Lives Turned Around for the Lord



Welding is great but Jesus is the real Gift

Chris just completed a 20-year prison sentence in El Paso where he heard about ReIGNITE Hope. He's proud of his welding accomplishment, rarely achieved in a difficult, rarely achieved process. But what he talks about most is his walk with the Lord. Pastor Mel Ardon from RHCC visited ReIGNITE Hope and prayed with Chris to accept Christ. We just heard he attended the Hispanic Church at RHCC.



The Power of Prayer to Change Things

Renee lives in Bakersfield where she heard about ReIGNITE Hope. She moved down just to attend the class. She did really well during the class, but the skills test brought on a lot of anxiety. She wanted to quit. Our instructors Jessica and Noah noticed her struggles, stopped what they were doing and prayed with her and coached her through the test. She calmed down, persevered and received her certification. Hallelujah.

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Thank you for all your faithful prayers and support. Please pray our students keep their eyes on Jesus.”

I'll keep you all updated and if you would like to contact me I can be reached by email at steve@reignitehope.com or by phone at (310) 847-0593. Please let me know if there is any way that I can be praying for you during these challenging days in which we are living.

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