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SPIRITUAL OUTREACH AND RECOVERY MINISTRY

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, and they will walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Life can immerge, even from Rocky places

The Recovery ministry carries Christ’s message of hope and healing to those still struggling with any addiction. We strive to lay a biblical foundation for the recovery process and develop healthy supports by which movement through this process can be initiated and maintained. And we firmly believe that as long as we, as God’s people, acknowledge our powerlessness and dependence on Him, that He is faithful to build us up from the inside out. This ministry is equally equipped to initiate crisis interventions, counseling education and to be a referral source for the community.

Spiritual Awakening Recovery Purpose

The purpose of Spiritual Awakening Recovery at Hilltop Community Church is to experience God's personal healing of Love, Acceptance, and Forgiveness as expressed through the 8 Recovery Principals and the Christ-centered 12 steps. We are "transformed" by God's power as we "get honest" with God and others

This is an evening of music, teaching, and fellowship centered on God's work in our recovery. We are committed to biblical teaching, sharing testimonies of God's grace, and original and upbeat worship.

We meet every Friday night from: 7:00-9:00 pm.

Child-care is available from 7:00-9:00 pm.

For children age 2-10.

Infants are welcome to stay with parents in the service.

For more information: Contact Hilltop Community Church at: (510)223-2431

Prayer for Serenity

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is; not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen

Eight Recovery Principals

1) Realize I'm not God. I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable

"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor." Matt.5:3

2) Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him and that He has the power to help me recover

"Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matt.5-4

3) Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

"Happy are the meek." Matt.5-5

4) Openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust

"Happy are the pure in heart." Matt.5-8

5) Voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.

"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires." Matt.5-6

6) Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

"Happy are the merciful." Matt.5-7

"Happy are the peacemakers." Matt.5-8

7) Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will.

8) Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words

"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires." Matt.5-10

12 Steps and Their Biblical Comparisons

- 1) We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors', that our lives had become unmanageable. *"I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but cannot carry it out."* Romans 7:18
- 2) We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. *"For it is God who is at work in you to will and to act according to His good purpose"* Philippians 2:13
- 3) We made a decision to turn our wills over to the care of God. *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship"* Romans 12:1
- 4) We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. *"Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord."* Lamentations 3:40
- 5) We admitted to God, ourselves and to another human being, the exact nature of our wrongs. *"Therefore, confess your sins to each other, and pray for each other, so that you may be healed."* James 5:16
- 6) We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character. *"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."* James 4:10
- 7) We humbly asked Him to remove all our shortcomings. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9
- 8) We made a list of all persons we harmed and became willing to make amends to them all. *"Do to others as you would have them do to you."* Luke 6:31
- 9) We made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. *"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift."* Matthew 5: 23-24
- 10) We continued to take a personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it. *"So, if you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fail."* 1 Corinthians 10-12
- 11) We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out. *"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly."* Colossians 3:16a
- 12) Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to others and to practice these principals in all our affairs. *"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you may also be tempted."* Galatians 6:1