

# His mansion

MINISTRIES

Restoring Broken Lives through the Hope of Jesus Christ

## Joshua's Story of Restoration

Jesus is healing and restoring lives at His Mansion by revealing His heart for helpless sinners. As He does, people like Joshua Taylor learn how to follow Christ at His Mansion and beyond.

Joshua grew up as a nominal Christian in south Louisiana. He started smoking weed and drinking around the age of 13 after his parents divorced. Joshua later left home and progressed into harder drugs, especially painkillers, leaving him in and out of jail in his early 20's. After Joshua was kicked out of his apartment, his grandmother, a strong Christian, took him in and gave him one week to find a place to live. She also recommended His Mansion. Unwilling to attend a Christ-centered program, Joshua fought sleeplessness until finally crying out to the Lord: "If you're there, if you're real, you have to do something. You have to change me because I can't do it and I'm terrified and lost." The next morning, Joshua knew he was going to His Mansion and that he was going to give his life to the Lord. "He responded in mercy and kindness and changed my heart to do what I was unable to do," Joshua reflects.

In 2013, when Joshua was 23 years old, God brought him to His Mansion. The Lord started tackling the lies and false beliefs Joshua held. "Most of our sin, our trouble, anxiety, worry stems from a wrong belief about who God is," Joshua explains. As a Resident, Joshua asked deeply honest questions about faith as others challenged his preconceptions about God. Meanwhile, he worked through the pain of his past that he had previously quieted with drugs. God also used the book of Romans and rich hymns like "Hallelujah, What a Savior" to win Joshua's heart with His relentless, unchanging love for him, a sinner. "The Lord's sovereignty led me to this place, no matter what I tried to do to escape that. . ." Joshua testifies, "that is the heart and soul of who God is: to seek and save the lost and to protect and preserve."

As Joshua came alive to the sovereign love of God, he was called to lay his life down for others (1 John 3:16). "That's the model of Christ and that's what we're called to do," Joshua observes, "to focus less

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*Joshua giving his graduation testimony in 2014*



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*"The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of His hands."  
Psalm 19:1*



*The Taylor Family - Joshua, Rachael, Leo James and John Knox*

on Self." God continued to grow Joshua as a Servant Leader for the next two years, where he learned more humility in his responsibilities. From there, Joshua became an instructor for the Resident Program, where God developed his gifts for teaching and shaped his love for biblical truth. God then used this passion to help Joshua lovingly shepherd and advocate for men in addition as the Men's Program Administrator for over a year.

In 2019, God led Joshua to live out Christ's heart for sinners outside His Mansion. Within six months, Joshua moved to Texas, got married, started a job in IT, and bought a house. In his job interview, Joshua promised to apply the principles of hard work that the Lord had taught him at His Mansion. He still works for that company today. God also shifted Joshua's heart to serving both his growing family and his local church: leading worship, joining the leadership team, developing children's ministry, and teaching a few classes. In this way, God has continued to grow Joshua in "biblical fidelity." "It's not whether you will

be a theologian," Joshua says. "It's what kind of theologian you will be: a bad one or a good one. Because that has ramifications for how you love your wife, how you love your kids, how you work and your vocation, whatever it is."

As God continues to reveal His heart for sinners at His Mansion, He equips His children for following Him the rest of their lives. "What is the goal of the year at His Mansion?" Joshua asks. "It's supposed to be a launching pad... preparing you to go and do whatever the Lord has you to do for the rest of your life... An ordinary life lived with faithfulness and godliness is an extraordinary life." Praise God for pursuing Joshua and others like him to live an extraordinary life following Christ!

## Partnership Opportunities

- Join the His Mansion Team! Visit the website to check out employment opportunities.
- His Mansion is in need of trucks for the farming and wood operation. Consider donating a truck for the work that takes place on The Hill.
- The His Mansion pavilion is in the planning stages. Consider blessing the campus through a gift to the building fund.
- Be an advocate! God continues to restore broken lives through the hope of Jesus Christ at His Mansion. Tell others about this amazing ministry.
- Keep His Mansion in your daily prayers.

## Prayer Requests

Below are a few ways to pray for His Mansion:

- October is intake month for the men's program. Pray for the new men arriving on The Hill to be hungry for change and to find true life that only comes through knowing Jesus.
- Please pray that more communities and churches will be connected to His Mansion and find a life-changing resource for hurting people in need of the hope of Jesus Christ.
- During His Mansion's monthly campus prayer walk, the staff pray for the Kingdom of Heaven to come, for God to be glorified on The Hill, and for His Mansion to be a place where Jesus is loved. Would you join in this prayer?
- His Mansion has had a bountiful harvest in the gardens this year. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for blessing the efforts of staff, Servant Leaders, Residents and volunteer work groups.

Thank you for joining God's work at His Mansion through your prayers!