

INSPIRE MINISTRIES

Empowering Christian Leaders for Lasting Impact

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25:40

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The parable of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25 is a stirring call to mercy and compassion, showing that Christ himself is encountered whenever we help “the least of these”—those facing hunger, thirst, loneliness, sickness, or despair. Our mission at Inspire Ministries springs from this biblical vision: we strive to embrace, serve, and support the vulnerable in our communities as an expression of true faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Who Are the Least of These?

In Jesus’s words, “the least of these” refers to people living in need—those grappling with poverty, mental illness, isolation, and spiritual distress. They may be strangers, the sick, prisoners, or anyone society overlooks. Christ reminds us that acts of kindness toward them are acts of reverence toward him.

Stories from the Field: Hope in Action

This past season, we have seen God’s power at work in unexpected ways:

- **Life Redeemed:** A man wrestling with suicidal thoughts found encouragement in a simple conversation filled with laughter about comedy. He later shared that this moment of joy was a turning point that helped him choose life.
- **Training the Caregivers:** We partnered with a Christian non-profit in Arizona to deliver specialized Suicide Prevention Training for those serving the mentally ill. By equipping leaders and caregivers, we are multiplying the network of hope and ensuring no one suffers alone.
- **Proclaiming God’s Word:** At Ventura Missionary Church, the preached Word challenged believers to love their neighbors—especially the overlooked—with Christlike compassion. Testimonies afterward revealed hearts stirred to action.

The Call of Christ

Every meal served, visit made, and word spoken in encouragement is an answer to Jesus’s call: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). Inspire Ministries is devoted to living out this parable, recognizing Christ in every suffering face, and laboring so that all, no matter how broken, find hope and restoration.

May our ongoing ministry be a witness to Christ’s transforming love—where every act of kindness is sacred, and every person, no matter their struggle, is truly beloved by God.



Recently, I returned to full-time hospital chaplaincy at UCLA Hospital, blending the privilege of sharing the Gospel with my daily work—much like the Apostle Paul, who worked as a tent-maker, and Jesus Christ, a carpenter, who both carried out ministry through their vocations. Unbeknownst to me, an inspiring story surfaced when our hospital underwent a medical review by a government agency. During this process, several patient charts were pulled for examination—including mine.

One chart detailed an encounter I had with a patient in the emergency room who was experiencing a deep personal crisis and battling suicidal thoughts. At the request of a social worker, I went to visit him. He expressed fears about talking with chaplains, worrying that, as a Christian and because he was Mexican, I might mistreat him. To break the ice, I jokingly assured him, “I have not now or ever been a member of the Communist party...”—which made him chuckle. I added, “or the KKK!” He burst out laughing, and from there we shared memories of classic comedy sketches, the Dean Martin roasts, Don Rickles, and other legends. We laughed about life and its many quirks. Eventually, our conversation turned to faith and beliefs, and he allowed me to pray for him. After leaving his room, I kept praying for him, not knowing how God might use that moment.

This story, brought to light only during the review, echoes the spirit of Matthew 25—sometimes the good we do and the hope we bring are hidden even from ourselves, but God sees and works through every act of kindness.



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