

*Celebrate
Life & Recovery*

For Anyone Looking For Serenity

Thursday Evenings
14th & K Streets
Casa Blanca
7:30 p.m.



To The Family and Friends of the Chemically Dependent:

We believe that alcoholism addictions create a family illness. Changed attitude can definitely aid recovery. Our group offers experience, strength and hope. The Twelve Steps offer us a roadmap for living that leads us to serenity, and a Spiritual awakening.

The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous

1. "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Celebrate Recovery

Welcome Newcomers! The purpose of Reedley Mennonite's Celebrate Recovery is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the eight recovery principles found in the Beatitudes and Christ-centered 12 steps. This experience allows us to be changed. We open the door by sharing our experiences, strengths, and hopes with one another. In addition, we become willing to accept God's grace in solving our life problems.

By working the Christ-centered steps and applying their biblical principles found in the Beatitudes, we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy, and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with God and others.

As we progress through the principles and the steps we discover our personal, loving, and forgiving Higher Power -
JESUS CHRIST.



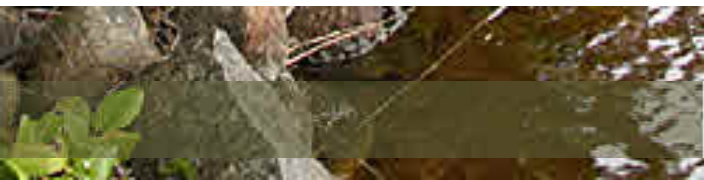
Welcome to an Amazing Spiritual Adventure!

Celebrate Recovery CAN:

- Provide a safe place for you to share your experiences, strengths, and hopes with others who are going through a Christ-centered recovery.
- Provide you with people who have gone through a similar hurt, hang-up, or habit that will facilitate the group as it focuses on a particular principle each week.
- Provide you with the opportunity to find an accountability partner or a sponsor.
- Encourage you to attend other recovery meetings held throughout the week.

Celebrate Recovery WILL NOT:

- Attempt to offer any professional clinical advice. We will provide you with a list of approved counseling referrals.
- Allow its members to attempt to fix one another.



The Road to Recovery

8 Principles Based on the BEATITUDES by Pastor Rick

- R = realize I'm not God. I admit 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."*
- E = 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."*
- C = consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control. *"Happy are the meek."*
- O = openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust. *"Happy are the pure in heart."*
- V = 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."*
- E = 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." "Happy are the peacemakers."*
- R = 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.
- Y = 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."*



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 the 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.



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