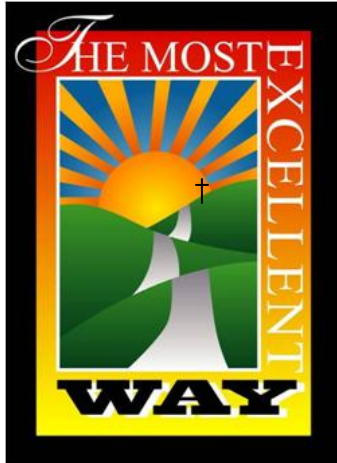


What “The Most Excellent Way” Means to Me



The Lord spoke a prophetic word to me through another brother of how God was going to give us creative ways to reach out to the lost in our communities. TMEW so fits this word and so agrees with our mission purpose statement:

“LOVING PEOPLE INTO LASTING RELATIONSHIPS.”

Truly the way of the Lord is to love God and to love others with all that we are and ever shall be. Love is definitely “THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY” ...

**Pastor Bernie Wing
Grace Life Church
Marshall, MN**

Rick and I were an average young family — happily married with children, good jobs, a nice home. Life was good. We didn’t see any harm in smoking a little pot — we weren’t hurting any. Then one day we were introduced to a drug called “meth” (methamphetamine) and our five-year nightmare began.

It was fun for a very short time, then our lives became consumed with drugs: getting it, selling it, neglecting our children, fighting, lying, crime, jail, lost home, bankruptcy, no business, ruined reputation, no car, no money, a destroyed marriage and family, homeless. We lost everything. I was angry and bitter and finally left Rick, and went to my parents in Nebraska. A Christian family took a chance offering Rick shelter in their home.

Separately, we began seeking God.

We found Jesus. We asked the Lord Jesus to come and help us, take control of our lives, live in our hearts. We had no idea that we had found the ultimate answer to totally turn our lives around! We found a life that we did not expect. Miracles! A life better than we had

ever hoped or dreamed we could have. We were rejoined as a family and submitted our marriage to Jesus, allowing the Holy Spirit to heal us. Rick experienced deliverance from drugs without treatment or withdrawals. I submitted my marriage and broken heart to the Lord. I found a new love for my husband.

Our recovery is a daily process that needs love, acceptance and forgiveness, and encouragement and support from people — the body of Christ. We have experienced the power of God in our lives and have committed ourselves to serving God by helping others find a way out through Jesus Christ.

We started “The Most Excellent Way” to provide a meeting where people that are struggling with life issues can come and find hope and encouragement. What a privilege it is to be involved in a ministry that gives people hope for their future.



Rick & JOYce Adams
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The Most Excellent Way — Testimonies

After my first meeting and many more, I realized I had a lot more problems than just a drug problem. I found out I had a lot of sin in my life and I needed forgiveness. I needed a Savior. I learned my Savior is Jesus and that HE is God. This is what I had been looking for and it was "The Most Excellent Way" that helped me find HIM. ~**Chad**

One thing I have found here is true account-ability — not only to the group, but most importantly, to God. It has helped me realize that if we are truly broken before God and are truly repentant, we can achieve true happiness in Christ.

Through the meetings, I know God will bring me to the place of true freedom from my addictions, and show me who I am in God — who I can and want to be as a man of God. TMEW also shows and teaches the grace of God, the love of God, and that love is there for all of us no matter what we have done — love eternal. ~**Mike**

Seeing how God has changed lives has encouraged me in my walk with Him. It has also made me want even more to give my life in helping other people, rather than just living my life selfishly. These meetings have helped me to grow spiritually and to desire to press on, spending more time with God in prayer and reading His word. ~**Nancy**

This meeting is a place for real people with life's problems to come and find the answer — Jesus. It's not just a formula or magic prayer that is said. Instead, it is the truth of God's Word mixed with demonstrated love. ~**Rob**

In coming to "The Most Excellent Way," I have found security and comfort. ~**Elijah**

TMEW pulls me through tough times. I desire to help others like I have been helped. ~**Tony**

This group means a lot to me because of being around Christian people and being in the Lord's presence. People don't make me feel like I am a bad person. I am comfortable and can trust the people that come. ~**Sara**

I'm finding hang-ups deep within myself when I thought I didn't have any. Seeing people come together and express the love of Jesus Christ to others, just as Christ showed His love for us ... seeing God's goodness continue to change hearts as we become more God dependent, filling our hearts and minds with the joy and power of Jesus Christ. ~**Darrin**

TMEW means allowing God to strengthen me through people around me, to step out and love others and serve others because of what Christ first did for me. ~**Jenny**

Coming to the meetings has been greatly encouraging for me in my own life. As we learn more about God from His Word, and by asking Him to help us, we can be free and are able to overcome addictions. I am excited to see how God is moving and setting people free in our group. ~**Randy**

I learned from these meeting to take the focus off of myself. It really showed me that it's not all about me! Me! Me! ... Focus on God and His will and other people's thoughts and needs. I get such useful, timely messages from the Lord through these meetings. These meetings have meant more to me than I can say. Great work! Carry on! ~**Doug**



Jesus said:
*"Therefore if the Son makes you free,
you shall be free indeed."*
John 8:36 NKJV