

A personal message from Joyce:

Since the day that I accepted Christ into my heart and asked him to help me with my life, it has been my desire to lead people to Him. He did something in my life that nothing else had been able to do. He filled a void that was still there even after becoming the first person to win Miss Rodeo America and go on to win several World Championships. All my dreams had come true. Why, then did I still feel empty?

We have been created with what is sometimes called a God-hole. This is a place that can only be filled by God. You can win the gold over and over, acquire riches, land or fame and that hole will still be empty. I knew the day that I was no longer empty. It was not the day that I accepted my World Championships. It was the day that I accepted Jesus Christ. I had desired to know Him for a long time, but until I had the understanding of how to reconcile with Him, I was spiritually lost. When I heard His salvation plan simply explained and accepted it, I knew that this was what I had been missing.

I have always had the heart of a teacher. I love to read, analyze, study and categorize subjects. In fact, I love teaching more than competing. After I accepted Christ, I ask Him for a hunger and thirst for righteousness and for a desire to read his word. I had tried to read the Bible, but could make little or no sense out of it. After I asked God to shed light on it and help me understand it, I couldn't put it down. Then came the desire to share it with others.

I took courses, studied and kept a lot of notes. I began to realize that the mental books I had studied that had such great principles in them were mostly taken from the scriptures that I had now discovered. Wherever I was on Sunday, I made an effort to find a church. I began a journey that is by far the most exciting that I

have ever been on. I've also been privileged to sit under some great teachers.

When I am working with people here at the ranch or at my clinics, I have many opportunities to share the wonderfulness of God's word with them. Did you know that the Word of God is:

1. The only thing that will last forever Matthew 24:35
2. The only thing that is sharp enough to come in between your soul and spirit, your joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intentions of your heart Hebrews 4:12
3. One book that will be opened when we are judged: Rev. 20:12

These 3 are not even a good start on the important things that we need to know about the Word of God. The BIBLE is often called God's **Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth**. It is the foundation to live your life upon. Some of us are like the horses that never got the very basic foundations in training. We have to go back and get that foundation for ourselves. Others are like the horses that were slowly trained in the basic foundations. Some people were brought up being trained in the principles of God.

It does not matter how you started out. What is the most important is how you finish. I have seen lives totally changed by the Word of God. I have seen others reject that Word and walk on in their own ways. It is my prayer that you will print off these short word studies and share them with anyone and everyone. I have had more requests for spiritual help than I have had orders for tack. This has shown me the hunger that is in our country for the basic Bible principles on which our country was founded.

It would be a mistake not to include the most important aspect of my life on this web site. Jesus commissioned all Christians to go

and tell others about Him. I wrote "God's End of the Arena" in obedience to that great commission.

You may be surprised at how much the Bible says about horses. I was.

Perhaps you do not understand how to become a Christian and it has become clear to you that you cannot remember a time and place when you asked Christ to be your Savior. You have never asked Him to come into your life. By asking Christ into your life, you too, can have the void filled that I mentioned earlier.

You might want to pray this important prayer:

Dear Jesus, I need you. I realize I have sinned against you and am separated from God. I want you, Jesus to come into my life, to forgive me and make me the kind of person you want me to be. I want to turn from my sin and follow you the rest of my life.

If you have prayed this prayer, you have made the most important decision ever. You need to spend time reading the Bible. You also need to find other Christians who are making it their life's goal to follow Christ. It is important that you find a church that teaches the Bible.

Let me hear from you if you have made this decision for the first time in your life. We will spend eternity together and we can be sure of that. We have things to look forward to that we cannot even imagine. The Bible says, "However, as it is written: No eye had seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Cor. 2:9 (NIV)

In Cowboy language that is cause to shout YIPEEE!

I pray that you will grow from this part of the web site.